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Major leaguers to play at Woodbridge

The McKenney Family Golf Classic - slated Saturday and Sunday at Woodbridge Golf Links in Kings Mountain for benefit of Shriners Hospitals and Burn Centers - will have a major league flavor.



CLETE BOYER

Thanks to Kings Mountain resident and New York Yankees bullpen coach Tony Cloninger, former Yankee great Clete Boyer and pitching legend Art Fowler will compete in the event and spend time at the clubhouse meeting baseball and golf fans.

Cloninger said the only thing that will stop the trio's plans would be if the Major League Players strike ends by this weekend. In that event, coaches would probably be summoned back to their teams immediately.

Boyer played third base for the Yankees in their glory years of the fifties and early sixties, competing with a Yankee dynasty that included the likes of Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Roger Maris, Bobby Richardson,

Moose Skowron and Whitey Ford. Boyer was traded to Atlanta in 1967 and became one of Cloninger's best friends. Cloninger was a fireball right-hand pitcher for the Braves and was among the greats of the game until he developed arm problems in the late sixties.

Boyer currently serves as the bench coach for the Yankees under Manager Buck Showalter. Prior to this year he was third base coach but moved to the bench after having knee replacement surgery.

"I played with Clete in Atlanta in 1967 - the year I had an eye problem and didn't get to pitch a lot - and part of 1968 before I was traded to the Cincinnati Reds," Cloninger recalled. "We got to know each other real well. I stayed in contact with him throughout the time that I was out of baseball. Then, when I got back in baseball with the Yankees we were roving together. He got the Senior League job and I was his pitching coach for a couple of years. He was the best man in my wedding."

Fowler, who is retired and living in Cowpens, SC, was a long-time pitching ace of the Cincinnati Reds and spent many years in AAA ball. He was pitching coach for the Yankees in the seventies and eighties under popular manager Billy Martin.

Bill Reedy, a Detroit bar owner and one of the Martin's closest friends, will also compete in the

Woodbridge Tournament.

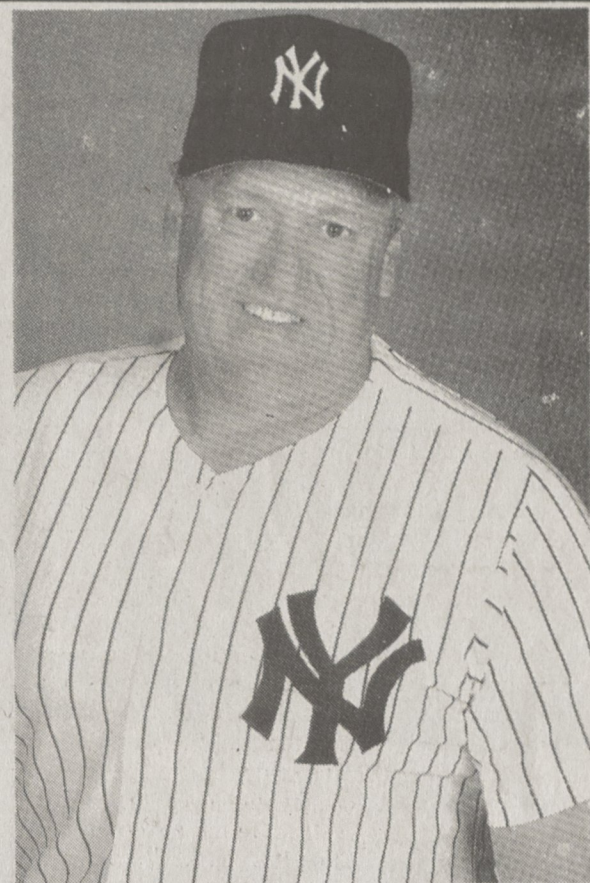
Cloninger, a native of Rock Springs where he earned the nickname "The Rock Springs Rifle" as a high school and American Legion pitcher, spent almost 12 years in the majors. He had his best years in Milwaukee in 1964 and '65, winning 19 and 24 games respectively.

"In 1966 when the Braves moved to Atlanta I pitched 13 innings opening night in 35-degree weather and a light rain and didn't win but 14 games that year, going 14-11," he noted. "That was kind of the beginning of the end as far as pitching to the potential that they thought I would pitch at."

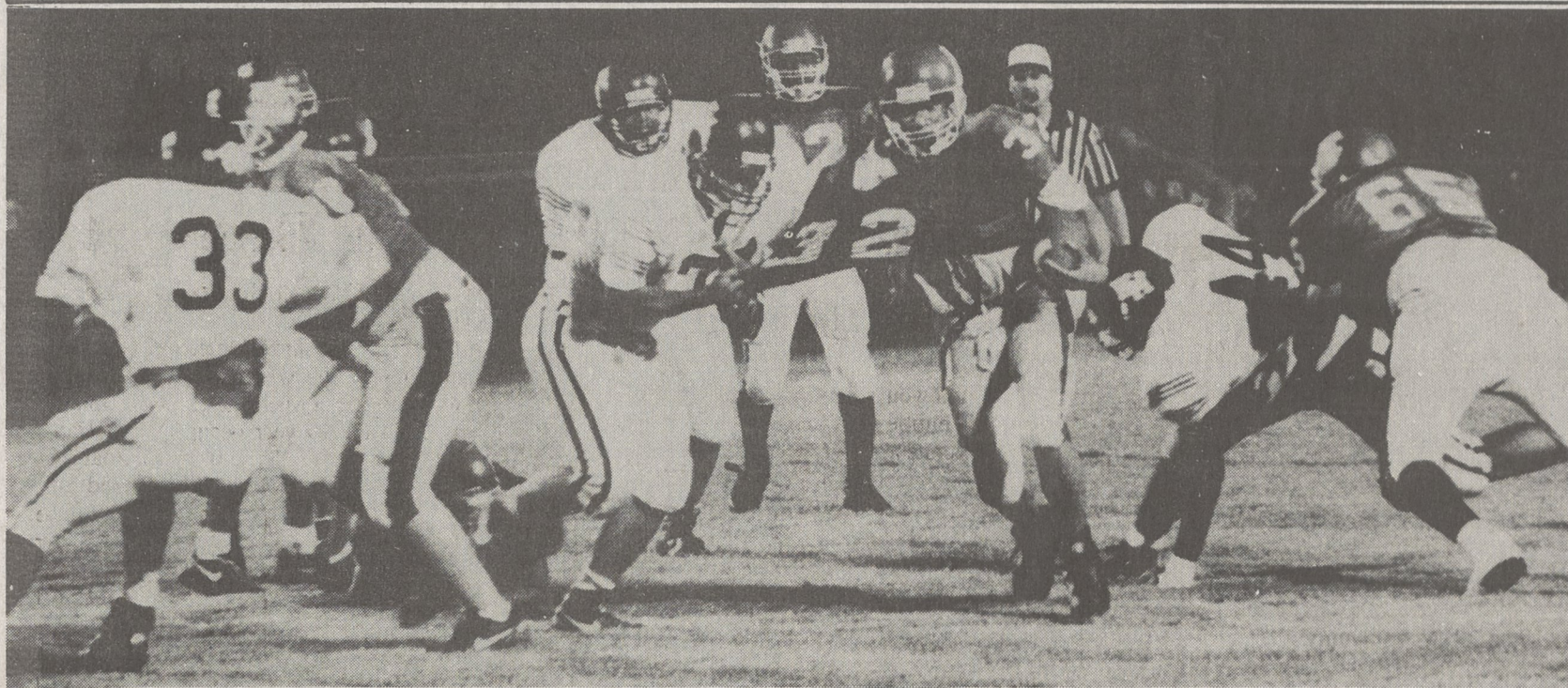
Cloninger was not only one of the hardest throwing pitchers in the game, but was also one of the game's best hitting pitchers. He still holds the National League record as the only player to hit two grand slam home runs in a single game, and only five players in the American League accomplished that feat.

"I used to kid Hank Aaron about that," he said. "He comes up to Kings Mountain occasionally to hunt quail with me and I've often told him that he could break Babe Ruth's home run record but he couldn't break mine."

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TONY CLONINGER



Bessemer City running back Harry Floyd almost has his jersey ripped off but gets through a big hole in the Kings Mountain defense in non-conference football game Friday night at Bessemer City.

Mountain battled back from a 13-0 halftime deficit to tie the Yellow Jackets 13-13. The Mountaineers are idle this week while Bessemer City entertains a strong Maiden eleven.

Mountaineers, Jackets tie 13-13

Kings Mountain took advantage of Bessemer City fumbles to erase a 13-0 halftime deficit and tie the Yellow Jackets 13-13 in a non-conference football game Friday night at the BC field which kept alive their two decade winning streak against their nearest rivals.

Bessemer City, hoping for its first victory over the Mountaineers since 1973, saw its record dip to 2-0-1 heading into a big non-conference battle this Friday at home against Maiden. Kings Mountain, which is idle this week, dropped to 1-1-1.

The Yellow Jackets used a gigantic offensive line to open huge holes for their running backs in the first half, and for a while it appeared the BC eleven might erase the memories of all those losses to KM over the years. As it turned out, the Yellow Jackets were their own worst enemy as they were

flagged 10 times for 106 yards in penalties - including a costly 15-yard clipping penalty in the final six minutes which nullified a potential game-winning 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Johntay Mintz.

Harry Floyd, who finished as the game's leading rusher with 118 yards in 11 carries, rambled 86 yards on a sweep around left end to give the Yellow Jackets a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter. BC added its second touchdown in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Mintz, but Richie Franklin's extra point attempt went wide and that would eventually prove costly.

Kings Mountain, which gained only 115 yards rushing while the Jackets rolled up 295, couldn't get its offense moving except on an early third period drive which carried to the BC five. The Mountaineers lost the ball on

downs, but on Bessemer City's first running play after that the Jackets fumbled and the Mountaineers recovered. Two plays later, quarterback Lamont Littlejohn scored from one yard out to cut the margin to 13-6. After two encroachment penalties against the Jackets, Kings Mountain elected to go for a two-point conversion but this time the BC defense stopped Littlejohn's sneak.

Kings Mountain's game-tying touchdown also came after a BC fumble at the Mountaineers' 34. The Mountaineers drove to the 16 where they faced a second and eight. Two straight Littlejohn passes which were dead on target were dropped in the end zone, but on a fake field goal Littlejohn hit running back Shane Logan in the numbers for the touchdown. Sophomore Derek Goode, attempting his first point-after on the var-

sity level, split the uprights to tie the game with six minutes remaining.

Mintz took the ensuing kickoff at the 10-yard line and sprinted down the BC sidelines for the apparent game-winning score, but it was erased on a clipping call. Several other big gains earlier in the game were erased on holding calls.

Although KM Coach Denny Hicks was disappointed that his team did not win, he felt like his players turned their game up a notch after six sub-par quarters, including four in a 28-0 loss to Crest last week and two in the first half at BC.

"We're pleased that the kids came back in the second half and gave a good effort and made a ball game out of it," he said. "We hope

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Golfers needed to help children

Golfers are still needed for this weekend's McKenney Family Classic Golf Tournament, slated for 12:30 p.m. shotgun starts Saturday and Sunday at Woodbridge Golf Links between Kings Mountain and Shelby.

According to tournament coordinators Carl Champion and Art Shoemaker, golfers may enter through Saturday morning at the Woodbridge pro shop.

McKenney Family Auto Dealerships will donate tournament proceeds to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and Burn Centers.

In addition to a weekend of golf to benefit the less fortunate, golfers will also be treated to a weekend with major league baseball greats Tony Cloninger, Clete Boyer and Art Fowler. They will play golf and will also be around the pro shop before and after the tournament rounds to meet the public and talk baseball and golf.

There will be two divisions: a 2-man better ball gross (no handicap) and a 2-man better ball net (handicap required).

Entry fee is \$140 per person. The fee includes a practice round with cart during the week before the tournament (call for tee time), two tournament rounds, entries in special skills competitions in each of the rounds, and a contribution to charity which will be matched by the sponsor.

Prizes will be awarded in each division, and there will be special awards for a hole-in-one. A hole-in-one on number three will be worth a year's membership dues to Woodbridge; a hole-in-one on number five will be worth \$20,000

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KM women are winners in Foothills

Kings Mountain Country Club golfers fared well in recent Foothills Golf Association tournaments.

Mary Leigh Broadwell won first low gross in the championship flight in a recent tournament at Fairfield Country Club in Lake Lure. Debbie Sanders was second low gross in the fourth flight and Debbie Van Dyke was second low net in the fifth flight.

Pansy Jones also attended from KMCC. Ninety-six ladies from 15 area clubs competed.

Lynne Mauney shot a 78 Tuesday to win first flight low gross in a tournament at Glen Oaks in Maiden. Mary Leigh Broadwell was third low gross in the first flight with an 83, and Anne Pouchak was third low gross in the third flight with a 110.

The next Foothills event will be Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Lincoln Country Club. The deadline for entering is September 28. Call Doris Howze at 739-5585 or Mary Leigh Broadwell at 739-5483.

The KMCC Ladies Member-Guest will be played October 8. All golfers are urged to get a partner and participate.

THE YARDSTICK

	KM	BC
1st downs	8	11
Yds. rushing	115	295
Passes	2-6-0	1-3-1
Yds. passing	46	33
Punts	4-36	3-28
Fumbles/lost	1-1	4-3
Yds. penalized	30	106

Score by quarters:	T
KM	0 0 6 7 -13
BC	7 6 0 0 -13

BC - Harry Floyd, 86-run (Richie Franklin kick)

BC - Johntay Mintz 1-run (Kick failed)

KM - Lamont Littlejohn 1-run (run failed)

KM - Shane Logan, 14-pass from Littlejohn (Derek Goode kick).

RUSHING

KM - Corey Jones 12-45, Shane Logan 13-45, Lamont Littlejohn 7-8, J.W. Garner 3-6, Kevin Melton 3-8. C.T. Williams 1-2. BC - Harry Floyd 11-118, Johntay Mintz 7-40, Sanchanze Merritt 7-15, Jamar Glenn 4-41, Philip Crosby 12-81.

PASSING

KM - Littlejohn 2-6-0-46. BC - Merritt 1-2-0-33; Mintz 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING

KM - Melton 1-32; Logan 1-14. BC - Brian Sanders 1-33.



JV Mountaineers bomb East Lincoln 49-6

Kings Mountain High's JV football team bounced back from an opening season loss to Crest to defeat East Lincoln 49-6 in non-conference action Thursday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers are idle this week and will resume action on Thursday, Sept. 22 at Mooresville.

Kings Mountain ran up a 20-0 halftime lead and increased the margin to 49-0 before East Lincoln scored on a long run late in the game. The Mountaineers piled up 242 yards of offense, with Joseph Bell leading the way with 89 yards in eight carries, including touch-

down runs of 34, eight and six yards.

Lance McClain scored on a 12-yard run, R.J. Barnes scored from seven yards out, Chad Reid scored on a 48-yard punt return, and Keyota Huskey intercepted a pass and returned it 70 yards for a score. Jeremy Regan kicked a 24-yard field goal and booted one extra point, and Reid and McClain each ran for a two-point conversion.

"The kids played really well," said Coach John Bumgardner. "They played hard on offense and the defense also did a good job. We were very pleased with their effort."

KM Middle School booters tie Shelby 3-3

Kings Mountain Middle School's Robin Perkins completed a hat trick with 16 seconds left in the game to give the Patriots a 3-3 tie with Shelby in Bi-County Middle School soccer action Thursday afternoon at the KM field.

The Patriots of Cheryl Lutz host R-S Central Thursday at 4 p.m.

Shelby struck first with a goal midway of the first half, and Perkins scored the first of his three goals moments later. Shelby scored off a corner kick to make it 2-1 at halftime, and the visitors grabbed a 3-1 lead with 10 minutes left in the game.

Kings Mountain stepped up its offense and Perkins scored again to cut the margin to 2-1. Kings Mountain pushed the ball down field and Perkins scored his final goal as the clock wound down.

Evan Osteen, Jason Bridges, Zach George and Brad Bridges joined Perkins as the offensive leaders, and Lutz cited Jeremy Wallace, Marty Goforth, Brad Short, Ben Howell, William Bullock and David Lafoyette for their defensive play.

Goal keepers Seth Denton and Chris Neal had 12 saves between them.