



MINOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS - Kings Mountain's Dixie Youth Minor League all-stars (9 and 10 year olds) are competing this week in the District Tournament at West Lincoln. The district winner qualifies for the state tournament. Front row, left to right, Jason Putnam, Jeremy Regan, Wesley Bridges, Andy Ross, Ricky Southard, Hunter Suber and Bo Walker. Second row, Collin Goforth, Jeremy Cooke, Brad Leonard, Sean Sellers, Brad Oliver, Brad Hawkins and Rusty Putnam. Back row, coaches Roger Ross, Bo Goforth, Roy Putnam and Jerry Regan. Not pictured, Paul Johnsonbaugh.

KM Minors In Title Game

Kings Mountain's Dixie Youth Minor League (nine and ten year olds) all-stars won their first two games in the District Tournament and were scheduled to play for the sub-district title last night at West Lincoln Optimist Club Park.

The KM team, which defeated host West Lincoln 11-6 Saturday and Stanley 3-0 Monday, was to play the winner of the East Lincoln-Stanley game last night. The winner of that game will play the winner of the other sub-district, probably Bessemer City, in a best-of-three series for the district crown and the right to play in the state tournament beginning July 22 in Chadburn.

The local entry has gotten good hitting, pitching and defense in games thus far. Saturday night, KM struck for six runs in the first inning to break the game open early. After Brad Hawkins opened the game with a walk, Andy Ross reached on a bunt single and Wesley Bridges followed with a

home run to make the score 3-0. Brad Leonard walked and Jeremy Regan singled, and an out later Bo Walker doubled home two runs to make it 5-0. With two outs, Walker scored when Brad Oliver hit a long double to the left-center field fence.

Kings Mountain was in control the rest of the game. The host team managed six runs in the late innings to cut the final margin to 11-6.

Leonard, Bridges and Rusty Putnam each pitched two innings for Kings Mountain. Sean Sellers had one hit and Jason Putnam and Ricky Southard scored runs in the fifth inning to close out the scoring for KM.

In what was the best defensive game of the tournament so far, Kings Mountain blanked a strong Stanley team 3-0 Monday. Leonard

pitched six shutout innings, gave up only one hit and struck out 10 Stanley batters.

Kings Mountain scored two runs in the bottom of the third. Bo Walker led off with a walk and Jeremy Cooke entered the game as a pinch-runner. Cooke advanced to second on a passed ball. When the Stanley second baseman couldn't handle a hard hit ball by Sellers, Cooke scored. With one out, Hawkins singled sharply to left and Sellers scored to make it 2-0.

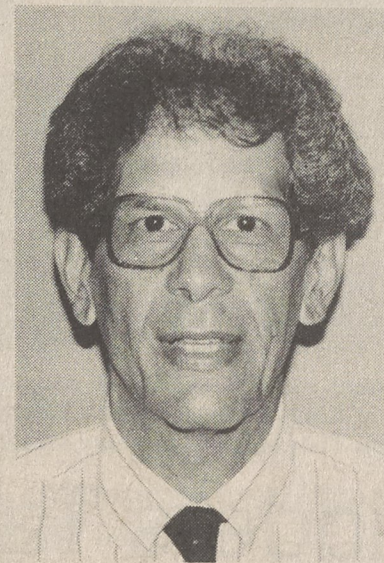
Kings Mountain added its final run in the fifth. Hunter Suber led off with a walk. An out later, Wesley Bridges walked. Both runners advanced on a passed ball. Suber was caught off third by a good defensive play by Stanley but Bridges later stole home after drawing a throw to third from the Stanley catcher.

The KM team has 13 players and two alternates (Collin Goforth and Paul Johnsonbaugh).

Gordon Edwards To Coach First Mountie Swim Team

Gordon Edwards, Kings Mountain High's first swimming teacher-coach, says he hopes to accomplish a lot in his first year at the school. But that doesn't necessarily mean the Mountaineers will win a lot of swim meets.

"I look forward to the challenge," says Edwards, who will take over his duties here in August. "The first thing I'd like to accomplish is to get to know everybody in the community and get the swimming program off to a good start. Getting athletes to participate in the sport and progress and work hard, and not just wins and losses, will make the program a success. I'd like to invite everybody interested in swimming to come out for the team. They don't have to have any experience, just a desire to participate in a sport and work hard to accomplish something."



GORDON EDWARDS

At present, Edwards is an exercise physiologist at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, S.C. He has been out of the teaching profession for about 10 years but he has several years experience in teaching and coaching swimming in California, Texas, New York and North Carolina. He resides in Charlotte with his wife, the former Melba Smith of Shelby, and their two children, Mark, 6, and Marta, 9.

"We're trying to sell our home and re-locate in Kings Mountain," said Edwards. "My wife is from Shelby and we're very familiar with this area. We look forward to living in Cleveland County and being closer to the children's grandparents."

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District Major Leagues

KM To Host Tourney

Kings Mountain will host the district Dixie Youth Major League (11 and 12 year olds) baseball tournament beginning Saturday at Jake Early Memorial Park.

The winner of the nine team, double-elimination event will advance to the state tournament beginning July 29 in Bessemer City.

Kings Mountain will play Dallas in an opening round game Saturday at 8 p.m. Other first round games have Boger City meeting Stanley at 2 p.m. West Lincoln against East Lincoln at 4 p.m. and Chapel Grove against Rosman at 6 p.m. Tryon has an opening round bye.

The Kings Mountain-Dallas winner will advance to a 4 p.m.

game Sunday against the winner of the Boger City-Stanley game. The KM-Dallas loser plays the Boger City-Stanley loser at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The tournament field will be divided into two "sub-districts" with Kings Mountain, Boger City, Stanley and Dallas in one group and East Lincoln, West Lincoln, Chapel Grove, Tryon and Rosman in the other. Both groups will play double-elimination "sub-districts" and then the two winners will meet in a best-of-three series to see

which team advances to the state tournament.

Members of the Kings Mountain all-star team are Brian LeFevers and Todd Martin from Champion's Contracting; Sidney Bridges, Michael Bell and Kevin Webb from Home Federal Savings and Loan; Dwayne Patterson, Travis Queen and Timmy Harrelson from Rotary; Kevin Melton, Chris Carrigan, Shannon Marr and Chris Hutchins from Hardees; and Sharee Hopper and Michael Cobb from the American Legion.

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T-Ball Stars Champs

Kings Mountain's seven-year-old T-Ball all-stars won the district tournament June 24-29 at West Lincoln.

The KM team won five straight games to finish unbeaten in the double-elimination event. The KM stars whipped Dallas 5-4 and 15-14, Bessemer City 16-10, and Stanley 16-1 and 13-6.

Brian Center of Kings Mountain was chosen as most valuable player. Other members of the KM team were Brad Bridges, Zachary George, Lee Echols, Eric Carroll, Robin Perkins, Jason Bridges, Joey Proctor, Jason Gladden, Aaron Sellers, Matthew Biddix, Marty Goforth, Michael Blake, Matt Bridges, Michael Oliver and Todd Morrow.

Coaches were Wayne Bridges, Junior Sellers, Tim Echols, Bart George and Daniel Center.

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