

West Iredell pitcher Kevin Martin does an excellent job of blocking the plate (top photo) on Kings Mountain pinch-runner Doran Moore to get him out (lower photo) after he tried to score on a wild pitch in Wednesday night's state playoff game at Kings Mountain's Lancaster Field. The Mountaineers won 3-2 on Mike Smith's game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

SMITH

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behind Stephen and I think maybe the two-run homer was the best thing that could have happened to Stephen," he added. "He was feeling pretty good about himself and that kind of brought him back down to earth. Since then he's done remarkably well...not that he hadn't done well before, but he is beginning to be a dominating pitcher now."

Clark said the turning point of

the game was in the top of the third inning when West Iredell, leading 2-0, put runners on first and third with one out. On a ground ball to shortstop, Todd Stephenson, who was running for Martin, broke for the plate but knew he was going to be an easy out after a perfect strike by Todd Ware. He tried to hustle back to third but catcher Chris Rider nailed him for the second out. Marr then alertly turned to second and saw that Josh Danson, who had gained life earlier on a single, had strayed too far off second and the Mountaineers caught Danson in a run-down to end the inning.

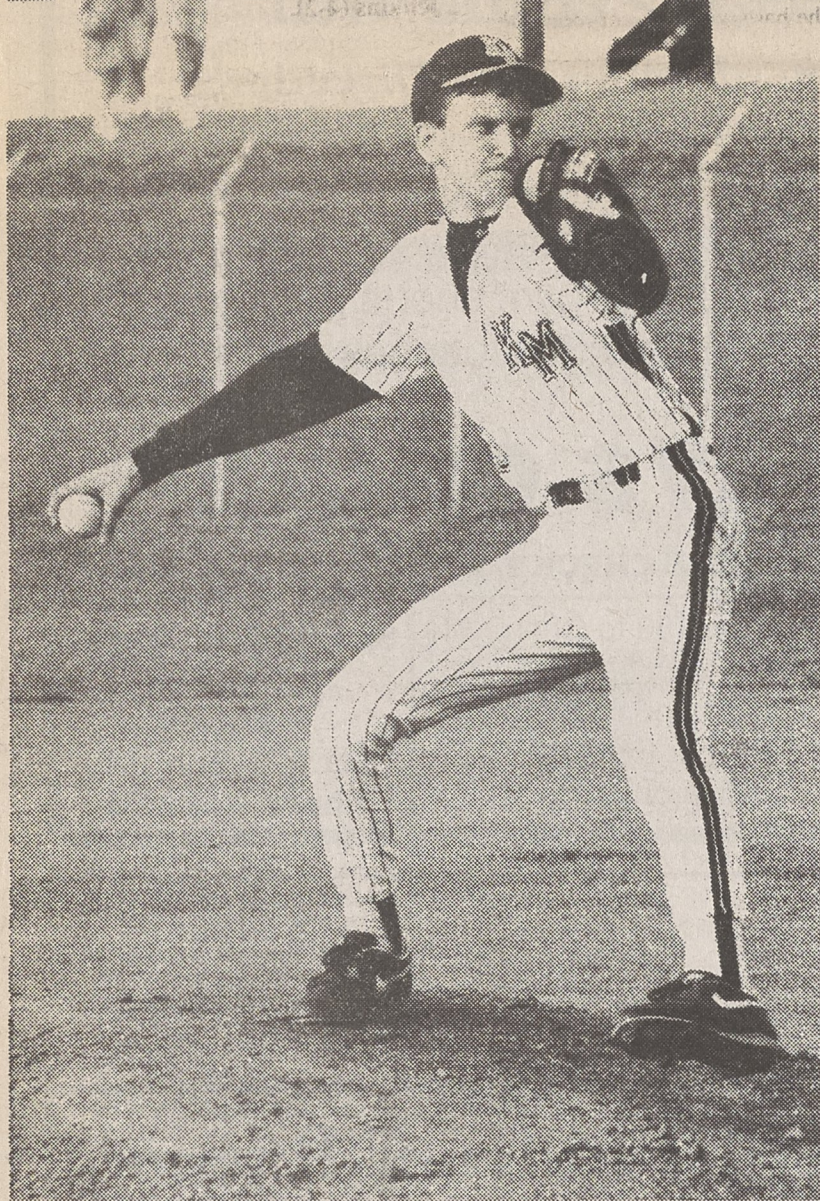
"That was a big emotional lift for us," said Coach Clark. "We came into bat and Rick Marr hit his first career high school home run and it gave us the confidence we needed to come back."

Fisher, who collected his 11th straight victory, finished with a five-hitter and allowed only three base runners after the first inning. Ironically, all three were erased. Rider nailed one, who was attempting to steal second, and the other two were retired on the strange double play.

The Mountaineers finished with six hits off Martin, with Smith getting three of them.

Score by innings: R-H-E
 WI 200 000 0 2-5-1
 KM 001 001 1 3-6-2

Kevin Martin and Josh Danson. Stephen Fisher and Chris Rider. WP - Fisher (11-0). LP - Martin. HR - WL - Martin. KM - Marr (1).



Stephen Fisher pitched one of the best games of his career Wednesday in a 2-1, nine-inning victory over St. Stephens at Granite Falls. He also singled home the winning run in the ninth inning.

FISHER

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Stephen Fisher for the way they hit the ball. I think it's a credit to our program and our community for the support we had at Granite Falls. It was just a tremendous following and our kids responded well."

Score by innings: R-H-E

KM 000 010 001 2-7-3
 SS 100 000 000 1-4-4

Stephen Fisher and Chris Rider, Rick Marr (9); Kevin Reid and Seth Earnhardt. WP - Fisher (12-0). LP - Reid (9-3).

KM team in state tourney

Kings Mountain High's doubles team of Jonathan Jones and Trey McIntyre is playing today in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state tournament at Renaissance Park in Charlotte.

The KM team earned the right to compete for the state title by finishing in the top four in last week's Western Regional Tournament at T.C. Roberson High in Asheville.

Three of Kings Mountain's singles players -- Patrick Frei, Andrew Turner and Bo Phonsa -- were named last week to the All-Southwestern 3-A Conference tennis team.

The Scoreboard

Tennis

(Kings Mountain Tennis Association results. Matches were played Monday night at the KMHS court).

Bridget Martin-Jerri Cates def. David Dellinger-Chris Hawkins 8-2; Gail Stout-Tommy Lynch def. Marcus Hanks-Jackie Causby 8-2; Bridge Martin-Jerri Cates def. Gail Stout-Jackie Causby 8-2; Melanie Bumgardner-Greg George def. Jason Cash-Edie Hicks 9-7; Marcus Hanks-Donna Williams def. Tommy Bumgardner-Pam Bumgardner 8-6; David Dellinger def. Chris Hawkins 8-3; Jackie Causby def. Gail Stout 8-4; Tommy Bumgardner def. Marcus Hanks 8-3; Bridget Martin-Jerri Cates def. Jackie Causby-Pat Huffstetler 8-1.

Baseball

(Results of the 7-8 year-old Coach Pitch Baseball League. All games played at the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department).

Sagesport 16, Peggy's 10
 Wiener Works 21, Cubs 6
 B&A 22, Hardins 16
 Peggy's 28, Red Sox 20
 parkdale 21, Cubs 19
 Wiener Works 21, Sagesport 13

(Kings Mountain Dixie Youth Minor League Baseball League results. All games played at the Parks and Recreation Department).

First Carolina 8, A's 7
 WP - J. Kies.
 FC - Morgan 1 hit. A's - C.J. Van Dyke 1 hit.

Cardinals 10, Sox 9

Bridges Textiles 24, First Carolina 4
 WP - S. Echols.
 BT - L. Echols 2 hits. FC - S. Pendleton 1 hit.

B&M 18, Rangers 3

WP - Perkins.
 B&M - Bridges 2 hits.

Sox 9, Optimist 4

WP - P. Bolin.
 Sox - T. Leach 1 hit. Opt. - C. Shelton 1 hit.

Cardinals 14, A's 5

WP - T.J. Whitaker.
 A's - W. Mieswinkle 1 hit. Cards - M. Ashe 1 hit.

(Kings Mountain Dixie Youth Major League Baseball results. All

games played at the Parks and Recreation Department).

Hardees 21, Eaton Reds 0

WP - C. Goforth.
 Hardees - C. Goforth, J. Putnam, Paysour, Creaswith, 1 hit each.

American Legion 11, Braves 2

WP - M. Ferguson.
 AL - B. Short, 1 hit. Braves - A. Ash, 1 hit.

Braves 11, First National 9

WP - K. Bell.
 Braves - K. Bell 1 hit. FN - S. Denton 1 hit.

Wildcats 13, Braves 0

WP - Toney.
 Wildcats - J. Turbyfill, T. Toney 1 hit each.

Eaton Reds 3, First National 1

WP - H. Suber.
 FN - C. Phillips 1 hit. Reds - B. Blackburn 1 hit.

Softball

(Kings Mountain Men's Industrial Softball League results. All games played at the Parks and Recreation Department).

Anvil 9, Spectrum 2
 FMC Lithium 16, KMG Minerals 6
 Commercial Intertech 11, Clevefont 10
 Eaton 14, Ruppe 3

Recreation

The following programs have been scheduled by the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department. All activities are at the Community Center unless otherwise noted. For more information call the Center at 739-9631 or 734-0449.

■ Aerobics - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:40-9:40 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 for inside city residents, \$15 for outside city residents. Register between the 1st and 5th of each month.

■ Water aerobics - Monday Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m.-12 noon, and Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Neisler

Natorium. The fee is \$10 for senior citizens, \$15 for inside city residents and \$22.50 for outside city residents.

■ Tennis lessons - Tennis lessons for youth and adults are held at the Deal Street Park tennis courts. The two-week sessions are taught by Bill Taylor. Fees are \$18 for youth and \$23 for adults.

■ Oil painting class - Bob Ross oil paint classes are held the third Saturday of each month. The fee is \$30. To register call the Community Center. For questions about the calls, call the instructor, JoAnn Robinson, at 853-1030.

■ Swimming lessons - Swimming lessons for ages 1-12 will be held June 15-26, July 6-17, and July 27-August 7. There is a fee. Deal Street Park will open Saturday, June 6.

■ Baseball camp - The third annual baseball camp for ages 8-17 will be held June 15-19. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-12 noon Friday. Bag lunches are required. The cost is \$75 and a \$25 registration fee is required. The deposit is refundable up until a week before the camp. Cost includes instruction, insurance, and camp shirt. There is limited enrollment.

■ 15-16 year old baseball - The P&R Department is taking registration for 15-16 year old baseball. Call the center as soon as possible to register.

■ Preschool tumbling - Tumbling for ages 3-6 is held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45-9:45 a.m. The cost is \$10 for inside city residents and \$15 for outside city residents.

■ Teen aerobics - Aerobics for ages 12-15 are held each Monday and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. The monthly fee is \$5 for inside city residents and \$7.50 for outside city residents.

■ Playground Pals - Playground Pals is open to children ages 3-5. The program is held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. It includes games and learning activities, arts and crafts and playground activities. The cost is \$8 for inside city residents and \$12 for outside city residents. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required.

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