

Thompson Sets Mark

Jimmy Thompson, Kings Mountain High sophomore trackster, streaked to a new school record in the 100 yard dash last Thursday in a Southwestern Conference track meet at John Gamble Stadium.

Thompson posted a run of 9.9 seconds to win the event over Bessemer City's Goldie Byers and help lead the Mountaineers to a second place finish in overall team competition.

Burns won the event with 107 points, followed by the Mountaineers with 85, Bessemer City with 46½ and E. Rutherford with 20½.

It was the second straight second place finish for the Mountaineers, who travel to South Point's Lineberger Stadium this afternoon for a SWC meet with South Point, Lincoln and Cherryville.

Thompson copped two events as the Mountaineers finished first in six events. In addition to his record run in the 100 yard dash, he posted a time of 53.7 seconds to win the 440.



Record Run

KMHS TRACK ACTION - Two Kings Mountain High track standouts are shown in action during last Thursday's Southwestern Conference meet at John Gamble Stadium. In photo at left, sophomore speedster Jimmy Thompson, far right, barely edges Bessemer City's Goldie Byers, second from left, to set a new KMHS record of 9.9 seconds in the 100 yard dash. In lower

photo, senior long distance runner Roy Putnam cruises along to victory in the mile run. Thompson and Rusty Cloninger each copped a pair of wins and Putnam and Carl Roseboro had one win each to lead the Mountaineers to a second place finish in the event.

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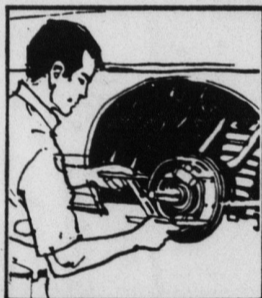
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Mounties Defeat NG

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers gave probably their best overall effort of the season here Monday in defeating North Gaston 7-4 in a Southwestern Conference Division One baseball game. The Mountaineers had their best day at the plate, collecting nine hits off North Gaston righthander, Tim Rhinehart, and received good pitching themselves from righthanders Chuck Austin and Kenny Farias.

Richard Gillespie, making his first start in rightfield, and Jimmy Fitts sparked the Mountaineers at the plate with a pair of hits each. Gillespie had a single and two-run homer to drive in three runs and Fitts had a single and triple to plate a pair of runs. Austin pitched well despite a painful mouth injury suffered in practice last Friday. He lost a couple of teeth when hit with a baseball as the Mountaineers practiced in the KMHS gym.

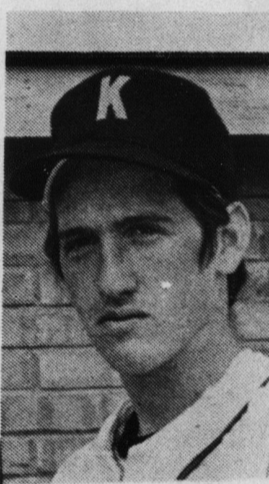
The junior worked on a no-hitter for three and one-third innings and finished with a seven-hitter. Four of North Gaston's hits came in the fifth inning when they scored three runs off Austin to cut the Mountaineer lead to 5-4.

Austin had to have relief help from Farias in the seventh. The senior righthander came on with two men on base and nobody out and quickly worked a double play and strikeout to end the game.

Austin scored the winning run in the first inning when he singled with two away, stole second and scored on a single by Fitts. Fitts scored on a single by Gillespie to make it 2-0.

North Gaston picked up an unearned run in the second to make it 2-1, then KM put the game out of reach with three in the third. Gillespie produced a pair with his long homer over the centerfield fence and the Mounties added another on a walk to Monte Falls, single by Hal Glass and a North Gaston error.

A couple of misjudged balls by the Mountaineer defense helped the Wildcats score their three runs in the fifth but KMHS added a pair of insurance runs in the sixth to nail down their third Division One win in five outings. Steve Southwell singled and scored on a triple by Fitts and Fitts later scored on an error.



RICHARD GILLESPIE ... Two-run homer

BOXSCORE					
N. Gaston	AB	R	H	RBI	
Doolittle, 3b	3	1	1	0	
Boggs, 3b	1	0	1	0	
Broome, 2b	4	1	1	0	
Pasour, cf-p	4	1	1	2	
Ratchford, c	4	0	2	1	
Gingles, lf	3	1	0	0	
Cloninger, 1b	1	0	0	0	
Bowden, 1b	1	0	1	0	
Edison, ss	3	0	0	0	
Rhinehart, p	2	0	0	0	
Shaw, cf	1	0	0	0	
Lambert, rf	2	0	0	0	
Crampton, rf	1	0	0	0	
Totals	30	4	7	3	

Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Van Dyke, cf	3	0	1	0
Southwell, 2b	4	1	1	0
Austin, p	4	1	1	0
Farias, p	0	0	0	0
Fitts, 3b	3	3	2	2
Payne, lf	2	0	0	0
Baird, lf	0	0	0	0
Gillespie, rf	4	1	2	3
Hartsoe, c	4	0	0	0
M. Falls, 1b	2	1	1	0
Glass, ss	2	0	1	0
Totals	28	7	9	5

By innings: T NG 010 030 0 4 KM 203 002 x 7

E--Fitts, Payne, Hartsoe, Doolittle, Ratchford. LOB--KM 9, NG 7. 2b-Ratchford. 3b-Pasour, Fitts. HR-Gillespie. SB-Southwell, Austin, Fitts 2.

Pitcher:	IP	H	BB	SO
Rhinehart (L)	5 2/3	9	5	4
Pasour	1-3	0	0	0
Austin (W)	6	7	2	4
Farias	1	0	0	1

Save-Farias. PB-Ratchford. HBP-Fitts, by Rhinehart. T: 2:10.

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