



Kings Mountain's Anthony Ash pulls into third base on a base hit by one of his teammates in KM-Lincolnton Bi-County Conference baseball game at KMMS Thursday. Kings Mountain won 17-3.

Pats off to fast start in Bi-County Conference

Kings Mountain Middle School's baseball team has bounced back from an opening-season 7-5 loss to Shelby to run its record to 3-1 in the Bi-County Conference.

The Patriots will host Burns Thursday at 4 p.m. in a battle for first place.

In action last week, the Patriots edged West Lincoln 9-8 and defeated Lincolnton 17-3. Monday afternoon, they whipped East Lincoln 14-1.

Brandon Boone picked up the win in relief against West Lincoln as Kings Mountain scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh to win. Andy Leigh led the KM hitting with 2-for-4.

The Patriots could do no wrong in their victory over Lincolnton Thursday at home. Kendrick Bell went the distance on the mound and scattered four hits. Robin Perkins led the hitting with 3-for-4 and Leigh and Seth Denton added 2-for-3 each.

"Lincolnton is down this year," said Coach Ricky Fortner, "but we

won the game like you're supposed to win it. We hit the ball real hard."

Denton went the distance Monday to defeat East Lincoln on a five-hitter. He walked only one and struck out four and also led the hitting attack with 3-for-4.

"His mother called earlier in the day and said he was sick," Fortner noted. "He was to be our starting pitcher. But around 11 o'clock his dad called and said he was feeling better and wanted to go to the game. If he's going to play like this every game he needs to be sick more often. I can't ask for anyone to play any better."

Robin Perkins, Chad Jones, Clay Phillips and Matthew Ferguson also had a good day with two hits apiece.

"If we keep hitting the ball like we are now good things are going to happen," said Fortner. "The coach from East Lincoln said this is the best hitting team he's seen in this conference in many years. Our kids work real hard in practice and it's paying off."

Heavy hitters gain tie for first

The Heavy Hitters swept Tommy Barrett to move into a tie for first place in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday at Dilling Heating.

While the Hitters were winning 4-0, previous leader Jack Barrett was winning three of four from the Alley Cats, leaving Barrett and the Hitters with identical 72-40 records. Tommy Barrett holds down third with a 44-68 mark, fol-

lowed by the Alley Cats at 34-70.

John Dilling's 120 line and 339 set and Irene Ruley's 124 line and 333 set led the Hitters. Chuck Ruley led the losers with a 99 line and 287 set.

Jack Barrett rolled a 142 line and 343 set and Ron Scruggs added a 131-337 to lead Barrett over the Alley Cats. Bill Myers led the Cats with a 127 line and 353 set.

Dilling wins singles tournament

John Dilling won the singles division and Eunice Smith and David O'Bryant won the doubles crown in the Mountain Lanes Handicap Duckpin Bowling Tournament Saturday and Sunday at Dilling Heating.

Dilling had a three-game scratch series of 421, and his handicap raised it to 421. He had a high single game of 149.

Chuck Ruley finished second with a 484, followed by Dilling 478, Jack Barrett 456, Allen Myers 455, Robert Titus 450, Bill Myers 429 and Dilling 428.

Smith and O'Bryant combined

for a 978 to win over R.W. Hullender and Chuck Ruley's 937. They were followed by Margo Spargo and Jack Barrett 930, Robbie Hullender and R.W. Hullender 928, Carol Quinn and Allen Myers 926, John Dilling and Robbie Hullender 919, Carol Quinn and John Dilling 918, Eunice Smith and Kenny Curry 914, Debbie Hullender and Irene Ruley 907, Robert Titus and Irene Ruley 905, Doris Spain and Kenny Curry 905, Doris Spain and David O'Bryant 872, O'Bryant and Kenny Curry 816, and Eunice Smith and Doris Spain 786.

THE TENNESSEE WALTZ

Jeff Gordon laps Bristol for third win of season

BRISTOL, TN. - Jeff Gordon made winning Sunday's Food City 500 at Bristol International Raceway took as simple as the Tennessee Waltz.

The 23-year-old started on the outside of row one and kept his car in the top three for the entire race, exchanging the lead with Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace throughout the afternoon. Gordon has now won three of the six NASCAR Winston Cup events this season. It was his first career short track victory. He led 205 laps.

Wallace finished second with Darrel Waltrip, Bobby Hamilton and Ricky Rudd making up the top five. Both Wallace, who led 101 laps, and Hamilton had their best outings of the season. Hamilton notched a career best finish and gave Richard Petty his best finish since becoming a team owner. Martin led for 155 laps before



surrendering the lead to Gordon for the final time on lap 99. Driving the strongest Ford, Martin had a flat tire with 10 laps to go, dropping him to eighth and giving Wallace second.

Winston Cup points leader and defending Food City 500 champion Dale Earnhardt crashed on lap 117 after a tap from Jeff Burton. Earnhardt started 25th and had moved to second at the time of the crash. He returned after 20 laps in the garage to remove sheet metal and replace front end parts to finish

25th, only 21 laps down. For the first time this season, the champion finished out of the top five.

Kyle Petty qualified third and led laps four through 40 before crashing. It was his second crash in as many weeks. At Darlington last week, he commented to a reporter that "the tunnels should be plugged, the place filled with water and stocked with bass." After crashing at Bristol, he remarked they should do the same with the bowl shape track. He added, "This place ain't good enough for bass; they should put carp in it."

Gordon's win in a Monte Carlo kept the Chevrolet win streak alive with six consecutive trips to victory lane.

Earnhardt remains the points leader by 17 over Sterling Marlin, followed by Martin, Gordon and Terry Labonte.

The Winston Cup drivers travel to North Wilkesboro for the First Union 400 April 9.

(Results of Saturday night's races at Carolina Speedway, Gastonia.)

Late models - 1, Jimmy Galloway; 2, Buddy Smith; 3, David Lindsey; 4, Rusty Collette; 5, Jeff Hastings.

Thunder & Lightning - 1, Buddy Smith; 2, Mike Messek; 3, Billy Thompson; 4, Scotty Hayes; 5, Bobby Belk.

Superstock - 1, John Rhyne; 2, Mickey Barber; 3, Barry Mathis; 4, Cecil Harris; 5, Mike Adkins.

Street Stock A Main - 1, Barrett Bradshaw; 2, David Gillian; 3, Mike Messek.

Street Stock B Main - 1, James Crawford; 2, Ronnie Stowe; 3, Carl Wichman.

Modified 4's - 1, Mike Hensley; 2, Larry Crump; 3, Mike Dellinger.

Stock 4's A Main - 1, Mark Towell; 2, Jerry Oliver; 3, Gregg Barker.

Stock 4's B Main - 1, Jr. Pitman; 2, Henry Duffield; 3, Randy Salle.

Golf tournament to benefit children

Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Renaissance Golf Course will sponsor the third annual Enterprise Open to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Friday, April 28 at 8 a.m. at Renaissance Golf Course.

A \$45 donation to the Children's Miracle Network will include green fees, carts, breakfast and lunch. There will be first and second place trophies awarded to four-somes, plus exciting prizes to win at each hole. The entry fee must be paid by April 15 and the tournament is open to the first 144 golfers.

All proceeds help provide funding for specialized infant and pediatric equipment, and supports programs and services for sick and injured children from throughout the Carolinas. The benefitting facilities are The Children's Hospital at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, University Hospital, and Amethyst.

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