

## KM Juniors win four, begin home stand tonight

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors won four of their first six games in Area IV play and now look to a four-night home stand which includes one double-header.

Coach Tony Leigh's nine will host Belmont Thursday. Bessemer City comes to town Friday for a twinbill beginning at 6 p.m. KM hosts Gastonia Saturday and Monday, plays at Shelby Tuesday and at Belmont Wednesday.

Post 155 is among the league-leaders and share first place in the loss column. However, KM hasn't played as many games as the other teams and is 1 1/2 games out of first.

The Juniors gave some good performances last week despite a humiliating 23-2 loss to Shelby in a seven-inning game on Thursday. Kings Mountain bounced back from that loss to defeat Shelby 10-6 Saturday night in Shelby.

Post 155 opened its season Wednesday night with a 4-0 win over Forest City. Sharee Hopper went the distance, scattering four hits. Robert Wingo and Bryan Leftwich led the hitting with three hits each and Brian LeFevers added two.

Shelby sent 17 men to the plate in the first inning, scoring 12 runs Thursday en route to one of the most lop-sided losses KM has suffered in years. Shelby finished with 16 hits and five home runs.

Brad Piercy's three-run shot over the left-centerfield fence got Post 82 going. Jim Curtis followed with a grand-slam to chase KM starter Duane Patterson.

Shelby used four pitchers and Cameron Falls and LeFevers also saw action for KM. LeFevers and Kenny Bridges led the hitting with 2-for-4 each.

"We gained our composure and showed a lot of character by coming back to beat Shelby Saturday night," Coach Leigh said.

Hopper started and pitched seven strong innings for Post 155. He struck out five and gave up six hits. Jason Wilkins relieved for 1 1/3 innings and got the win, and Leftwich came in with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth and earned a save.

Melton and LeFevers led Post 155 with two hits each. Bridges was 1-for-5 with two runs batted in and Wilkins was 1-for-4 with two RBI.

Kings Mountain defeated Henrietta in a makeup game Monday. Robert Wingo went 8 2/3 innings to get the win and Leftwich came on in the ninth to get his second straight save.

Ray Martin led the KM plate attack with 3-for-4 and three runs batted in. Wingo was 2-for-4 and Tony Stokes had a two-run double to give KM its lead in the bottom of the eighth.

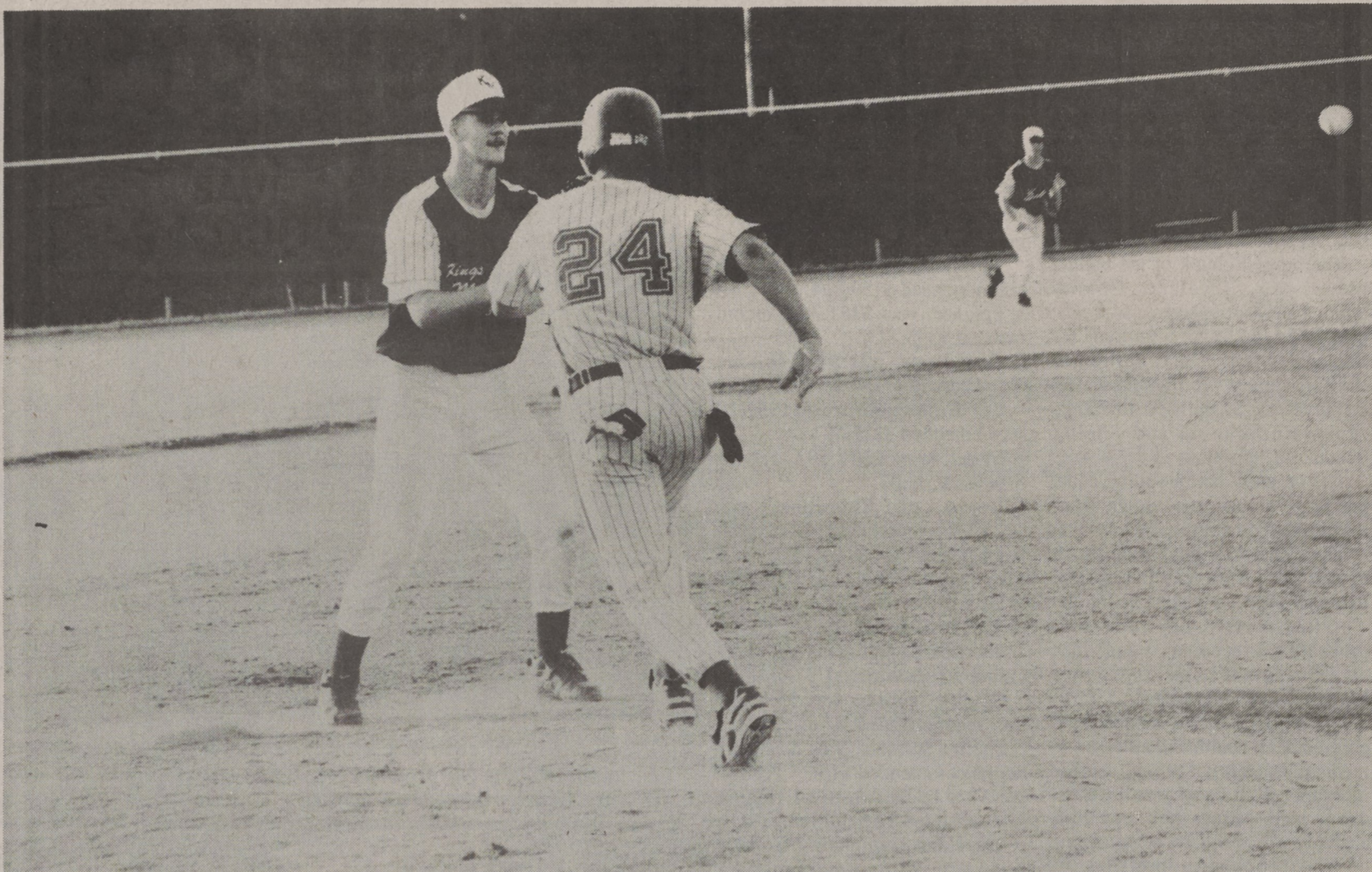
Kings Mountain collected 10 hits but left too many base runners stranded in Monday's 4-0 loss at Stanley. Hopper worked the first

three innings and took the loss. Patterson pitched four innings and Falls one.

Martin and Wingo led the KM plate attack with 3-for-5 each and Melton was 2-for-3.

Kings Mountain bounced back Tuesday night to defeat Forest City 7-2. Leftwich worked the first five innings and got the win, and LeFevers pitched the last four.

Melton led the hitting with 2-for-4 and a three-run home run. Leftwich was 2-for-4 and Martin 2-for-5.



Shelby's David Crum (24) hustles to third base ahead of the throw to avoid a pickoff in Thursday's American Legion baseball game at Kings Mountain. KM third baseman is Bryan Leftwich. Shelby won 23-2.

### Cancer Society golf tourney set

The Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society will sponsor its annual benefit golf tournament at Riverbend Golf Club in Shelby Wednesday, June 21.

Proceeds will fund research programs. More than eight million Americans are alive today who have a history of cancer, and five million who have been diagnosed for five or more years. With more research the survival rate will increase to 54 percent.

Avery McMurry, tournament chairman, said any foursome making a combined contribution of \$220 to the American Cancer Society may participate. Winners of each of the three divisions for men and women will be eligible to play in the American Cancer Society Golf Championship state playoffs at The Pearl in Calabash September 9-10. Winners there go to the national tournament.

The Shelby Rotary Club is co-sponsoring the Riverbend event.

### Dodgers tryout camp in Hickory

The Los Angeles Dodgers will hold a tryout Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m. at Hickory High School.

American Legion players must have written permission from their post commander or coach, and players must provide their own cleats and gloves.

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