

HOORAY! HOORAY! KM IN DIXIE STATE PLAYOFFS

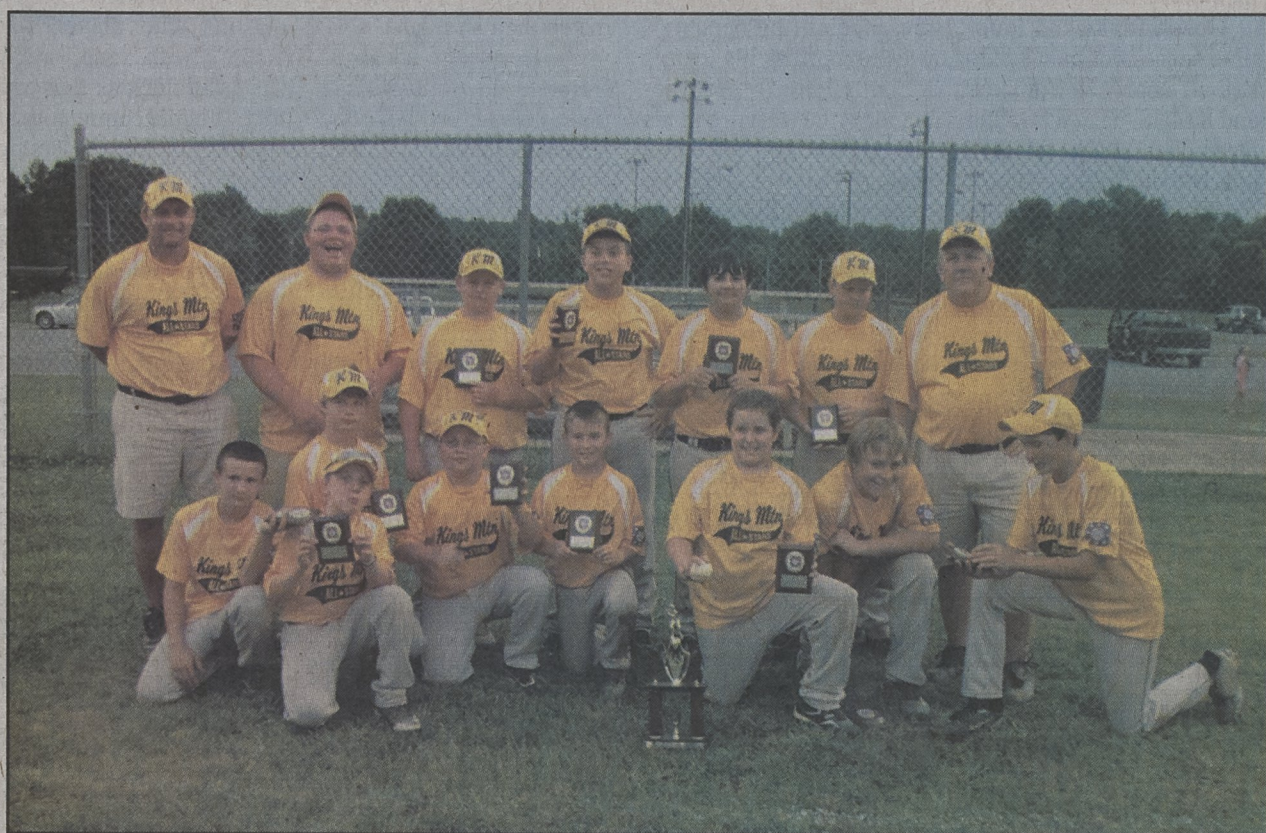


Photo by Sherry Wright

Kings Mountain 11-12 year old all-stars include Chad Johnson, front; second row, left to right, Holden Turner, David Bell, Matthew Huffstetler, Dax Hollifield and Hunter Cash. Third row, coaches Tim Johnson and Matthew Turner, Joey Blanton, Collin Franks, Phillip Barrett, Travis Wright and head coach John Gamble.

11-12 all-stars to play in State Dixie Youth tourney

Kings Mountain's 11-12 year-old Dixie Youth all-stars finished second in last week's district tournament at Tryon and will compete in the State Dixie Majors tournament beginning July 14 in Leland, NC.

The Kings Mountain team won its first four games at Tryon before falling in the championship games to the host Tryon team, 5-2 and 6-5.

In the first four games, Kings Mountain defeated Burke 8-7, West Lincoln

Rebels 5-3, Tryon 6-5 and Burke 7-6.

Several Kings Mountain players had big days at the plate and on the mound.

Phillip Barrett had seven hits, including a triple in game three.

David Bell pitched three and one-half innings, striking out five, and he also collected nine hits including a triple in game two.

Joey Blanton pitched six and one-half innings, giving up only two hits and striking

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KM's 8-9 year-olds 2-2 in state tournament

Kings Mountain's 8-9 year-old Dixie Youth all-stars finished 2-2 this week in the state tournament at Lockwood Folly, NC.

Kings Mountain has posted victories over Reidsville 6-5 and Kenansville 3-2, and lost to Dunn and Dallas 16-1.

Boone Cartee had a good tournament at shortstop, gunning down numerous

runners and turning two double plays. He also hit a home run in Sunday's win over Kenansville.

Others who played well include Isaiah Lowe, Chris Ruffalo and Drew Mannino.

Jason Cartee is Kings Mountain's head coach. Assistants are Jonathan Zyrble, Eddie Lovingood and Jeff Walker.



The 8-9 year-old Kings Mountain All-Stars were heading into another round of the Dixie Baseball State Playoffs, near Wilmington, Monday with two wins and one loss under their caps. Front row, left to right, Steven Spaces, Cameron Petty, Carson Kimmon, Kobe Zirbel, Marty Lovingood; back row, Parker Robinette, Kohen Johnson, Isaiah Lowe, Boone Cartee, Chris Ruffalo, Charlie Melton and Andrew Manino. Not pictured, Coaches Jason Cartee and Eddie Lovingood.

9-10 year-old all-stars 2-1 in district tournament



Front row, from left to right, Reese Ayscue, Belton Pressley, Nathan Phillips, Joe Ruffalo, Devin Pressley, Bradley Harmon. Second row, Max Johnson, Christian Welch, Silas Price, John Harmon Melton, George Long, Jake Woods. Back row, Coaches Rob Long, Erik Price, Brad Melton, Chris Harmon.

Kings Mountain's 9-10 year-old Dixie Youth baseball all-stars have won two lopsided games in the District Tournament at Chapel Grove Optimist Park but fell to Tryon 8-6 in the third round Monday night.

The KM team defeated Boger City 21-1 in its opening game Saturday. John Harmon Melton got the win, pitching two scoreless innings, striking out four and giving up only

one hit. Jake Woods pitched the last inning, giving up the only run and fanning one.

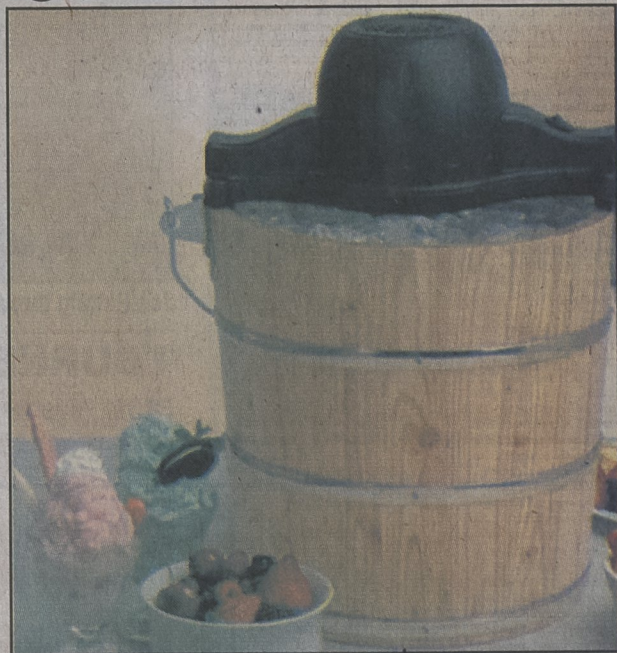
Reese Ayscue and Silas Price had two hits each while Jake Woods, John Harmon Melton, Joe Ruffalo, Christian Welch, George Long and Nathan Phillips added one

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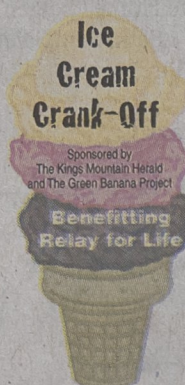


Jake Woods throws a pitch as Silas Price guards first.

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