



**STARTS HOMER PARADE**—Tommy Batchler of the KM Americans rounds first after hitting homer in bottom of the first that started his team on the way to the Dixie Youth Major baseball title Friday at Tryon. Batchler was also the winning pitcher in the 11-4 win.



**OUT AT HOME**—Marty Bridges of the Kings Mountain Nationals is tagged out at home by John Yarbrow of the KM Americans in Friday's title game in the Dixie Youth Major League tourney at Tryon. The Americans won 11-4.

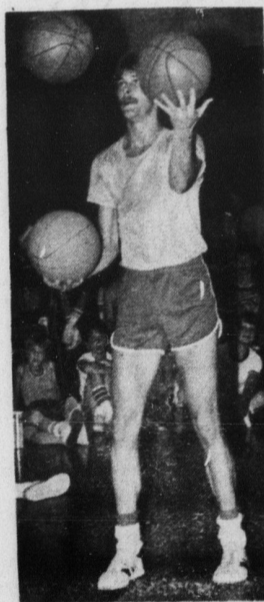
## To Appear In KM Camp

"This year's Basketball Camp of the Stars promises to be packed with all the excitement of any camp around," says George Adams, Athletic Director of the Camp and of the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Dept. We want to bring in the people who can help these kids develop their talents.

Carl Clayton is one of the people that has developed his own skills. Carl does a number of ball handling drills that improve hand-eye coordination, which is important in basketball. Carl says he loves to do

drills because without them you will never get better. The best way to get kids to do drills is add a little fun to them; make it fun while still improving the player's coordination. Carl's last appearance was in front of three hundred campers at Gardner Webb College. Carl's next appearance will be to perform for the registered campers of the Kings Mountain Basketball Camp of the Stars on Tuesday, July 31st.

Registration began the 23rd and will run through the 27th in the Athletic Director's Office at Deal Community Center.



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## Grid Physicals Set

Kings Mountain High School football prospects are reminded that physical examinations will be given at the John Gamble Stadium fieldhouse August 1 at 7 p.m.

play football this fall must have a physical.

Head Coach Dan Brooks said pre-season practice will begin on August 2 at 7:30 a.m. Players will spend a week of con-

ditioning drills before beginning heavy practice.

The Mountaineers, hoping to improve on last year's 5-5 record, open their Southwestern 3-A Conference season on Fri., Sept. 7 against Burns.

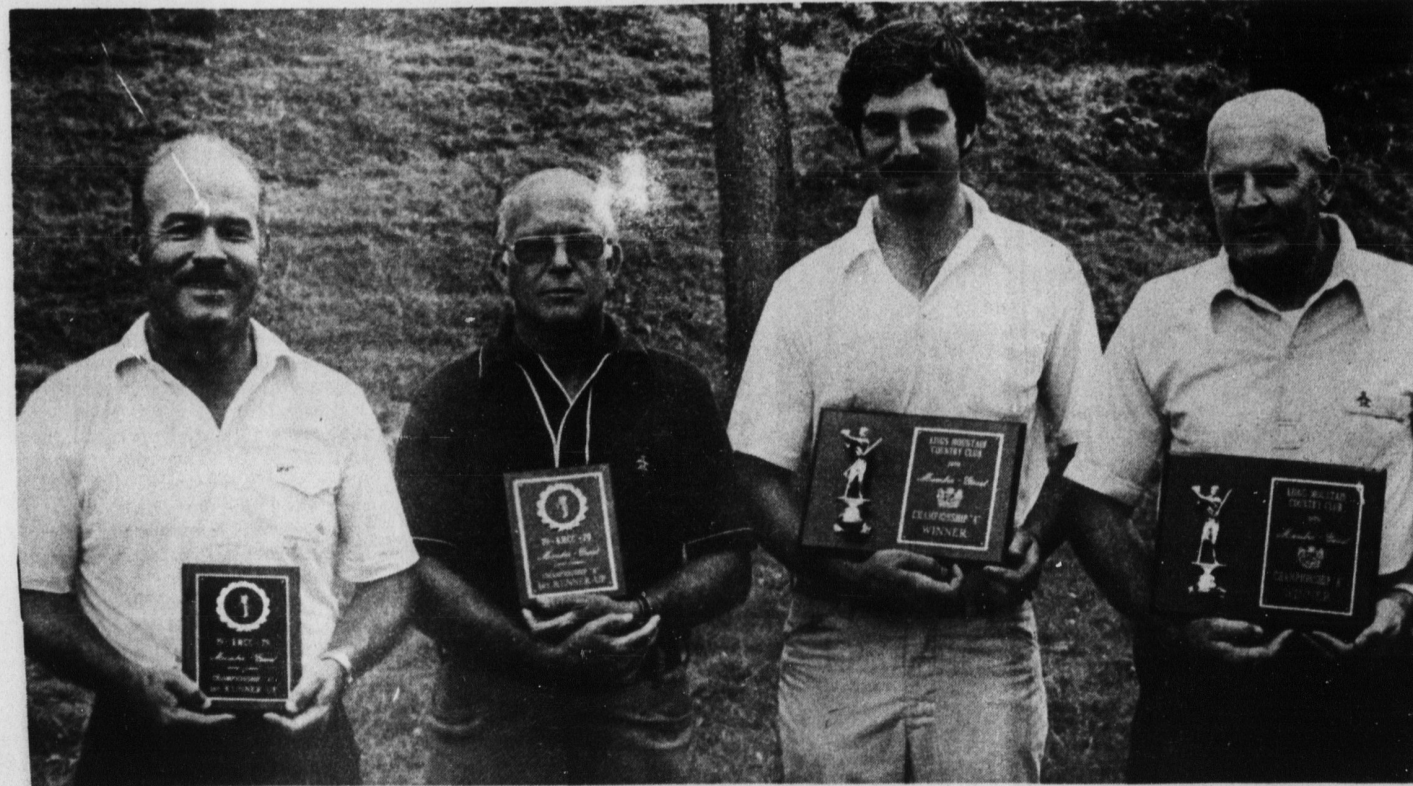


Photo by Garland Atkins

**GOLF WINNERS**—John Howze and Buck Dover, left, were runners-up and Bob Holstein and Houston Wolfe, right, took championship honors in the annual Member-

Guest Golf tournament Saturday and Sunday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

## To Play In State Tourney

# KM American All-Stars Win Dixie Youth Title

Kings Mountain's American League all-stars defeated Kings Mountain's National Leaguers 11-4 Friday night at Tryon's Warlick Field to win the district Dixie Youth Major League title and a berth in the state tournament beginning Saturday in Bessemer City.

The Americans, who went unbeaten in the double-elimination district event, spotted the Nationals a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but came right back to score four runs in the bottom of the inning on long home runs by Tommy Batchler, Steve Plonk and Jerry McDaniel. After that, it was all American League.

Batchler went the route on the hill for the champs while Edwin Sherer took the loss. McDaniel led the Americans at bat with 3-for-3. Batchler, Tony Yarbrow, Plonk and Walter Cooper all had two hits. Cooper and Eric Marable

### Golf Tourney Set

The annual Piedmont Shrine Benefit golf tournament will be played this weekend at Riverbend Golf Club near Shelby.

Anyone interested in playing may contact Phil Wallace at the pro shop or call 482-4286.

All proceeds will go to the Shriner's Hospital For Crippled Children in Greenville, S.C.

also hit homers. Marty Bridges led the National League with 2-for-3.

The Americans out-classed a pair of Gaston County teams in winners' bracket game Wednesday and Thursday while the

National Leaguers battled back through the losers bracket.

The AL trounced East Gaston 14-1 Wednesday as Plonk, Brad Jones and Batchler shared pitching duty.

Marable led the hitting with 4-for-4. Cooper was 3-for-3. Yarbrow slammed two homers, Batchler had two hits and Lavar Curry also hit a homer.

Curry hurled a two-hitter Thursday as the AL shutout Dallas 11-0 to reach the championship game. Curry struck out nine and also helped out in the hitting department with 2-for-4. Rodney Ballew was also 2-for-4, including a homer, and Plonk also homered.

The National League ousted West Lincoln 6-5 Wednesday and East Gaston 15-2 Thursday to earn a finals berth against their hometown friends.

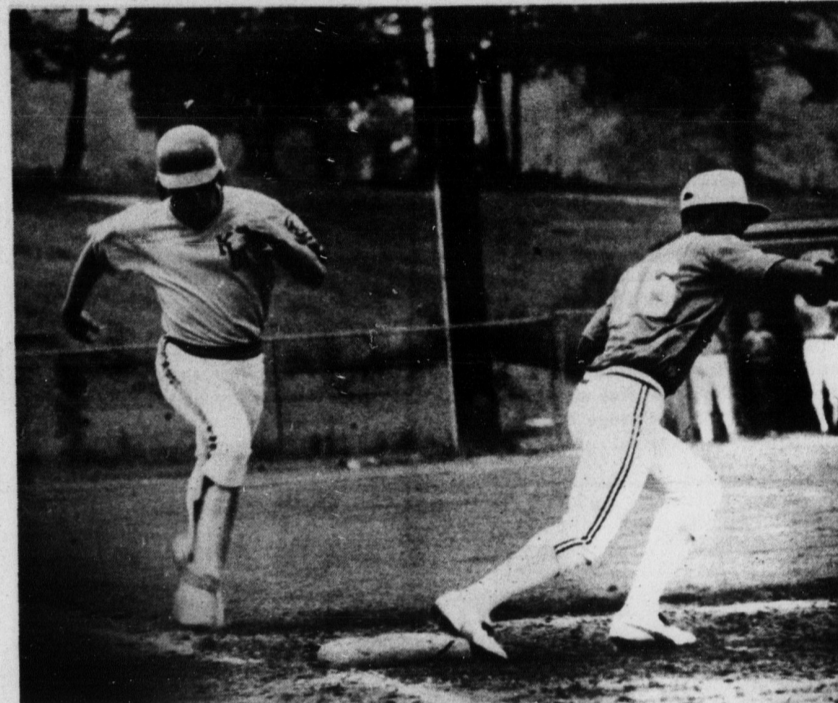
KM scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth to edge West. Richard Gold hurled the win, a three-hitter, and Sherer led the hitting with two hits. Gold, Bridges and Phillip Ramsey added one each. Jarvis Young pitched a

two-hitter and struck out 10 in the victory over East

Gaston. KM rapped out 14 hits.

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## SPORTS



**ROUGH NIGHT**—Kings Mountain's Senior Babe Ruth tourney at Lancaster Jim Hall is out at first in game with Field. KM managed only two hits in the Charlotte in Thursday's round of the 3-1 defeat.

Tournament stories and photos by Gary Stewart

# KM Babe Ruthers Eliminated

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# Wolfes Rack Up In Member-Guest

The Wolfe family of Kings Mountain racked up in the ninth annual Kings Mountain Country Club Member-Guest golf tournament which ended Sunday.

Houston Wolfe and Bob Holstein fired a 68-68-136 to win the championship in a sudden death playoff with John Howze and Buck Dover, and Houston's son, Sammy, teamed with Frankie Howell of Shelby to win the championship B flight with a 73-70-143.

Holstein birdied the first hole of the playoff to give his team the championship. Howze and Dover fired a six-under-par 66 Sunday to force the tie. They were two shots back heading into the final 18 holes.

Stoney Jackson of Kings Mountain and Goober Lovelace of Henrietta finished one shot back at 137.

Sammy Wolfe and Howell finished four strokes ahead of their closest competition in the B flight. Hubert McGinnis and Lenoir Rhyne College football coach Jack Huss were second at 147 and Delk Haigler and Darrell Forbes, a pair of Kings Mountain High golfers, were third at 148.

Charles Hampton and Dink Barrett fired a 77-72-149 to win the first flight by one stroke over the teams of Walt Harmon-John Gold and Hayne Neisler-Gordon Quarles. Harmon and Gold won a playoff for second place.

Charles Wilson and Ken Mauney won a playoff for the second flight title over Jim Bradley and Tommy Bradley. Both shot 156. Darrell Austin and Garland Atkins won third place with a 160, defeating Lee Neisler and Alan Bates in a playoff.

Pat Cheshire and Gene Connor took third flight honors with a 168, one stroke better than Paul Hendricks and Bucky Cozart. Dan Honeycutt and Bill Taylor finished third at 170.

Jeff Shockley of Gastonia won the longest drive contest on hole number two, Eddie Akers won the closest to the hole prize on the par three 17th and Ragan Harper was closest to the hole on the par three 14th.