

KMHS Baseball Team Young

Kings Mountain High's veteran baseball coach, Barry Gibson, will field one of his youngest teams ever this spring, but, as usual, expects to be competitive in the rugged Southwestern 3-A Conference.

Gibson has 10 sophomores and only five seniors on his 22-man roster. The Mounties open the season on March 9 with a non-conference game against 4-A Hunter Huss and begin SWC action on March 16 at R-S Central.

"We'll be young and inexperienced," says Gibson, "but all of our players have been working hard. I hope to see continued improvement throughout the season."

Gibson returns four full-time and one part-time starter from last year's 7-8 team. Heading that list is All-Conference center-fielder Robert Anderson, who led the team in hitting with a .388 figure and should rank among the top hitters in the area.

Another All-Conference returnee is outfielder Terry Bullock, another .300 hitter. Others who started full time last year are catcher Leard Keeter and infielder Brent Bell. Out-fielder Jeff Moss was a part-time starter.

Gibson will have to rebuild his entire pitching staff and the right side of his infield. He lost his entire mound staff—including most valuable player Todd Blalock



BARRY GIBSON

and Ricky Proctor—and short-stop Tony Boyce and third baseman Alan Van Dyke, two of his most consistent hitters and fielders.

"I think we'll have a pretty good defense," says Gibson. "In the past we've always had problems finding enough good hitters, but we have several good ones back."

He's currently working with eight pitchers, but none have any varsity experience. Most of his pitchers will probably play another position when not on the mound.

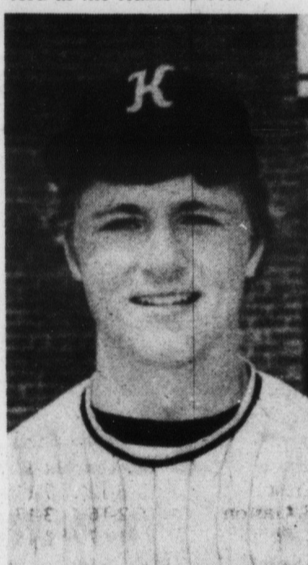
Anderson will likely see some mound action, as well as Keeter, who was the starting catcher last year. Sophomore John Yarbrow will probably backup Keeter behind the plate and catch when Keeter is on the mound.

Other hurlers include Eric Ballew, Tommy Batchler, Tony Childers, Jerry McDaniel, Barry Philbeck and Randy Whitaker.

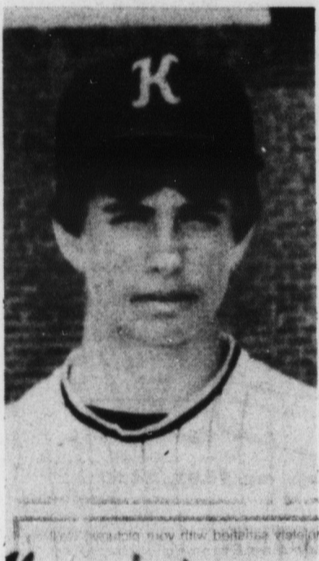
Other team members include Skip Birkovich, Chris Champion, Mark Champion, Todd Cloninger, Kevin Echols, Pat Melton, Brad Reynolds, Quinton Rikard, Eric Spicer and Russell Van Dyke.

Three members of the varsity basketball team—David Peeler, Phillip Campbell and David Looney—will join the team at the end of the basketball season.

Gibson, who has won the SWC Coach of the Year Award more times (four) than any other coach in the league, looks to East Gaston and East Rutherford as the teams to beat.



TERRY BULLOCK



ROBERT ANDERSON

The Mounties will compete in the Eastern Division of the split SWC with East Gaston, South Point, North Gaston and Shelby, East Rutherford, Burns, Crest, Chase and R-S Central will again comprise the Western Division.

The top two finishers from each division will advance to the conference playoffs, and the winner of those best-of-three series will go to the state 3-A playoffs.

THE SCHEDULE MARCH

- 9 - Huss
- 12 - at Huss
- 13 - Ashbrook (2 p.m.)
- 16 - at R-S
- 19 - Burns
- 23 - at Chase
- 26 - at N. Gaston
- 30 - Shelby (7:30)

APRIL

- 2 - East Ruth. (7:30)
- 6 - at S. Point (7:30)
- 9 - E. Gaston (7:30)
- 13 - N. Gaston (7:30)
- 16 - at Shelby (7:30)
- 20 - Crest (7:30)
- 23 - S. Point (7:30)
- 27 - at E. Gaston (7:30)

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KM Schools Participating In Program

The Kings Mountain Schools are participating in a one-year program, sponsored by the NC Alternative Energy Corporation and the State Board of Education, to study options designed to cut electric power costs.

Kings Mountain Junior High School is one of 56 schools selected as a demonstration project.

Larry Allen, Assistant Superintendent, is serving as the project coordinator and Charles Ramsey, has been named as the technical coordinator for the Kings Mountain Schools. J. Fred Withers, junior high principal, and his staff make up the remainder of the local team that will be working closely with state field coordinators. Together they will initiate and implement an Electrical Load Management Program for the school, designed to save energy dollars.

Various methods are available for use in cutting costs, including some that require little or no expense. Management measures such as shifting loads, heating water at night, some rescheduling of food preparation, monitoring electric power use, and cutting back on usage will be under consideration.

Electric rates play an important part in determining the size of monthly power bills. Cost projections will be included among the in-depth studies to determine the desirability of switching to a different available rate schedule or remaining on the current schedule.

The program is being conducted throughout North Carolina but only 56 school units will be involved, each with one school participating. Kings Mountain Junior High School will serve as a pilot and model for other schools. The program is voluntary, and all participating schools have been selected because local school people have shown a desire to reduce electric power costs.

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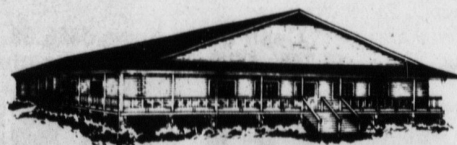
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