

SPORTS BRIEFS

Robbins' home run beats Burns, 7-4

Julie Robbins' lead-off home run in the top of the eighth inning broke a 4-4 tie and led Kings Mountain to a 7-4 win over Burns in Southwestern 3A Conference softball action Monday afternoon at Burns.

Beth Bumgardner went the distance on the mound to record her third win in the past four games. She scattered six hits and struck out three.

Toni Loftin led the KM plate attack with 2-for-2, including a double and RBI. Emily Ballard was 2-for-4, and D. Chapman and Anna Ramey each had a double.

In SWC action last Friday, the

Lady Mountaineers blanked South Point 4-0 behind Bumgardner's four-hitter and seven strikeouts.

Ramey went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI, and Robbins, Chapman and Carrie Brinkley had one RBI apiece.

"We played an excellent defensive game," said Coach Susie Hughes. "That's why it was such a low-scoring game."

Over the weekend, the Mountaineers finished second in the Cleveland County Tournament at Crest. They defeated Burns 11-3 in the opening round as Bumgardner scattered six hits and fanned five.

Ramey led the plate attack with 3-for-3 and four RBI, and Kate Pascoe went 2-for-3.

In the championship game, the Mountaineers fell to a strong Crest team 4-0.

"We played a very tough game," Hughes said. "It was a tough-fought match. Kristen Hardin pitched an excellent game."

Ramey, who went 3-for-6 for the tournament; Csharian Coleman, who recorded six putouts; and Bumgardner, who had five strikeouts, were named to the All-Tournament team.

Kim Bowden wins two events in track meet

Kings Mountain's Kim Bowden won two events for Kings Mountain High's track team in last week's meet at John Gamble Stadium.

Bowden won the 100-meter dash in 12.07 seconds, and the 200-meter run in 26.62 seconds. Her time in the 200 qualified her for the Western Regionals.

Bowden also ran a leg on the second place 400-meter relay team, which finished second in a Regional qualifying time of 54.16 seconds. Other members of that team were Meredith Ware, Ebony Moore and Nikki Humphries.

Ware finished second in the 100 meter hurdles in 16.83 sec-

onds; and Moore was second in the 200 meters with a time of 27.88.

Coaches can nominate players for State Game

High School coaches have until April 9 to nominate players for the 1999 State Games of North Carolina High School Baseball Tournament, slated for June 16-20 at War Memorial Stadium at UNC-Greensboro.

Coaches may nominate five underclassmen and three seniors. All nominated players will be invited to tryouts, where 10 teams will be selected.

Region 6 head coach is Jim McConnell of West Mecklenburg High School. Assistants are Greg Simmons of Charlotte Christian, Mickey Lineberger of South Point, and Hal Bagwell of South Mecklenburg.

Region 6 tryouts will be Saturday, April 24 and Saturday, May 8 from 1-5 p.m. at South Point High School in Belmont.

For more information or nomination forms, call the State Games Office at (800) 277-8763 or (919) 361-1133.

Geesers add to lead in duckpin bowling

The Geesers increased their Mixed Duckpin Bowling League lead to six games with a 6-2 win over the Ducksters Thursday night at Dilling Heating.

The Geesers (14-2) got a 128 line and 347 set from Zeke Rybczyk, and a 112 line and 306 set from John Dilling. The Ducksters (6-10) were led by Tommy Barrett with a 143 line and 381 set.

The second place Robbers (8-8) split with the fourth place Pinseekers (4-4) 4-4. Bobby Rathbone led the Robbers with a 123 line and 324 set. Ed Philbeck led the Pinseekers with a 144 line and 355 set. Chuck Ruley had a 123-331, and

Mark Abernathy a 114-309.

Raiders blank leaders in Tuesday bowling

The Raiders shutout the first place Marauders 8-0 in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Tuesday at Dilling Heating.

The Raiders (16-16) were led by Zeke Rybczyk with a 133 line and 346 set, and Jack Barrett with a 124 line and 346 set. Greg Evans had a 132-353, and Chuck Ruley 137-336 for the Marauders (20-12).

The Pushovers (14-18) pulled into a third place tie with the Checkers (14-18) with a 6-2 win. Mike Murphy bowled a 124 line and 327 set, and Colleen Philbeck had a 113-320 for the winners. Ed Philbeck led the Checkers with a 127-313.

BURNS

From 1B

out of a share of first place with North Gaston.

The Mountaineers wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. With Mrs. Page and many of her relatives and friends from Eden Gardens watching, the home team took a 2-0 lead in the first inning and then broke the game open with seven runs in the second.

Lead-off batter Kendrick Bell got the rout rolling by drawing a walk. After stealing second and going to third on a throwing error, he scored when Jason Bridges reached base on a fielder's choice. Bridges later scored when Andy Leigh reached on a fielder's choice.

Two walks and an error opened the floodgate in the second. The Mountaineers followed that with five consecutive hits - by Bell, Jason Bridges, Joey Proctor, Andy Leigh and Eric Boyd - and that wrapped up the win for Boyd, a senior right-hander who scattered five hits,

walked only one and fanned six in the game that was halted after five innings on the 10-run rule.

Bell finished with 3-for-3 and an RBI. Putnam was 2-for-2 with an RBI, and Leigh was 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead the KM plate attack.

In a conference game last Friday, the Mountaineers fell to East Rutherford 4-3 in eight innings.

Southpaw Seth Denton went the distance and probably pitched his best game of the year. He gave up seven hits and fanned 11, but the Cavaliers timed their hits and also took advantage of a pair of Mountaineer errors in the decisive eighth inning.

The Mountaineers never led, but tied the game at 1-1 in the third on a single by Denton and double by Bell; and at 2-2 in the fifth on singles by Putnam and Bell.

East regained the lead in the fifth inning, but KM came back again to tie it in the sixth on a double by Leigh and single by Tyler Falls.

KMHS baseball statistics

Kings Mountain High baseball statistics through six games:

BATTING						
PLAYER	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG.	
Jason Bridges	20	3	5	4	.250	
Matt Bridges	2	2	1	0	.500	
Tyler Falls	14	5	7	9	.500	
Matt Biddix	4	1	1	0	.250	
Brian Thornburg	12	3	3	4	.250	
Andy Leigh	16	6	5	2	.313	
Seth Denton	19	2	3	2	.158	
Chad Jones	5	1	1	0	.200	
Joey Proctor	19	7	7	6	.368	
Brandon Putnam	20	2	3	0	.150	
Torez Leach	1	0	0	0	.000	
Derek Dixon	2	0	1	0	.500	
Kendrick Bell	21	5	10	5	.476	
Eric Boyd	12	3	2	0	.167	

Doubles - Falls 2, Biddix 1, Thornburg 1, Proctor 3, Denton 1, Bell 2, Boyd 1.

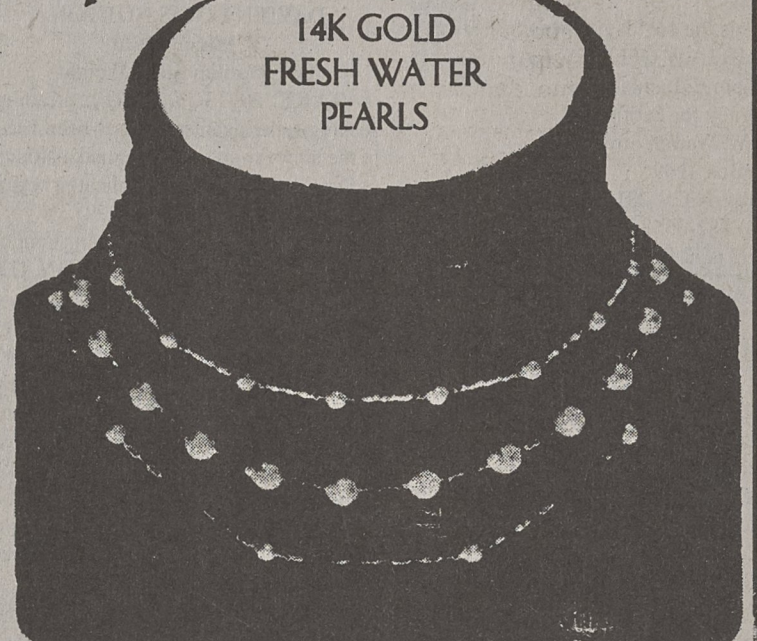
Home Runs - Falls 2, Thornburg 1, Leigh 1, Proctor 2, Bell 3.

Stolen bases - Proctor 2, Bell 4, Boyd 1.

PITCHING							
Player	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W-L-S
Biddix	5.0	3	3	3	4	6	1-0-0
Denton	19.0	10	3	1	3	18	1-1-2
Proctor	6.0	3	3	3	9	7	1-0-0
Dixon	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
Boyd	10.0	9	5	5	4	13	1-0-0

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