

# Host R-S Central Today

## Mounties Defeat Crest 12-7



### CARL SMITH Smith Is Named To Team

Kings Mountain's Carl Smith has been selected to the first team All-Piedmont basketball team, selected last week by the Charlotte Observer.

Smith, a 5-11 point guard who led the Mountaineers to a 25-2 record and the Southwestern 3-A Conference championship, is one of three juniors named to the first team.

Others on the first team are juniors Charles Douthitt of North Davidson and Vernon Odom of Bandys, and seniors Brian Ellergy of Wadesboro Bowman and Buzz Peterson of Asheville.

Smith was the top scorer for the Mounties, who tied the school record for victories with 25. The Mounties won the SWC regular season and tournament titles. Smith was also all-SWC and Conference Player of the Year.

Three other SWC standouts were selected to the All-Piedmont teams. Chris Michaels of R-S Central and Quinton Lytle of Shelby were named to the second boys team and Beverly Wright of Burns was named to the girls second team.

### Symphony Group Meets

The Kings Mountain Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Library of the Kings Mountain Senior High School.

All committee members are encouraged to attend to make plans for the May appearance of the Symphony in Kings Mountain.

Symphony chapter president is Andy Neisler.

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers opened defense of their Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball crown Friday afternoon at Crest, outscoring a veteran Charger team 12-7.

The victory gave the Mounties an early lead in the SWC race as no other teams have yet to be involved in a conference contest.

The Mountaineers, whose bats came alive for the second straight game after two sub-par hitting performances to open the season, slammed out four home runs among their nine bats.

Robert Anderson cracked a pair of roundtrippers to drive in three runs, Brent Bell slammed a two-run homer and Terry Bullock had a two-run shot.

Anderson and Alan Van Dyke led the plate attack with two hits each.

Ricky Proctor, a senior righthander who was 6-1 for last year's state runner-up team, worked the first four innings and picked up his first win of the year. He received relief help from sophomores Jamie Greene and Roy Mathis.

Craig Washburn, a southpaw who is regarded as one of the top pitching prospects in the SWC, took the loss. He received late-inning relief help from Johnny Greene.

Crest took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning but the Mounties got four runs without a basehit in the third inning to assume command.

Bell and Tony Boyce led off the inning with walks and were sacrificed by Anderson. Van Dyke then drew a walk to load the bases and Proctor drew a walk to force in the tying run. The go-ahead run scored when Bullock reached on a fielder's choice and the other two scored on an error.

Anderson slammed his first homer in the fourth inning to put the Mounties on top by 6-2 and the junior outfielder added his second in the fifth and Bell added his two-run shot as the Mountaineers went ahead by 9-4.

After Crest cut the margin to 9-7 in the bottom of the fifth the Mounties added a singleton in the sixth for a 10-7 edge. Terry Chapman and Bell walked, Boyce got an infield single and Chapman scored on a throwing error.



**HOMER HITTERS** — Robert Anderson, Terry Bullock and Brent Bell, left to right, hit home runs Friday to lead Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 12-7 victory over Crest in the Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball opener for both teams. The Mountaineers host R-S Central today at 4 p.m. at Lancaster Field.

The Mountaineers closed out the scoring in the seventh inning of Bullock's two-run homer.

"We played a real good ballgame and the pitchers had good control," noted veteran Coach Barry Gibson. "Crest

made some mistakes that hurt them."

The Mountaineers, 1-0 in the conference and 2-2 overall, are scheduled to host R-S Central's Hilltoppers at 4 p.m. today at Lancaster Field.



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Proctor, Greene (5), Mathis (5) and Keeter.  
Washburn, Greene (5) and McBride.

### Track Team Opens Today

Kings Mountain High's boys track team will open 1981 action at 3:30 today at John Gamble Stadium against Bessemer City and Cherryville.

The Mountaineers are in a rebuilding year under veteran coach Steve Foster, but they should be competitive in a number of events.

Foster is hoping for an improved showing in the field events but expects his men to be weaker in the sprints than last year, when they had several outstanding runners, including Kevin Mack, who finished third in the state in the 100 meter dash.

The Mountaineers have 11 returning lettermen and 32 new faces.

Bessemer City and Cherryville are both members of the Southern District 7 2-A Conference.

The Mountaineers open Southwestern 3-A Conference action on Fri., Mar. 20 at South Point.

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The KMHS girls track team opens its season Wednesday in a conference meet at South Point.

The Mountaineers have one of their smallest teams in years, with only 15 participants, but Coach Kathy Brooks has several good individual performers.

KM veterans include Diane Williams, Kathy Stamey, Bridget Glass, Sheryl Goode, Linda Stowe, Gloria Campbell, Bam McClain and Cindy Weaver.

Newcomers include Roberta Young, Laura Hendrixson, Lisa Crawford, Angie Odums, Rebecca Moore, Cynthia Frazier and Beth Ellison.

### Golfers Finish Second In First SWC Outing

Kings Mountain High's golfers finished second to South Point in their first Southwestern 3-A Conference match of the season Thursday at Lakewood Golf Course in Cramerton.

The Red Raiders scored a 299. Kings Mountain finished at 313 and Burns 354.

South Point's Todd Stafford won medalist honors with a four-under-par 67 and Tim Parrish of the Raiders shot a 76.

Sophomore Rodney Sellers and junior Jim Bumgardner were low men for the Moun-

taineers at 77. Casey Durham shot 79, Dexter Tate 80, Lee Neisler 84 and Jimmy Lackey 94.

"We did a good job," commented Coach Bob Jones. "That's as good as we've done in a long time and I'm real happy. We only have one senior starting and if we keep working hard, we'll be competitive."

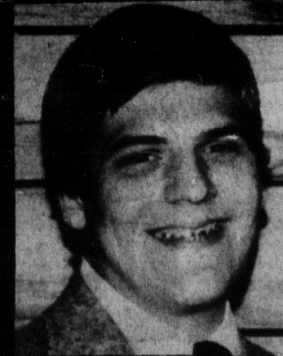
The Mountaineers play their first home match Thursday at Kings Mountain Country Club against R-S Central and North Gaston.

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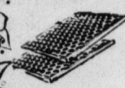
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