

Sports Mirror

by Tony Tompkins

Champion's #2 is the only local team left in the District 23 Tournament being held at City Stadium. Here's hoping they make it to the area tournament.

as we only will run the contest for two more weeks. Pick your All-Star teams for both the Industrial and Church Leagues.

Champion's #2 continues to lead the Industrial League with Carolina Throwing, Craftsman and Duplex following closely behind. Games this weekend could really determine the seedings for the playoffs as well as the championship.

Watch for the pairings in the Industrial League Playoffs to be announced next week. There should be some surprises. See you next week.

The Virginia Beach "Pile-drivers" beat the McAdenville "Reds" three out of four games to win the World Series of Slowpitch softball last week. Shortstop H.T. Waller of Virginia Beach was named Most Valuable Player. Outfielder Johnny Dollar of Virginia Beach was like money in the bank as he hit 8 home runs in the series.

INDUSTRIAL RESULTS

Gas. Knit (F)	7-0	Skidmore's
Craftsman (F)	7-0	Spectrum
Duplex	6-5	Dacey
Spectrum	17-2	Mica Mine

INDUSTRIAL STANDINGS

	Won	Loss	Pct.
Champion's #2	20	2	.909
Car. Throwing	20	4	.833
Craftsman	17	4	.810
Duplex	15	7	.682
Dacey	11	11	.500
Gastonia Knit	11	13	.458
Spectrum	8	15	.348
Mica Mine	5	18	.217
Skidmore's *	5	22	.185
Oxford	3	19	.136

* - Season Ended.

WOMEN'S CHURCH STAND.

	Won	Loss	Pct.
Oak Grove #1	8	0	1.000
El Bethel	5	2	.714
Macedonia	3	3	.500
Buffalo	2	3	.400
Bethlehem	2	4	.333
Oak Grove #2	2	5	.286
Temple	1	5	.167

Howard's Furniture continues to lead the Tar Heel League and their hitters continue to punish opposing pitchers. In games with Champion's #1 recently, they hit six home runs up into the graveyard. That is quite a ways for a softball to travel.

Be sure and mail your All-Star choices into the Mirror,

KM Wins Area Tourney

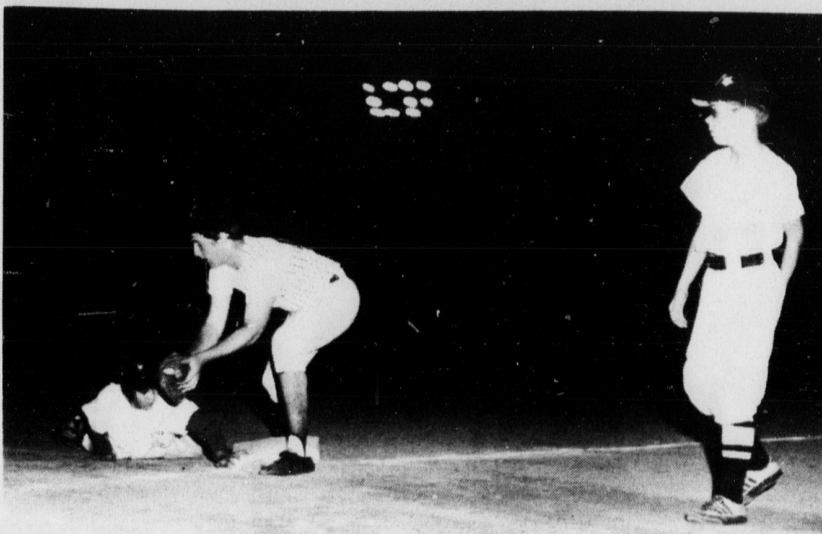
The Kings Mountain Little Tar Heel League All-Stars won the Area 2 Championship Monday night at Deal Street by beating Dallas 4 to 1 behind the three hit pitching of Steve Lancaster. Big Steve struck out eleven and walked only one. Steve and Ronnie Wilson each got 1 hit in two trips to the plate.

Dallas won over Gastonia 7 to 1 and beat St. Stephens 18 to 8 before losing to Kings Mountain. The Mountaineers had earlier beat Tryon by a 16 to 2 score.

Kings Mountain now travels to Concord for a game on August 7th. Let's hope they can go all the way.

Steve Lancaster, Ronnie Wilson, David Roberson and Scott Ellis made the All-Tournament team for Kings Mountain.

True Scientists endeavoring to reach absolute zero might examine some political speeches. -Constitution, Atlanta.



Kings Mountain's Steve Lancaster tags out an unidentified Tryon player at first base as Kings Mountain won 16 to 2 in first round action. (Photo by I. G. Alexander)

Optimist Pee-Wees Enter Gaston League

The 1972 Optimist Pee Wee and Mighty Mite Football Teams announced their plans to enter the Gaston Pee Wee and Mighty Mite Football League again this year. The two teams, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Optimist Club and the City Recreation Department, will play a nine-game schedule to begin in early September.

The Pee Wee Team, nicknamed the "Little Mountaineers," will be coached by Jimmy Littlejohn and Charles Burns and all boys between the ages of 10 and 13 who weigh around 100 lbs. or less are urged to register by contacting either coach before August 12. Jimmy Littlejohn may be contacted at his home (739-4965) after 5 p.m. and Charles Burns may be contacted at his home (739-3665) after 5 p.m. All boys will also be required to fill out a registration form this year. These forms are available at the Kings Mountain Community Center or may be obtained from either of the coaches. The Mighty Mites, called

the "Baby Mountaineers" will be coached by Joe Cornwell and all boys between the ages of 9 and 12 who weigh less than 80 pounds are urged to contact Coach Littlejohn, Coach Burns, or Joe Cornwell (739-2916) and fill out a registration form and return the form to Roy Pearson at the Community Center. The registration forms may also be turned in to either of the three coaches.

At present, all practice sessions, to commence August 14, are scheduled to be held at the Deal Street Park. All games (a schedule will be released at a later date) will be played at the High School Stadium. The Gaston Pee Wee and Mighty Mite Football League, which is deemed by most people as the toughest league in this area, is supervised by the Gastonia Recreation Department and consists of teams from Groves Threads, Belmont, Mt. Holly, Lowell, Bessemer City, Gastonia (2), Cherryville, Stanley, and Kings Mountain.

Cherokee 200 Attracting Greats For Prize

The Cherokee 200, the biggest and richest event ever staged here at Cherokee Speedway, is attracting some of the all-time greats in the stock car racing world for a shot at \$5,000 in prize money Saturday night.

The big event will feature 200 laps of racing, with 120 laps in the Late Model Sportsman Division and 80 laps in the Hobby Division. The Sportsman winner will take home \$1,000 and the Hobby winner will claim \$300, plus there'll be extra money for the Sportsman leader on the 25th, 50th and 75th laps.

Saturday's special race will begin promptly at 7 p.m., one hour earlier than on regular racing nights.

Gaffney's Charlie Blanton, winner of the last two Sportsman events here, is rated as the favorite, but in such a big test of men and machinery, anything can happen. The veteran race driver, who pilots a Toy Bolton-engineered '69 Camaro, has won 13 races at area tracks this season.

Gaffney's Jerry Bullock is expected to lead a large field of Hobbies that will include Morganton's Arthur Bollinger, Gaffney's Jerry Gantt, Spartanburg's Don Sisk, and many others.

Admission for this special event will be \$4.50 for adults and \$1 for children from 6 to 12. Many special prizes will be awarded to ticket holders.

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

- Who won the Ali-Lewis fight?
- Who holds the homerun record with one team?

Answers to Sports Quiz

- Ali, in the 11th by TKO.
- Hank Aaron overtook Babe Ruth's record July 19th.

Kilgo On Sports

Hommer Smith, former head football coach at Davidson, is now an assistant on the staff of Pepper Rodgers at UCLA. Smith has moved into a nice beach-front house in the Los Angeles area and is enjoying his role as an assistant coach. He can let someone else catch the devil for a season or two.

If Hank Aaron breaks Babe Ruth's home run record, will sportswriters continue to describe every ball hit over the fence as a "Ruthian clout...?" David Lemmonds, a former baseball pupil of UNC's Walter Rabb, is doing a highly respectable job in the pitching rotation for the Chicago White Sox. Coach Rabb always liked Lemmonds' competitive fire.

One American League batter, after watching California's Nolan Ryan fan him on three pitches, said: "That dude's faster than instant coffee."

How would you like to be the coach of the Memphis Pros of the ABA? You'd be working for owner Charlie Finley and general manager Adolph Rupp. I'd feel more secure trying to sell Hershey's chocolate to the Weight Watchers Club.

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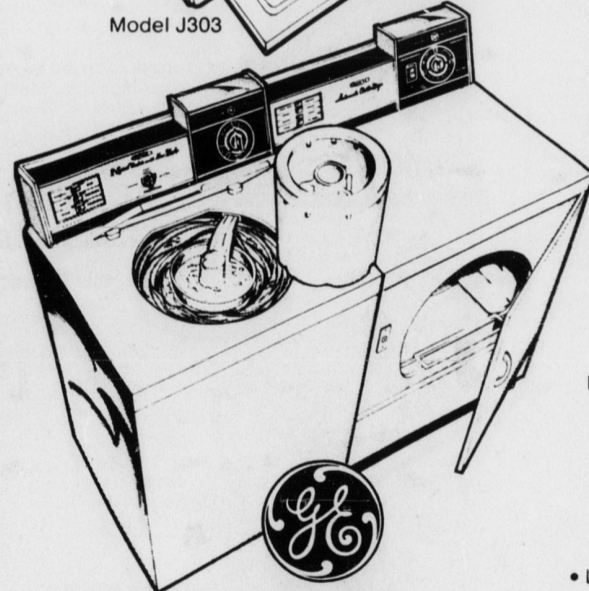
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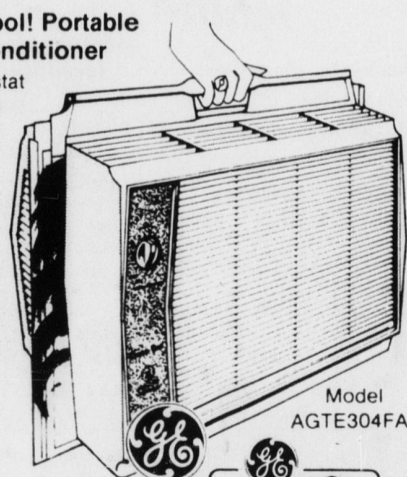
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