

Kings Mountain All-Stars Unbeaten In State Tournament At Grover

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games, and Putnam had two hits each to lead the KM attack. Batchler, Curry and Gold added one hit each.

In other first round games Saturday, North Buncombe edged South Buncombe 14-13, East Mecklenburg defeated Belmont 12-1 and Union County edged South Iredell 4-3.

In the East Meck-Belmont game, Chip Ferguson and Greg

Solomon went 3-for-4 each for the winners and Alan Huffman was 1-for-3 for Belmont. Solomon hurled the win and Rodney Daniels took the loss.

Steve Helms was 3-for-3 to lead Union over Iredell. Mike Freeland was 1-for-2 for the losers. Huey Jordan was credited with the win and Mark Medich took the loss.

In the North Buncombe-South Buncombe game, the

eventual winners built up an 11-1 lead after four innings and needed only to get the South team out in the fifth inning to end the game on the 10-run rule.

But South Buncombe staged a big comeback and knotted the game at 11-all going into the seventh. North scored three runs in the top of the seventh for a 14-11 lead and had to hold off a South rally in the bottom of the seventh to win.

Kevin Cole hurled the win and also went 3-for-3 to lead North Buncombe. Chris Beal was 2-for-4 for South. Mike Kamisol took the loss.

Andy Tomberlin was the winning pitcher in Union County's win Sunday over East Meck. Tom Malchesky was the loser. Tomberlin was 3-for-4 for Union and David Short was 2-for-2 for East Meck.

In other games Sunday, South Buncombe eliminated Sparta

12-2 and South Iredell ousted Belmont by the same score.

Arlen McFalls hurled the win for South Buncombe and Eric Dowell took the loss. Chris Beal was 2-for-2 for the winners and Chris Murray was 1-for-2 for Sparta.

Jack Holbrook was 3-for-4 to lead Iredell over Belmont. Chad Nesbit hurled the win and Dwayne Dameron took the loss. Scott Suggs led Belmont at the plate with 1-for-1.

Monday's schedule, in addition to KM-Union County, included North Buncombe against Iredell and South Buncombe against East Meck.

The winners of the North Buncombe-Iredell and East Meck-South Buncombe games will play at 5 p.m. today and the winner will advance to the semi-finals against the loser of the KM-Union County game. That game will be played at 8 o'clock

tonight. The winner of that game will go on to face the KM-

Union County winner for the championship.



The Kings Mountain Little Theatre, in cooperation with the N.C. Grassroots Art Council, will present an August Bluegrass Jubilee on Saturday August 2 in Barnes Auditorium (Kings Mountain High School) at 7:00 p.m.

Performing Will Be The "Roustabouts," "The Leonard McSwain Band," and "Brushy Creek."

Joe Franklin Will be the Emcee. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at the door.



Photo by Gary Stewart

HURLS WIN - Roy Mathis hurled a one-hitter and struck out 14 batters Wednesday to lead Kings Mountain's 14-15 year old Babe Ruth all-stars to an 8-1 win over East Lincoln in the opening round of the District Tournament at Belmont.

KM 14-15 All-Stars Third In Belmont Tourney

Kings Mountain's 14-15 year old Babe Ruth all-stars finished third in the four-team District Seven tournament last week at Davis Park in Belmont.

The local nine defeated East Lincoln in their opening round game, but then lost out in two straight to eventual champion Shelby and runner-up Belmont.

The KM entry managed only three hits in its final game Friday against Belmont. Roy Mathis was the losing pitcher in the 7-1 defeat.

Shelby, which went on to win the event, will represent the district in the State Tournament next week in Asheville.

The Kings Mountain all-stars opened tournament play last Wednesday with an impressive 8-1 victory over the East Lincoln all-stars.

Righthander Roy Mathis went the distance on the mound, pitching a one-hitter and fanning

14. His teammates backed him with a six-hit attack and flawless defensive play.

Mathis had a no-hitter going until one out in the seventh inning. He walked only three men.

Kenny Mitchem and William Short led the KM plate attack with 2-for-3 each. Mark Dixon added 1-for-2 and Jeff Moss 1-for-3.

★★★ Shelby put the KM stars in the loser's bracket in Thursday's second round, 8-5.

Kings Mountain outhit the winners, eight to seven, but the defense committed three costly errors.

Mark Bolick hurled the win for Shelby and Scott Shaw took the loss. Roy Mathis led the KM hitting with 3-for-4, Kevin Jones was 2-for-3 and David Peeler, Jeff Moss and Mark Dixon had one hit each.

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