



Kings Mountain's Tyler Leach dives head first back into first base to avoid pickoff attempt in semi-finals of the Shelby Savings Bank Easter Tournament Wednesday at Veteran's Field in Shelby. Burns won 3-2.

7-run third lifts Mounties over R-S 10-2

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers scored seven runs in the third inning and went on to blast R-S Central 10-2 in a Southwestern Foothills 3A Conference baseball game Monday night at Lancaster Field.

The loss was the first in conference play for the Hilltoppers and created a three-way tie for second place between R-S, KM and Burns, all with 2-1 league marks. Crest defeated St. Stephens 8-1 to run its conference record to 4-0.

Southpaw Trey Glass worked the first five innings to get the win. He gave up only three hits, including back-to-back home runs in the fourth by Brad Cummings and John Metcalf. Glass struck out nine.

Kevin Bell came on to

pitch the final two innings. He gave up two hits and fanned two.

Andy Hutchins went the route for R-S. The Mountaineers collected 11 hits, including two each by Josh Hendricks, Tyler Leach, Glass, Bradley Camp and Isaac Proctor, and one by Brad Moffitt.

The Mountaineers sent 11 men to the plate in the third inning. They loaded the bases with one away on two errors and an infield hit by Hendricks. Tyler Leach's double off the top of the left field fence put the Mountaineers on top 2-0, and after Glass walked Moffitt rattled the fence with another double to make the score 4-0.

An out later, Camp singled home a run to make See R-S, 2B



Trey Glass works on win over R-S Central Monday night at Lancaster Field.

KM third in Easter tourney

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers finished third in the Shelby Savings Bank Easter Tournament last week at Shelby High's Veteran's Field.

After defeating East Mecklenburg in their opener on Tuesday, the Mountaineers fell to eventual Tournament Champion Burns 3-2 on Wednesday and bounced back on Saturday to defeat the state's third-ranked 4A team, South Mecklenburg, 4-1.

Mountaineer senior Tyler Leach, who

hurlled four innings to get the win over South Mecklenburg and finished the tournament with a .667 batting average (6-for-9), was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Hitter.

Kings Mountain appeared well on the way to winning the championship on Wednesday when the Mountaineers led Burns 2-0 into the bottom of the sixth inning. Sophomore right-hander Ryan Leach was working on a one-hitter when the Bulldogs struck for three unearned runs.

Leach helped his own cause by belting a lead-off home run in the first inning. Brad Moffitt laced a double off the left-center field fence in the second and scored on a wild pitch to put the Mountaineers up 2-0.

Kings Mountain threatened on several other occasions but Burns pitcher Wayne McDonald and the Bulldogs' defense came up with key plays to shut down the Mountaineer rallies.

Isaac Proctor led off the third inning See KM, 2B



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Kings Mountain's Isaac Proctor is out trying to go from first to third base on an infield out in Wednesday's game with Burns in the Shelby Easter Tournament at Shelby High School.

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