

BASEBALL

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The Mountaineers have a .292 team batting average. Second baseman Mike Smith leads the way with a .366 mark, followed by Fisher .361, Caja Ormand .360, Chris Rider .356, TG Goforth .327 and David R. Jenkins .315. Jenkins has 26 runs batted in. Smith, an excellent lead-off hitter, has scored 33 runs.

Fisher tops the mound staff with a 12-0 record and 2.14 ERA. He has won a state record 24 consecutive games over the past two seasons and has a varsity career mark of 28-1. In 85 innings of work, he has struck out 109 batters.

David C. Jenkins has a 6-1 record and 1.46 ERA in 43 innings of work.

Although Asheboro has scored 235 runs to 141 for the Mountaineers, Coach Clark says his team has shown the ability to score when it needs to and that, plus good defense, will be the key to the series.

"I feel like we are very confident at this point," says Clark. "When we need to score we've had the ability to do so. Offensively, whenever we play better be able to get some base hits consecutively because I've never been around a team that plays better defense than we're playing right now."

The Mountaineers have committed only 21 errors and have played perfect defense in the state playoffs. Asheboro has committed 32 errors.

Clark wanted to play the series Thursday and Friday, and Saturday if necessary, but Asheboro Coach Rick Smith would not agree, obviously thinking he has a stronger pitching staff and can better afford



Kings Mountain High baseball coach Bruce Clark cheers his Mountaineers on to victory in Saturday's Western Regionals championship game with South Point at Lancaster Field. Clark hopes to see his men win two more games in the state championship series with Asheboro Friday and Saturday.

to play two games in one day. Clark's motive for wanting to play earlier was to keep momentum going.

"The intensity of the last two weeks in the playoffs could be lost with such a long delay in playing," Clark said. "But that's an obstacle we've got to overcome with our mental approach."

"The positive thing is that it's great to be back in the state championship, and an honor to have the kind of kids that we have. It just shows that when you start building teams character and leadership and academics will take you a long way, along with a lot of God-given ability."

Playing in front of their hometown fans should also be a big boost for the Mountaineers.

"We haven't lost a game here all year, and with the community's support that is being shown we feel like playing in Kings Mountain will be the biggest advantage we'll have," Clark said.

"Having been raised about 25 miles from Asheboro, I know for a fact that they will have a good, solid baseball team and they will have good athletes. But when it comes to state championships there's always going to be good teams. We've just got to be able to accept that challenge and play our game and not let them dictate how we

play. "I understand they have excellent pitching which may have contributed to their decision to want to play a two-day, three-game series. I also understand they have better than average speed and play very good defense. So, in my opinion the two teams are very much alike, and if that's the case it should be one dandy championship series."

"I think that we will have the advantage of playoff experience because of the success that this bunch has had the past two years, not only in high school but in American Legion baseball. I can't see how Asheboro can have any better pitching than Taylorsville had last summer in that Legion series, so we feel very confident about being able to handle some pretty good pitching."

If the Mountaineers are able to win the state championship, they will accomplish a number of goals never before achieved in Kings Mountain baseball history. Two more victories would give the team 100 victories in five years under Coach Clark, and would give them their fourth 20-win season under Clark. Prior to 1989, Kings Mountain had had only two 20-win seasons.

A victory would also give the team its second state crown in five years.

This year's team has already become the first team to post back-to-back 20-win seasons and win the Southwestern 3-A Conference championship two years in a row.

Previous conference champions at KMHS were in 1935, 1941, 1963, 1967, 1969, 1974, 1980,

1990 and 1992. The Mountaineers won Western crowns in 1935, '41, '69, '80 and '89, and won the NCHSAA state championship in 1989. The Mountaineers won the

WNCHSAA state championship in 1969.

Going into Friday's game, the Mountaineers are 14-2 under Clark in state playoff action.



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State parks recreation meeting set in Gastonia

The North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation will hold a public meeting in Gaston Thursday, June 17, to seek information on the need for recreation resources in the State Parks System, in order to update the State Park Systemwide Plan.

The State Parks Act, which es-

establishes the purposes and principles of the State Parks System, was approved by the General Assembly in 1987. The act requires the development of a systemwide plan identifying the need for growth in the protection of the state's natural features. The plan, first published in 1988, will be revised every five years.

The public is invited to offer views and information on recreation needs in the state and how they should be addressed. The meeting will be held at the Schiele Museum at 1500 East Garrison Blvd. at 7:30 p.m.

Summer Bash I slated June 25 in KM

The Professional Wrestling Federation will present Summer Bash I Friday, June 25 at 8 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

The main event will be a heavy-weight title bout between The

Three KMHS netters make all-conference

Andres Alvarez, Steven Bell and Bo Phongs represented Kings Mountain High's tennis team on the 1993 All-Southwestern 3-A Conference team.

The three standout athletes led the Mountaineers to a 6-0 conference finish. The team advanced to the second round of the state dual team playoffs and Alvarez and Bell finished strong in the regionals and advanced to the state.

Bell made it to the second round of the state individual tournament, and Alvarez advanced to the semi-finals.

KM Cowgirls win three more games

The Kings Mountain Cowgirls won three more games during the past week in 13-15 year old fast-pitch softball action.

Last Thursday, the Cowgirls defeated Plastic Products of Kings Mountain 18-7. Sonja Brady hurled the win and also had three hits. Callie Rayfield also had three hits.

Monday, the Cowgirls defeated Boiling Springs 20-7. Rayfield hurled the win and every KM player had at least one hit in the 18-hit attack.

Tuesday night, the Cowgirls defeated Clover 23-7. Amanda Burns hurled the win and struck out six. Crissie Johnsonbaugh and Marsha Martin had five hits each.

The Cowgirls play Boiling Springs in their final home game Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Middle School.

Dance to benefit Boys Club

A dance at the Kings Mountain Boys Club Saturday night from 8-11 p.m. will help defray expenses of the AAU championship team going to Cocoa, FL.

Boys and girls 15 years old and under are invited. Admission is \$2 per person.

Danny McDowell, leader of the group, said the dance will be well chaperoned and refreshments will be available at a reasonable price.

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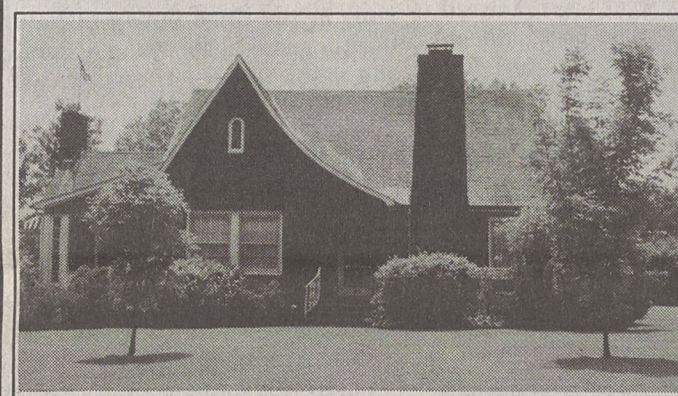
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TRACT 2: Lot which is approximately 93'x315'. Tracts will be offered separately and then will be put together.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale. Remainder within 30 days or at closing.

LOOK FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN JUNE 17th EDITION OF KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Mr. John Kiser (POA) for Mrs. Julia Kiser has commissioned Elliott/Dixon Associates to sell the Real & Personal Property. There are definitely some very unusual items in this sale and it is one you do not want to miss. Bring a chair! Note the 9 am starting time & plan to spend the day.

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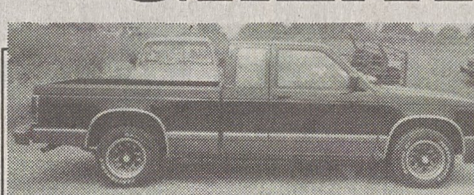


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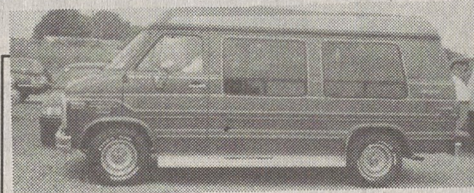


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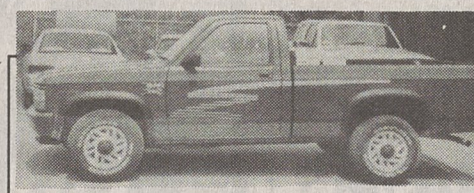
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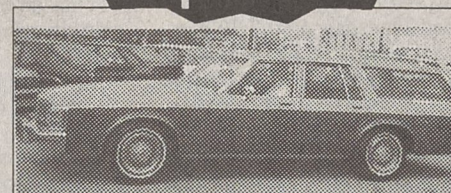


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