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The Kings Mountain Under 12 Wildcats competed in baseball action in Cooperstown, NY last week. Front row, left to right, Tyler Ross, Justin Heinback, Brantley Blalock, Jeffrey Howell, Rai Robinson and Mitchell Hinson. Second row, Jamie York, Hogan Sellers, Jared Spicer, Caleb Henderson, Kyle Bell and Will Sellers. Back, coaches Rodney Sellers, Ray Robinson, Todd Blalock and Scott Howell.

Wildcats play in Cooperstown

The 12U KM Wildcats just returned from an exciting week of baseball at the Cooperstown Dreams Park in Cooperstown, NY. The Wildcats played nine games from Sunday through Wednesday and visited the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Wildcats had a strong offensive team. Brantley Blalock led the attack with five home runs and a .625 batting average. Jeffrey Howell had four home runs and a .458 average. Justin Heinback had one home run and a .448

average. Rai Robinson had two home runs and a .407 average. Tyler Ross had a .346 average, Jared Spicer hit .333, and Caleb Henderson had two home runs, including a grand slam, and a .318 average. Kyle Bell had a home run and a .263 average.

The Wildcats competed with 63 teams from all over the U.S. A set schedule was played and then each team was ranked and placed into a single elimination bracket for Wednesday and Thursday. The Wildcats made it

into the second round of the bracket play before being defeated in a close game by Orland Park Magic from Illinois. Key defensive plays in the first round from Mitchell Hinson, Hogan Sellers and Jamie York allowed the wildcats to advance to the second round.

The week concluded on Thursday night with each player receiving a Cooperstown Dreams Park ring and induction into the Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

All-Stars win State Championship

The Gastonia All-Stars won the North Carolina Tarheel State Championship last week in Raleigh.

The all-Stars finished 4-1 in the tournament, which was delayed several times due to severe weather.

In game one, Gastonia defeated West Raleigh 7-2. Leading hitters were Caleb Henderson with 2-for-3, Dillon White with 2-for-3, and Tyler Ross with a home run.

Jeffrey Howell and Hunter Yarborough combined to pitch a three-hitter and strike out 10.

In game two, Gastonia defeated Southern Johnston County 4-2. Leading hitters were Rai Robinson with 2-for-3 and a home run. Jeffrey Howell and Preston Lee had one hit

each.

Lee went the distance on the mound, allowing only two hits and striking out five.

In the third game, Gastonia defeated Williamston 9-3. Rai Robinson and Dillon White each went 3-for-3, Jeffrey Howell was 3-for-4, and Brantley Blalock 2-for-3. Robinson had two home runs which accounted for six runs batted in.

Hunter Yarborough, Jeffrey Howell, Chris Waugh and Brantley Blalock combined to pitch a five-hitter and strike out nine.

In game four, Gastonia lost a close battle to Rocky Mount 9-8. After training 8-4 after four innings, Gastonia pulled within one before the final out

in the sixth.

Blalock led the hitting with 3-for-4 and a home run in the sixth inning. White was 3-for-4, and Tyler Ross 2-for-3 with a home run in the fourth.

Howell went the distance on the mound, scattering seven hits and fanning four.

In the championship game, Gastonia defeated Rocky Mount 6-3. Blalock went 3-for-4, Yarborough and Ross 2-for-4 each, Robinson with a home run, and Kyle Bell with 1-for-1.

Yarborough went the distance on the mound, giving up six hits and fanning four. The team backed him with good defense, including an outstanding play by Jonathan Henderson to keep Rocky Mount from scoring in the second.

SPORTS BRIEFS

One Stop to hold charity golf event

One Stop Food Stores will present its 21st annual charity golf tournament September 3 at Woodbridge Golf Links.

Proceeds benefit the Victory Junction Gang Camp, a member of the Paul Newman "Hole in the Wall Gang Camp." The camp was founded by Kyle and Pattie Petty in honor of their son, Adam Petty, and is scheduled to open in Randleman, NC in 2004. The camp will benefit terminally ill children from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Entry fee is \$100. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Hole sponsorship is \$150. For more information, call Kay Piercy at (704) 482-1495 ext. 134.

Registration set for Y fall sports

Kings Mountain Family YMCA is having sign-ups for recreational soccer, baseball and softball through Friday, August 15.

Anyone interested should stop by the YMCA for information.

This year 5-6 and up soccer players will be sanctioned by the North Carolina Youth Soccer Association and will be able to participate in sanctioned tournaments should the team agree.

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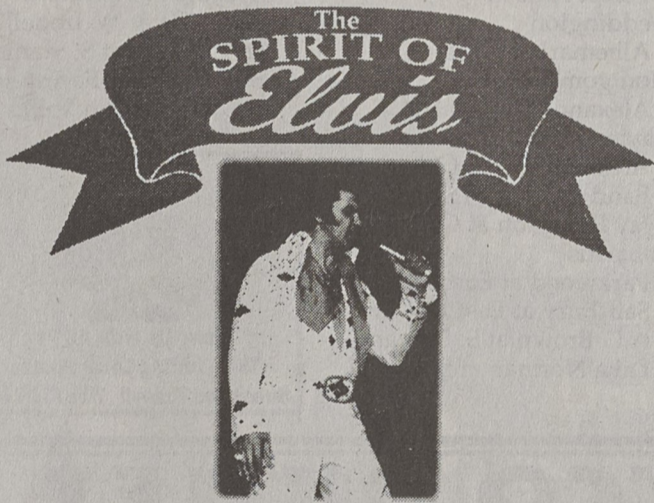
Player	No.	Grade	Position
Ryan Skibo	1	Soph.	RB
Kenny Cooper	2	Soph.	LB
Josh Gibson	3	Soph.	WR
Daniel Walters	5	Fr.	DB
Andy Allen	7	Fr.	WR
Terray Whitehurst	8	Fr.	DB
Antwan Ross	9	Fr.	RB
Darrick Marable	10	Fr.	RB
Ryan Burton	11	Soph.	QB
Blake Hewitt	12	Soph.	DB
Zenas Adkins	21	Jr.	DB
Tyrone Cannedy	22	Fr.	LB
Avery Jordan	23	Soph.	LB
George Mayes	24	Fr.	RB
Jesse Teague	26	Soph.	RB
Cory Branham	30	Fr.	DB
Drew Loftin	44	Fr.	DB
Demarius Grier	54	Soph.	DL
Nick Yeargin	55	Fr.	DL
CJ Cooke	60	Soph.	OL
David Clark	61	Fr.	DL
Josh Williams	63	Fr.	OL
Andrew Childers	65	Soph.	DL
Chase Gibson	56	Soph.	DL
Cogdill Casey	74	Soph.	OL
Logan Hardin	75	Fr.	OL
Craig Huffstetler	76	Soph.	OL
Nate Marable	84	Soph.	WR
Johnathan Brice	85	Fr.	WR
Zack Gillis	88	Fr.	WR

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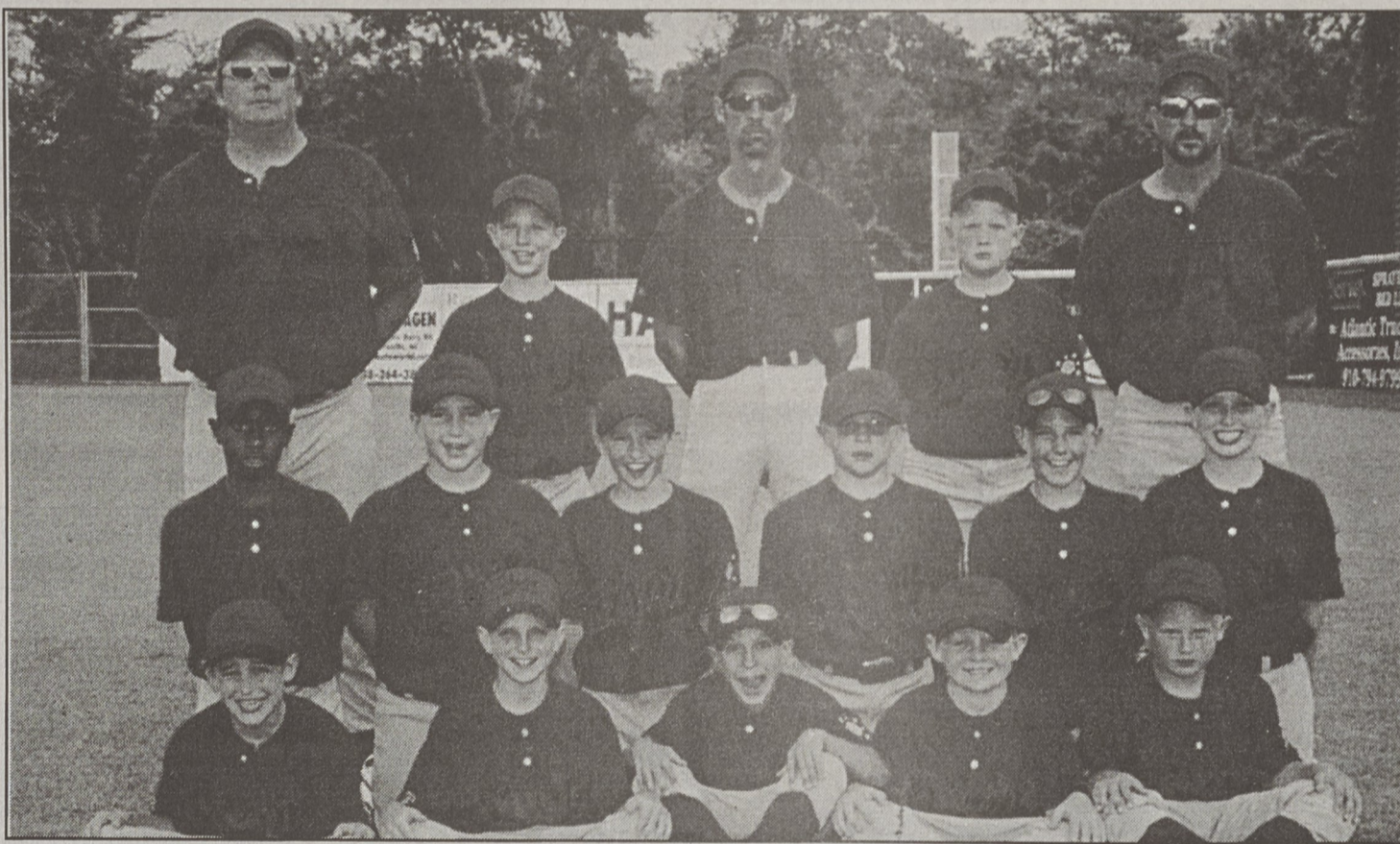
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The Tryon 9-10 year-old All-Stars recently finished second in the State Tournament at Carolina Beach. Tryon defeated Reidsville 6-2, Pleasure Island 11-1, Whiteville 14-7, Sardis 5-4 and District 3 Champion East Lincoln 5-3 to reach the championship best of three series. In the championship series, Tryon defeated Hope Mills 3-0 before losing 9-5 and 10-7. Tryon had qualified for the State by finishing second to East Lincoln in the district tournament. Team members include Chandler Benefield, Luke Kiser, Dylan Hastings, Thomas Best, Blake McLeymore, Dustin Millwood, Drew Knowles, Morgan Costner, Nick Poston, Zach McNeely, Daniel Hall, Casey Hutchins and Mitchel Mantooth. Coaches were Doug Hastings, Todd Mantooth and Jody Kiser.

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