

Smith Named Captain

A's At Home This Weekend

Kings Mountain's A's semi-pro baseballers open Triple County League play Saturday at Davidson Park against the Biscoe Chargers.

Game time is set for 4 p. m. and admission is free.

Coach Bubbles Brown, who played with the Albemarle entry in the 10-team league last summer, has announced the starting lineup for Saturday's opener, and also Sunday's 4 p. m. home game with the Charlotte Astros.

"In these first two games," Brown noted, "we're going to be starting two different lineups and get a good idea of what we've got."

Darrell Forrester, a Gastonia southpaw who played in the Pittsburgh Pirate organization in the early sixties, will open on the mound Saturday.

day and David Williams, a former Gardner-Webb standout, will draw the starting assignment Sunday.

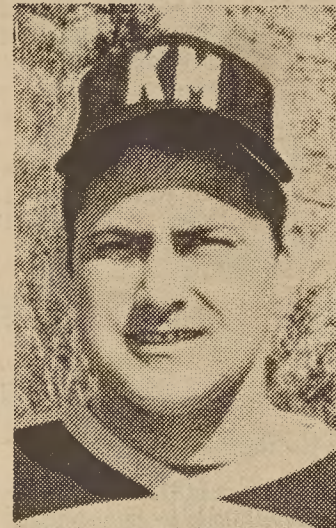
Mike Smith, the former Kings Mountain High All-Conference shortstop, has been elected team captain and Brown predicts he will be one of the top players in the league.

Saturday's lineup, in addition to Smith and Forrester, will include Bubbles Pearson at first base, Wayne Bridges at second, Charles Rhodes at third, Otis Cole in rightfield, Danny McDowell in center, Gary Oliver in left and Tony Leigh behind the plate.

Sunday's lineup, in addition to Smith and Williams on the mound, will include



MIKE SMITH



DARRELL FORRESTER



BUBBLES BROWN

Donnie Stokes at first, Todd Rhodes at second, Pedro

McNeal at third, Don Sessoms in right, McDowell in center,

Oliver in left and Clarence Ash behind the plate.

Mitchem, Hartsoe Key Win

Susan Mitchem copped four first places and Susan Hartsoe three Thursday afternoon at John Gamble Stadium to lead Kings Mountain High's girls track team to a season-opening 58½ to 56½ victory over Bessemer City.

Mitchem, a sophomore, won the 220 yard dash in 29.3 seconds; the 100 yard dash in 12.8 seconds; the high jump with a leap of four feet; six inches, and the running long jump with a jump of 12 feet, 10 inches.

Hartsoe copped the softball throw with a toss of 153 feet, two inches; the shot put with a heave of 28 feet, five inches; and the discus with a toss of 77 feet, 4½ inches.

Sheila Turner picked up KM's other first place, winning the 50 yard dash in seven seconds flat.

Glenda O'Shields, girls physical education instructor at KMHS, is head coach of the Mountaineers.

Little Loop Tryouts Set

All youngsters who did not play little league baseball last summer and plan to play this year are urged to be at Deal Street Park Saturday at 3 p. m.

Coaches will be on hand to draft the new players and any coaches who can't attend must have a representative present.

Recreation director Roy Pearson said all youngsters who played last year must report back to the same team. In case of any disputes as to which team players must report to, the coaches involved must present their arguments in writing to assistant recreation director Elmer Ross.

Pearson said coaches should inform Ross of their work schedule so a practice schedule can be set up. Ross may be contacted at the community center (739-3549) daily from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Jr. High Wins Third

Kings Mountain Junior High's baseballers, leading the Foothills Conference with a perfect 3-0 record, host Lincoln Friday afternoon.

The Patriots copped their third straight at home Tuesday, trouncing West Lincoln 9-2 behind the four-hit pitching of David Cobb.

Cobb, a southpaw, also carried a big stick for the Patriots as he slammed a home run. Tim Chapman laced a three-run triple for the Pats and Tim Whitaker had a two-run double.

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Caskey, Kale (3) and Ellis. Cobb and Whitaker.

Final BR Tryouts Set

The last registration day for Babe Ruth League baseball will be Saturday at 3 p. m. at Deal Street Park.

All youngsters age 13-15 who have not yet signed up must do so Saturday.

Gibson Named Coach

Legion Will Field Team

Don't sweat, baseball fans. Kings Mountain will field a legion baseball team this summer.

A report in a Shelby paper Tuesday listing the Area Four participants for 1975 did not include Kings Mountain and Area Four commissioner Carl Wilson's phone has been ringing ever since with calls from worried fans who got the impression that Otis D. Green Post 155 would not field a team for the first time since who-knows-when.

But, Wilson assured, the reporter simply failed to list KM as a league member.

"Kings Mountain will definitely field a team," remarked Wilson, and that statement was dittoed by Gene Tignor, the Post 155 athletic officer.

"I'll admit," noted Tignor, "that a few months ago it looked like we wouldn't be able to field a team. And we still will probably have to ask area businesses to help us out. But the executive board has already voted to field a team."

Wilson will preside over a meeting of all Area Four teams Sunday afternoon in Shelby, at which time he'll propose a slight realignment of teams.

Wilson's suggesting that Kings Mountain and Cherryville-Lincolnton be placed in the division with four Mecklenburg County teams and Gastonia and Belmont be placed in the western division.

If that proposal is adopted, that will mean KM and Cherryville will be competing with Paw Creek, Newell,

Charlotte 262 and Charlotte 380. The other division, which KM and Cherryville have played in during past years, will include Gastonia, Belmont, Shelby, Rutherford County, Burke County and Hickory.

The season is scheduled to begin in late May and first round playoffs will begin in early July.

Barry Gibson, the veteran Kings Mountain High School coach, will again serve as head coach of Post 155 and will be assisted again by David Bolin.

Kings Mountain loses only two players from last year's squad, infielder Jimmy Fitts and outfielder-catcher Darrell Van Dyke.

Returning players include David Lancaster, Steve South-

well, Thomas McNeal, Hal Glass, Tony Payne, Chuck Austin, Monte Falls, Dale Hartsoe, Kenny Falls, John McGill, Richard Gillespie, Kevin Ford and Perry Eury.

KM Golfers Away Today

Kings Mountain High's golfers will be at Cherryville today.

The Mountaineers finished fourth in a four-team event Tuesday at Gallagher Trails in Dallas.

Kings Mountain scores included Tom Tate 81, Gary Howze 85, John Gamble 86, Jim Lybrand 86, Mitch Howze 87 and Steve Anderson 89.



TOURNEY CHAMPS - Here's the Macedonia Baptist Church boys basketball team which defeated regular season champ Second Baptist 76-67 recently for the church league tournament championship. Players include, first row, left to right, Scott Summitt, Wes Champion, Mark Champion, Terry Cain and Mike Spears.

Second row, Bryan White, David Huffstetler, David Scruggs and Jeff Cloninger. Back row, coach Chuck Boheler, Richard Anderson, Kenny Ballies, Ronnie Wilson and Steve Anderson. Steve Anderson copped the tourney most valuable player award.

Four-Team Meet

Cindermens At Shelby

Kings Mountain High's boys tracksters get their third test of the season this afternoon when they participate in a four-team meet at Shelby.

The Mountaineers will be battling the host Lions, South Point and East Gaston in the Southwestern Conference

meet. South Point, which has made great strides in track the past few years, will draw the favorite's nod but Coach Steve Baker of the Mountaineers is confident this team will make a strong showing. In two earlier meets this

year, the Mountaineers defeated Bessemer City and dropped a one-point decision to a strong North Gaston team.

The Mountaineers have been most impressive this spring in the sprints, jumping and throwing events.

The 440-relay team has won two easy first places with William Thompson, Jim Thompson, Al Eddins and Tony Falls comprising the team. Coach Baker feels the Mountaineers could possibly be the conference's best in that department.

Senior Rusty Cloninger has been strong in the high jump and pole vault and easily won those events in the first two meets. His strongest competition in the high jump thus far has come from his own teammate, Tony Falls.

Big Carl Roseboro has been impressive in the discus and shot put but will probably receive his toughest competition today.

The Mountaineers were idle last week because of the Easter holidays and Baker used that extra time to get in some additional practice sessions.

Tee League

Final tryouts for tee league baseball will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Deal Street Tee League Field.

All youngsters ages seven, eight and nine who have not yet joined a team must attend Saturday's tryout if they intend to play.



Photo By Gary Stewart

UP AND OVER - Kings Mountain senior trackster Tony Falls is shown here clearing 5'11" in the high jump at a recent track meet with North Gaston. The Mountaineers travel to Shelby today for a four-team Southwestern Conference meet.

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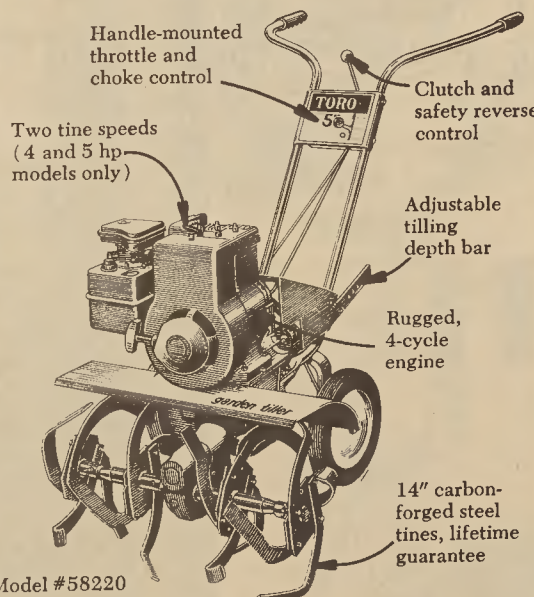
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