



Kings Mountain Coach Nelson Connor gives sign to his base runner in Southwestern 3-A Conference game with South Point Friday at Lancaster Field. KM won 13-4.

KM routs Red Raiders 13-4

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers got their bats moving and got another complete game performance from senior right-hander Duane Patterson to rout Belmont South Point 13-4 in Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball action Friday night at Lancaster Field.

Patterson scattered seven hits and struck out seven to earn his second straight win, giving the Mountaineers a 2-1 SWC record and 2-2 overall mark. South Point fell to 2-2 in the conference.

The Mountaineers, who had collected only 11 hits in their first three games, got nine against South Point pitchers Brent Carpenter, Heath Cherry and Brian Norris.

South Point grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning on a home run by Chad Honeycutt but Kings Mountain came back with a pair in the second inning, and then broke the game open with a six-run fourth inning which was highlighted by Michael Bell's grand slam home run.

"The most important thing about this win was that we didn't quit,"

said Coach Nelson Connor. "In the first inning we got two quick outs and then the boy knocked one out of the park. But Duane settled down and pitched a good ball game."

"Duane really battles," said Connor. "There's not a whole lot of frills about him - no trickery - he just squares his shoulders up and comes at you. As long as he keeps the ball down he's going to be tough to beat."

"The home run ball he threw was a good pitch. It was down. The batter just got down there with it and got all of it. It was a good stroke, but he hit a good pitch."

Kings Mountain grabbed the lead with two runs in the second inning, aided by a pair of South Point errors. Chris Hutchins' two-out, two-run single scored both runs.

Then, the Mountaineers scored six in the fourth to take an 8-1 lead. South Point starter Brent Carpenter hit Sharee Hopper, who stole second and scored when Brian LeFevers' fly ball to center was

dropped. Carpenter then hit Bryan Leftwich and Hutchins to load the bases, and walked Patterson to force in a run to make it 4-1. South Point Coach Mickey Lineberger replaced Carpenter with Heath Cherry, who struck out Kenny Bridges but then gave up a grand slam to Bell which made it 8-1.

An RBI single by Leftwich followed hits by LeFevers and Hopper to give the Mountaineers a 9-1 lead after five innings. South Point scored three in the top of the sixth, including two on a triple by Jamie Worley, to cut the margin to 9-4.

Connor said he considered taking Patterson out in the sixth because he had thrown a lot of pitches. "But he just absolutely didn't want to come out," the coach said. "He's been resilient so far. He's a very competitive young man and I like the way he pitches."

The Mountaineers closed out the scoring with four runs in the bottom of the sixth. South Point committed three errors in the inning and the Mountaineers got singles

by Kenny Bridges, Hopper and LeFevers.

Hopper and LeFevers led the KM hitting attack with two hits each.

"I was extremely happy that we won big," said Connor, "but I would say that's going to be the exception rather than the rule. We're going to have to scratch out a lot of wins, and that's okay too."

Connor said he was pleased with his team's defensive play despite three errors.

"None of our players quit," he said. "In one instance, South Point had runners on first and second base and the batter hit an absolutely perfect double play ball to second. Our man didn't get the handle on it, but he didn't get down and quit. We continued to scrap and that's what we have to do to win."

Score by innings: R-H-E
SP 100 003 0 4-7-6
KM 020 614 x 13-9-3

Brent Carpenter, Heath Cherry (4), Brian Norris (7) and Jamie Worley; Duane Patterson and Kevin Melton. W - Patterson

Senior Games slated April 25-39 in Cleveland County

This year's Senior Games for Cleveland County citizens ages 55 and older will be held April 25-29 at various locations in the county.

The event is sponsored by the Cleveland County Council on Aging/Senior Center, Shelby Recreation Department, Kings Mountain Senior Center, Gardner-Webb University and Cleveland Home Health.

Participants may choose from more than 25 different events, including horseshoes, shuffleboard, golf, bowling and putt-putt. For the more conditioned athlete, Senior

Games offers track events, cycling, tennis and swimming. A fun walk is also available for those who wish to participate in a non-competitive event.

Senior Games helps older adults maintain and improve their health by emphasizing the importance of regular exercise. Participants are motivated through competition to excel in the activities they enjoy most. Senior Games also provides socialization.

Other benefits of Senior Games include workshops, year-round practice sessions, training clinics,

and educational materials. Participants also receive two newsletters quarterly - one from the local games and one from North Carolina Senior Games. The letters provide interesting reading, healthful tips and news about fellow participants.

Opening day activities will be held at Gardner-Webb on Monday, April 25. There will be a fun walk, 200 meter dash and 800 meter run at 8:30 at Spangler Stadium, and from 9-10 a.m. activities include field events such as spin casting, shot put, discus, softball throw,

football throw, standing long jump and running long jump. There will be a 100 meter and 400 meter dash at 9:15.

Opening ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. at Spangler Stadium, followed by a 1500 meter run, more field events and a 1500 meter walk. Lunch will be served from 12 noon-1 p.m., and billiards and table tennis competition will begin at 1:30 in Bost Gym.

Tuesday, there will be competition at numerous sites. At 9 a.m., cycling, 5K walk, and 5K and 10K run competition will be held at

Spangler Stadium at GWU.

From 9 a.m.-12 noon, swimming competition will be held at Neisler Natatorium in Kings Mountain. Also at 9 a.m., golf will be held at Pine Grove Golf Course, and at 7 p.m., tennis will be at G-W.

Wednesday's competition, all at the Lutz Yelton Convocation Center at GWU, will include women's shuffleboard, men's horseshoes, men's basketball, men's badminton, men's shuffleboard, women's horseshoes, women's basketball, women's badminton, mixed doubles badminton and 3-on-3 bas-

ketball. Action begins at 8:30 a.m.

On Thursday, women's croquet will be held at 9:30 at Shelby City Park; men's putt-putt at 10 a.m. at Cleveland Mall; women's putt-putt at 11:30 at Cleveland Mall; men's croquet at 11:30 at Shelby City Park; and bowling at 2 p.m. at Shelby Bowl.

Closing ceremonies will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging/Senior Center at 408 E. Marion Street in Shelby. There will also be a reception at that time. Participants and their guests are invited.

KM girls runner-up in track

Kings Mountain High's girls track team finished a close second to North Gaston in a three-team Southwestern Conference meet Wednesday at North Gaston.

The Lady Wildcats scored 81 points to 67 for Kings Mountain and 26 for East Rutherford.

Coach Diane Dooley's Mountaineers won seven events. Freshman Jackie Houston won the 400 and 3200 meter runs, Alica Cole won the high jump, Bethany Jimison won the 1600 meter run, and Tamra Webber won the 200 meter dash.

Keisha Leach, Patrice Webber, Tamra Webber and Shada Coleman won the 800 and 400 meter relays events, and Amanda Halmess, Keisha Leach, Patrice Webber and Tonya Price won the 1600 meter relay.

Carrie Hardin was second in the discus, Amy Huggins second in the 1600 meter run, Cole second in the 200 meter dash, and Houston, Carrie Moss, Amy Huggins and KeKe Griffin second in the 3200 meter relay.

Amanda Halmess picked up third place finishes in the long jump and 400 meter dash, Charity Moss was third in the intermediate hurdles, and Toscha Tipton third in the 800 meter run.

Finishing fourth were Patrice Webber in the long jump, Cole in the 100 meter dash, Dorothy Jo in the 100 meter hurdles, Carrie Moss in the 1600 meter run and Christie Bridges in the intermediate hurdles.

Beth Denlinger was fifth in the 100 meter hurdles.

The KM ladies are idle until April 13 when they travel to East Rutherford to take on the Cavaliers, South Point and Burns. The Mountaineers will compete in the Cleveland County Meet at Crest on April 19.

Whitaker selected Academic All-State

Anita Whitaker of King Mountain received honorable mention on the 1994 North Carolina Academic All-State Basketball Honor Roll.

To be selected to the team one must be a senior, a starter or important reserve on a high school varsity basketball team and be in the top 20% of the senior class or have a 3.1 cumulative GPA, 1000 SAT score or 22 ACT score.

The awards banquet will be held April 27 at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton University Center in Durham. The speaker will be Gene Corrigan, Commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The event is sponsored by the Durham Jaycees.

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