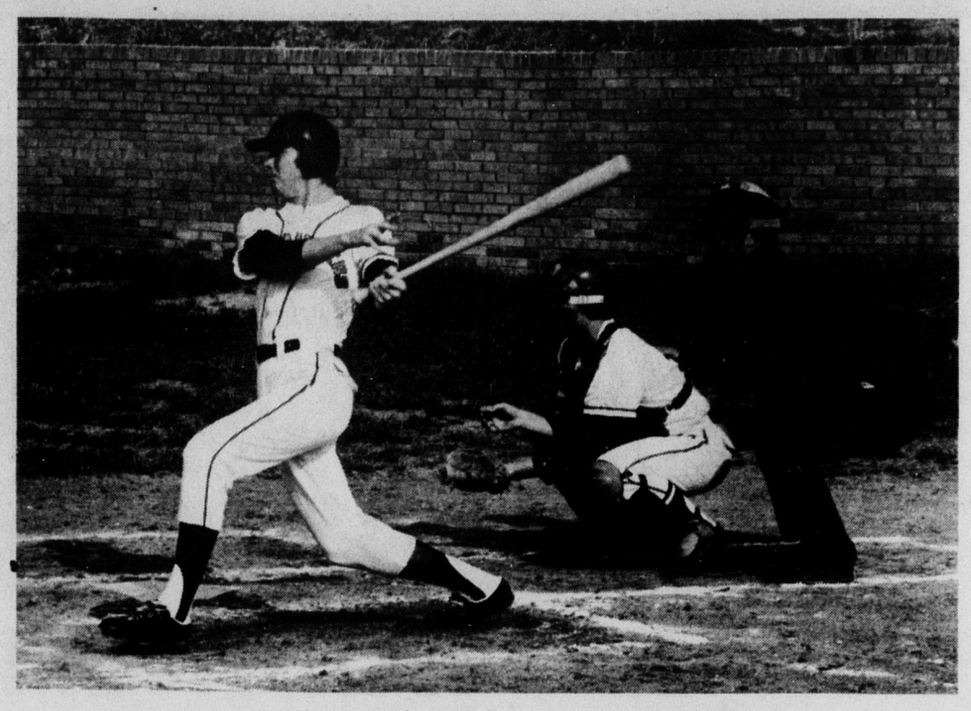
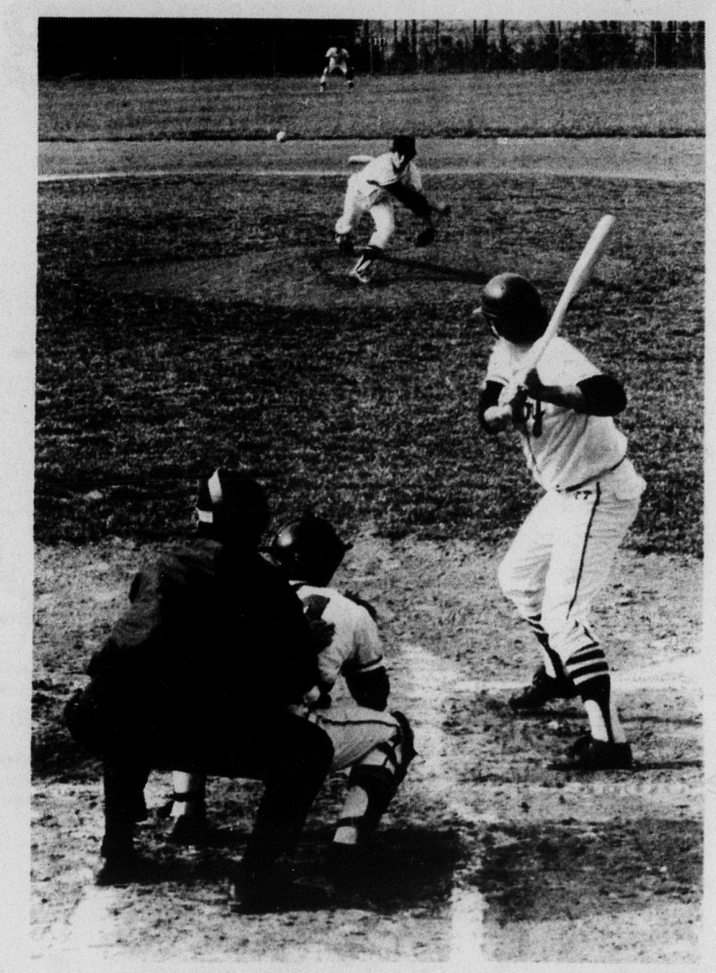


Grafton Withers taking a good cut



Keith Parker delivers the ball to a Shelby batter

KM Is Now 4-2 In Conference Play

Kings Mountain lost a game at home to Shelby Tuesday, 8-2 which gives them a 4-2 conference record so far this year. The other loss was to South Point last week.

According to Coach Gibson, the leading pitcher this year Danny Hartsoe who is 2 &0.

Grafton Withers, David Bolin and Keith Parker are the leading batters, all around 425.

Mirror Photos By Lem Lynch

Local Softball Season To Start Soon

BY TONY TOMPKINS

Kings Mountain's Recreational Softball Leagues will officially get under way on May 1st at the Community Center. The six team National League will have teams from Craftspun, Mica Mine, Duplex, Champion Landscaping, Spectrum and Carolina Throwing. Carolina Throwing is the defending National League and City League Champions.

Carolina Throwing is managed by Ted Guffey. Returning Players are Gary Oliver, Jerry Barrett, Bruce Jones, Billy Rainey, Ted Guffey, Jackie Peterson and Tony Tompkins. Newcomers are David Bullock, Bobby Greene, Sonny Jackson, Steve Lackey, Bill Parker, Timmy Oliver, Steve Parker and Mike Sanders. Gary Oliver and Jerry Barrett led in hitting last year with .600 averages while Tompkins led the mound corps with 45 wins against 13 losses.

The other league teams will be previewed next week along with the American League and the Church Leagues.

Softball Schedule 1972

NATIONAL LEAGUE

May 1	May 4	May 8
1-6	6-4	5-3
2-5	1-5	6-2
3-4	2-3	1-4

May 11	May 15
1-3	4-5
4-2	1-2
5-6	3-6

May 18	May 22
1-6	6-4
2-5	1-5
3-4	3-2

May 25	May 29	June 1
5-3	1-3	5-4
6-2	4-2	1-2
1-4	5-6	3-6

June 5	June 8	June 12
1-6	6-4	5-3
2-5	1-5	1-4
3-4	2-3	2-6

June 15	June 19	June 22
1-3	4-5	1-6
4-2	1-2	2-5
5-6	3-6	3-4

June 26	June 29	July 10
6-4	5-3	1-3
1-5	6-2	4-2
2-3	6-2	5-6

July 13	July 17	July 20
4-5	1-6	6-4
1-2	2-5	1-5
3-6	3-4	2-3

July 24	July 27	July 31
5-3	1-3	4-5
6-2	4-2	1-2
1-4	5-6	3-6

Craftspun -- 1
Mica Mine -- 2
Duplex -- 3
Champion -- 4
Spectrum -- 5
Carolina Throwing -- 6

Games at : 6:30, 7:30, 8:30.

Public Doesn't Care If Baseball Is Played Or Not!

by John Kilgo

When major league baseball players went on strike, they discovered an overriding fact that must be most disturbing: The American people don't give a flip if baseball is played in this country or not.

I have never seen the sports public so united. Almost to the person, they felt the players were acting like a bunch of greedy hot dogs.

A .240 hitter can stay in the big leagues for four years and be eligible for a $245-a-month pension at the tender age of 50.

Your neighbor works 45 years for the privilege of retiring at 65 with Social Security benefits that average about $265 a month.

None of this is to say that the owners are guiltless. Charlie Finley has fired eight managers in nine years and that ought to tell you something.

But in this instance, the owners were right and the players, urged along by their $50,000 - a - year mouthpiece, Marvin Miller, were dead wrong.

There is some good coming out of all of this. The players that you pay money to see are no more "sports" minded than your corner bricklayer. They are union members driving the hardest bargain possible.

The fans don't even enter into the picture. How many times have you seen a batter hit a ground ball and walk to first base?

The fans booed Reds' catcher Johnny Bench and he's perplexed. "Don't they remember what I did for them last year?" he asks.

Mr. Bench did nothing for the fans. He did it to fatten his pocketbook. They pay to see him hit. If he doesn't hit, they boo. What do you do if the dentist pulls the wrong tooth, applaud?

The players have proven that baseball is strictly a dollars and cents proposition.

They dug the hole. They have revealed their true purpose.

They don't worry about giving the fans a show. The fans shouldn't worry about them, not for a minute.

Speaking as one person, I would like to spend an entire summer without major league baseball. I think I could make it just fine.

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Speaking of strikes, I have more respect for Baltimore linebacker Mike Curtis than I ever had before. Remember what Curtis did when football players were talking strike? He went to training camp by himself and got ready to play.

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One Man's Opinion: The best athlete in America is Jerry West. When the chips are down, West is just a little better than human. He soars to the basket like an eagle going back to its roost. And when he decides to put the ball in the hoop, all the defensive man can do about it is to ask the West Virginian to autograph it.

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When Arnold Palmer dropped that ten-foot clip shot into the sand at Greensboro last week, he reminded me of Wong Culp in last year's Glidden Paint Company Four Ball. . .Nothing personal, but watching George Archer win a golf tournament is about as exciting as mowing the sideyard.

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Politicians aren't the only ones who take polls. One was recently taken to rate the sportscasters. Know who finished on the bottom?

Just another pretty face.

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May Be

He who laughs last may be trying to be polite to the person who told the story.

-Blade, Toledo.

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Reasonable

Two reasons why women don't wear last year's gowns: They don't want to and they can't.

-Topics, Cuneo, Ia.

Speedway Attempts Opening

The Shelby Speedway, snowed out, rained out and froze out, attempts to officially open its 1972 stock car racing season Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at the half-mile dirt oval.

The regular Friday night races will also be run Friday night at the Cherokee Speedway, located just-off I-85 and S. C. Highway 18 near Gaffney, S. C.

Chuck Piazza, Spartanburg, S. C. veteran, driving a Camaro, and Shelby's Preston Humphries, driving the Lloyd Self-built Chevy II, ran off with the Late Model Sportsman heat races at Gaffney Friday night before thunder showers halted the main event.

Mike Humphries, Carl Smart, J. C. Evans, Freddy Smith, Mike Duvall, Bill Monteeth, Tommy Robbs and W. C. Earl were other Sportsman favorites on hand.

Bennett Clontz, Morganton, has assured Promoter A. E. Humphries he'll have his new car ready for this week's races on Friday and Saturday nights. Events are also slated in the Hobby and Rookie divisions at both tracks.

PILOT EXAMINATIONS

Federal Aviation Administration Surgeon Dr. P. V. Siegal has voiced a complaint that some doctors permit airline pilots to continue flying by not reporting such serious ailments as alcoholism, heart disease or mental trouble.

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

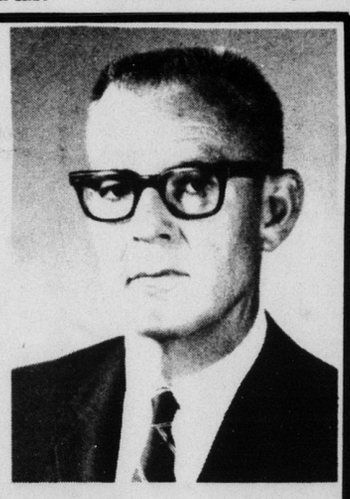
1. How old was Gil Hodges?
2. Who won the Greensboro Open?
3. Who won the Ali-Foster fight?
4. How many times did Floyd Patterson fight Sonny Liston?
5. How did the fights end?

Answers to Sports Quiz

1. 47.
2. George Archer.
3. Muhammad Ali by 15-round decision.
4. Twice, 1962 and '63.
5. Liston knocked him out twice in 1st round.

L.E. (Josh) Hinnant

Wants Your Vote For Cleveland County Commissioner



Democratic Primary May 6

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** Lutheran * Banker*

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71 PINTO 2-DOOR $1795
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10 Passenger V8 engine, automatic trans. Power steering, power disc brakes, FACTORY AIR, tilt steering wheel, power electric windows. AM FM stereo radio, whitewall tires, wheel covers, luggage rack.

70 OPEL KADETT WAGON $1595
Automatic transmission, radio, whitewall tires, luggage rack. Low mileage. Real clean.

70 TORINO GT $2195
V8 engine with Ram Air, Cruise o matic trans. Radio, whitewalls, wheel covers. Red with black vinyl interior. Local one owner.

70 VW SQUAREBACK $1895
Radio, whitewalls. Local one owner. Low mileage. Extra clean.

69 MERCURY MONTEGO MX $1795
4 door V8, automatic, power steering, deluxe vinyl interior, radio, whitewalls, wheel covers. Local one owner. Extra clean.

69 VOLKSWAGEN SUNROOF $1395
Radio, whitewall tires. Real clean.

68 PONTIAC EXECUTIVE $1695
V8, automatic transmission, FACTORY AIR, power steering and brakes, radio, whitewall tires.

68 DODGE POLARA WAGON $1595
6 passenger. Automatic, power brakes, power steering, FACTORY AIR, radio, heater, whitewall tires. Local one owner. A nice wagon.

67 COMET CALIENTE CONV $1295
V8 engine, automatic trans. Radio, whitewalls. Local one owner. Canary yellow with black top and black vinyl interior.

66 OLDS CUTLASS 2-Dr. ..... $ 995
V8 Automatic, bucket seats, vinyl trim, whitewalls.

Trucks

71 FORD SPORT CUSTOM $2895
Pickup. V8, cruise o matic, radio, whitewall tires, 2 tone paint. Step bumper.

70 CHEV. ½ TON PICKUP $2195
Short box, 6 cylinder, standard transmission. Local one owner. Real clean.

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