



TIPOFF CHAMPIONS - Pictured above is the Spectrum team which won the Industrial League Tipoff Tournament last week. Front row, left to right, Jimmy Wooten, Terry Johnson, Brad Drumm, Don Jenkins, Pete Oliver, Ken Glover, Ron Glover, Danny Bid-

dix. Back row, Clifford Grimes, Ronnie Tesseneer, Coach Alex McCallum, Keith Allen, Jimmy Bradley, Darrell Queen, Tim Parnell, Pete Moore, Scott Yarbro, David Scruggs and Bob Davis.

Industrial Loop Opens

Footo Mineral, Clevemont, Commercial Shearing and Norick Brothers won opening-season games in the Men's Industrial Slowpitch Softball League Monday night at Deal Street Park.

Footo Mineral blanked Sulzer Brothers 10-0 as David Towery hurled a three-hitter. Sonny Jackson, Gary Oliver and Bill Wallace led the Footo hitting with 2-for-3 each.

Clevemont defeated Anvil

Knit 4-1 behind the three-hit pitching of Sisk. Pat Carter led the hitting with 3-for-4.

Leonard Smith pitched a four-hitter as Commercial Shearing blasted Spectrum 13-2. Lamar Crowe was 2-for-2 and Mike Smith and Leroy Blake hit home runs.

David Dixon hurled Norick to a 7-4 victory over Carmet. Weber and Davis led the winners at the plate with 2-for-3 each.

Spectrum won the League

Tipoff Tournament last weekend, defeating Footo Mineral in the championship game. Commercial Shearing finished third.

In action Monday night, beginning at 6 p.m., Footo Mineral will battle Clevemont, Sulzer plays Spectrum, Norick meets Anvil and Carmet takes on Commercial Shearing. All games will be played at Deal Street Park.

Boys Club To Open

Kings Mountain will begin a unit of the Cleveland County Boys Club Saturday at Central School.

Tommy Bennett and Joey Hopper of Kings Mountain, who will direct the program, said registration will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Central, and club activities will begin next week.

Memberships are open to all boys between the ages of seven and 17.

The club will operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and each Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hours may

be changed somewhat during the summer.

The unit will be affiliated with the National Boys Club program and will offer a number of activities ranging from arts and crafts to game activities, a library and special outings.

The group this year will take trips to the World's Fair, Carowinds, an Atlanta Braves ballgame, and to Boys Camp at South Mountain.

The program will be funded by the United Way.

Bennett, who has been active in Optimist Club sports in Kings Mountain for several years, said

there has been a great need in the city for a boys club.

"There are a lot of organizations, such as the Optimist Club, that do a great job with the youth," he said, "but none of them do it 52 weeks a year, five days a week. We hope we can have a well-rounded program for the boys in Kings Mountain."

Hopper, a teacher at Bethware School, has been active in the Cleveland County Boys Club for years as a physical director.

Mayor John Henry Moss has proclaimed Saturday as Boys Club Day in Kings Mountain.

Patriots Clinch Tie

Kings Mountain Junior High's girls softball team clinched at least a tie for their second straight Western Junior High Athletic Association championship Monday when they defeated Burns 20-3.

Melany Herndon hurled the win for the Lady Patriots, pitching no-hit ball over the first four innings. Susie Moore pitched the last inning and allowed one hit.

Kings Mountain collected eight hits and also took advantage of three walks and 13 Burns errors.

Lisa Burris led the KM hitting with 2-for-4, including a home run.

Coach Candy Albergine's ladies will host East McDowell Thursday and close out the season Monday at Shelby.

The Lady Pats have an 8-0 record this year and are 18-0 over the past two seasons.

Softball Team Loses Three

Kings Mountain High's girls softball team dropped its last three games of the season to finish with a 5-8 Southwestern Conference record and 7-10 overall mark.

The Mountaineers lost to South Point, 10-9, East Gaston 6-4 and North Gaston 14-4.

Melinda Roberts had a big week, hitting three home runs in the loss to South Point, a 3-run homer in the loss to East Gaston and a 3-run triple in the loss to North Gaston.

BABE RUTH

All 16, 17 and 18 year olds who plan to play Babe Ruth baseball this summer are urged to report to the Kings Mountain High School field Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m. for registration and tryouts. All players are expected to attend.

Batchler's One-Hitter Stops East In Finale

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers failed to make the playoffs in the Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball race this spring, but they made pre-season favorite East Gaston's road to the playoffs a tough one.

Getting no-hit pitching from Tommy Batchler for six and two-thirds innings Wednesday, the Mounties knocked off the talented Warriors, 5-1, forcing a tie for second place between the Warriors and Shelby. East Gaston defeated Shelby in a special one-game playoff Thursday to advance to the SWC playoffs along with South Point of the Eastern Division and Crest and Chase from the West.

Batchler, who walked only one man and struck out three, had two men out and two strikes on East third baseman Greg Rhyme in the seventh. But Rhyme laced an 0-2 pitch to centerfield to end Batchler's hopes of a no-hitter.

"I hated to see him lose the no-hitter," said Coach Barry Gibson, "but he pitched a real fine ballgame."

Batchler retired the first 13 men he faced before Rhyme reached on an error in the fifth. He then issued his only walk in the sixth before giving up the single to Rhyme in the seventh. Following that hit, the Mounties committed two straight errors to

give the Warriors their only run of the game.

Brent Bell gave the Mounties a 1-0 lead in the first inning, when he slammed a 1-0 pitch over the fence for a home run.

The Mounties made it 2-0 in the third when Batchler walked and later scored on Bell's sacrifice fly and the lead went to 3-0 in the fourth when Mark Champion singled, stole second and scored on a single by Brad Reynolds. KM's final two runs came in the seventh on a single by Terry Bullock, Bell's sacrifice, an intentional walk to Robert Anderson and Champion's single.

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TRYOUTS

Registration and tryouts for all 13, 14 and 15 year old Babe Ruth baseball players will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Kings Mountain Junior High field. All who plan to play this summer are expected to attend. All junior high players may register but will not be allowed to try out.

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