

Eric Locklear Pitches No Hitter



Eric Locklear

by David Malcolm
 Raeford - Between innings he could be seen sitting against the fence just outside the dugout. Away from the chatter for a few minutes, perhaps, but only for a little while because Eric Locklear did what most pitchers only dream of, he threw a no-hitter as Pembroke High defeated Hoke County 2-1 Tuesday afternoon.

The only serious trouble Locklear faced was in the first inning when three infield errors and a fielder's choice allowed Hoke to take a 1-0 lead. After that, Locklear was nearly flawless as he won his first start of the year.

A walk to Tony Barefoot in the third inning and another to Kenny Frierson in the fifth were the only times Locklear allowed the Bucks baserunners after the opening inning. After a shaky start, Pembroke's defense came through, and helped preserve Locklear's gem.

It looked as though the Warriors would get out to an early lead as Anthony Locklear singled and Devy Bell followed with a double down the left field line. Coach Ronnie Chavis waved Locklear around third, but he couldn't out run a perfect relay from the outfield and was tagged at the plate by Hoke's William Locklear.

Catcher Eric G. Locklear reached first base in the second inning on an error by the Hoke County shortstop. Running for Locklear, Benny Demery stole second base and went to third on a bad throw by the catcher. Demery later scored on a perfect sacrifice bunt by left fielder Cleo Locklear to tie the game 1-1.

The game remained tied until the top of the fifth inning.

With two out, Lee McRae sliced a single to center field. Hoke's Kenny Frierson momentarily bobbled the ball and quickly McRae advanced to second base. Timothy Carter slammed a ground-rule double over the right

fielders head, driving in McRae, and Pembroke had a 2-1 lead.

While the Warriors were able to get baserunners in scoring position in the sixth and seventh innings but not bring them in. Hoke County found itself all but completely shackled by Eric Locklear's pitching. After giving up the walk to Frierson, in the fifth, Locklear retired the next nine batters in a row.

In leading the Warriors to their fourth win in eight games, Locklear struck out three and walked two. Timothy Carter paced Pembroke in the hitting department with a double, single and the game winning RBI in four times-at-bat. Devy Bell was 1-for-2 with a double.

NEW PRESIDENT
 PARIS -- Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand, calling for a "new alliance of socialism and liberty," was inaugurated as France's 21st president recently, then drove in triumph along the Champs Elysees and lunched on pate and champagne.

Last Inning Rally Downs Pembroke

by Mickey Carter

Red Springs-The Pembroke Warriors were downed by Red Springs, 3-2, in non-conference action last Friday by a last inning spurt which saw the Red Devils overcome a 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Steve Cummings and Devy Bell both had two hits each as the Warriors out hit their hosts 9-5, but it wasn't enough.

Pembroke got the chance to draw first blood in the third inning, but a base running error cost the Warriors a potentially big inning. With one out, Pembroke's Timothy Carter drew a walk. The next batter, third baseman Anthony Locklear, sliced a double into the gap in left-centerfield scoring Carter from first. It was ruled, however, that Carter hadn't tagged second base and he was called out. The next batter struck out and the rally died.

In the fifth inning, the Warriors broke the scoreless deadlock. Timothy Carter hit

a two-out triple off the rightfield fence, and scored on Anthony Locklear's hot smash by the Red Springs first baseman.

Pembroke got its second run in the sixth when the Red Devil shortstop couldn't get the handle on a Cleo Locklear grounder that allowed Devy Bell, who had singled, to score.

The Warriors saw their two run lead wither in the bottom of the 7th. Pitcher Perry Strickland, who had blanked Red Springs on four scattered hits through 6 innings, walked the first two batters. A single scored one run and the Red Devils got their second on a sacrifice fly. That sacrifice also moved a runner to third base, and he scored the game winning run when the throw on G-Bounds' grounder to third got away from catcher Eric G. Locklear.

The loss, Pembroke's second in a row, dropped the Warriors' record to 3-4.



In ancient Rome, snails were raised on ranches. They were fed with spicy soups to pre-season them for the table.

PHILOSOPHIZING by Lew Barton

YOU WANT TO BE A GENIUS? YOU CAN HAVE IT! IT'S NO GOOD!

Sometimes when people ask me what's my I.Q., I reply quietly that I've scored as high as 180.

Very quietly because a score like that can prejudice people against you. And there's no prejudice as painful as that experienced by the so-called gifted. No other form of social isolation is quite as complete.

So I change the subject as quickly as possible. The person inquiring usually assumes he or she hasn't heard me correctly. And so the conversation can continue on a person-to-person level, the way I want it to.

I've never scored all I possibly could on an I.Q. test. I simply pass over the subjects I don't like, such as math. Scoring too high will cause people to make unreasonable demands of you, and sometimes impossible ones, too. Why hand them the license to do that to you?

I talk down. I dress down. I live down. I write down. I just want to be like other people. I don't want to be thought "better" than anyone else in any sense of the word superiority, because I'm not. I want people to accept me on human terms and human grounds, and I'll go a long, long way to demonstrate my humanity for them.

Especially qualified, at the employed office, means over-qualified. And these are the hardest-to-place people of all. Most employers are looking for plodders, people who can stand in one spot and turn one bolt on the assembly line all day long without being distracted by other interests.

I'm not a plodder, believe me. People seem to feel threatened by my participation in anything. It's stupid. It's insane. And it's very unfair to me. But people somehow get the idea that if they work with me, I will somehow show them up. They don't know, like I, that I'm probably the most over-rated guy in these here parts.

All my life, I've had to work like hell to achieve what I wanted to achieve. And even then, I missed my goal more often than not. But I don't mind working hard, not if something really intrigues me, and I have the patience of a robot. I can go over the work, and hone it, and re-do it, and throw it all away, and then do it the way it should have been done in the beginning.

Genius is 99% hard work and 1% genius.

Don't envy me. I get great ideas only by thing the subject matter through, by praying about it, by saturating my subconscious as well as my conscious mind with it, if it is important enough to me.

Oh I've had some strange complaints in my time. "Listen," a publisher once told me, "you're making my editor look bad. Can't you tone it down a bit?"

He was referring only to the

quality of my work.

One year during my short teaching career, both the principal and I produced high school programs to help raise money for certain school necessities.

My kids and I wrote our own high school play and produced it. It was a huge success, and I was just beginning to bask in the glory of that success when the jealous principal fired me.

Experiences like that should have taught me never to do my best because we are living in a mediocre world that will only accept and applaud mediocrity. But I have never learned that lesson well.

Maybe that's because I still remember what the late Mrs. Elizabeth Oxendine Maynor taught me in the fourth grade: "Do the best you can wherever you are, whatever you may do." Also, "Do the best you can with what you have."

I guess I'm the only fool who went through high school without owning or renting a textbook. But if you lived through the Great Depression as I did, you'll understand why.

How did I do that? I borrowed books, or traded help for the use of them. And I read practically every book in the Prospect library.

Easy? Only a fool would assume that it was.

BEGIN & DEMANDS
 JERUSALEM -- Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Syria must remove its missiles from Lebanon, pull back those massed inside Syria at the Lebanese border and withdraw troops from strategic positions in Lebanon to end the Israeli-Syrian confrontation.

RADIO-THON
 Radio WNCN (in St. Pauls) will broadcast 8 hours of country music Saturday, April 3, and 5 hours on Sunday, April 4 to help with the National Kidney Foundation Fund Drive. The broadcast will originate from Cross Creek Mall in Fayetteville. Telephone lines will be open to the radio station in St. Pauls and to Lumbee Regional Development Association offices in Pembroke where volunteers will be standing by ready to receive pledges and donations from listeners.

There will be local talent performing in the Mall during the broadcast. Saturday afternoon a group of local citizens who are interested in the work of the Kidney Foundation and the welfare of our local people who must use the dialysis machines in Fayetteville, have signed a charter and plan other fund raising activities during the year.

Ever Green Church by Mrs. Leacie Brooks

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

From time to time we hear a Christian say, "I just can't make it. It's too hard to live the Christian life. My problems are more than I can bear."

We do face situations that are more than we can humanly handle. For example, when misfortune strikes and an injured father can no longer support his family, to him the cares of life can easily become unbearable. Or take a family who has lost a child through a tragic accident. This family knows only too well how engulfing grief can become.

Now let's go to another line of thought. Broken marriages are commonplace. Youth and adults alike are seeking to escape through drugs and alcohol. Even Christian families are not untouched by these tragedies. How can we stand the pressure?

Our steadfastness in trial depends on the depth of our commitment to Christ. When Christians experience adverse circumstances and comes through them stronger and more radiant than ever. Others go through similar experiences and are crushed. Why?

To endure the pressures of life, we must have our feet firmly planted on the Rock, Jesus Christ. Our minds must be totally persuaded that He is not only the way, the truth, and the Life; but the only way, the only Truth, the only Life. When Satan's bombs fall on every side and threaten to destroy our very life, we should stand firm in the conviction that God is able and faithful to deliver us.

Some people seek the Lord only when they are upset by difficulties. But this is living dangerously, for when Satan attacks, there may be no time to put on the armor of God. We must always be ready-faithful in prayer, continuing in the Word, and growing in faith.

Please Pray for us at EverGreen.

Principle must be above expediency if our political system is to endure.

Successful living, which few of us acquire, depends upon simple things.

Now that college students have their vacations we wonder what they will do with them.

The subject for Sunday's lesson was taken from Thessalonians, 3rd chapter, "Standing fast in the Lord." The second chapter of First Thessalonians should be considered as a literary unit. All the verses concern Timothy's visit to Thessalonica. In verse 1-5 we see what moved Paul to send Timothy to Thessalonica. In verses 6-10 we see the comfort Paul gained from Timothy's report. Finally, in verses 11-13, we get a glimpse of the comfort offered Paul by Timothy's report. The entire chapter shows Paul's concern for the Thessalonians in their standing fast in the Lord.

Paul's concern for the Thessalonians has become unbearable in his absence from them. He had to do something about it. The words he chose to express his anxiety but for the moment; he had to conceal it and bear up against it.

The apostle had chosen to remain in Athens and, as our Bible describes it, he "Thought it good" to do so. But we know from the original language of the Bible that Paul actually considered himself to have been left behind, abandoned, orphaned. It was not easy for Paul to suffer the absence of his beloved companion and helper, Timothy, while he was left alone in the wicked city of Athens. But since it was necessary for someone to visit the Christians in Thessalonica, Paul sent Timothy to establish and comfort the Thessalonians.

Rev. Edmond Locklear preached a wonderful sermon taken from Hebrews 4th chapter. The subject being "No Time to Rest".

Birthday offering were by Charles Eric Brooks, Son of Madelene Carol Brooks, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. John C. Brooks. He celebrated his birthday on March 22. He received gifts and money. He was 6 years old. Hoping him many more Birthdays.



Charles Eric Brooks

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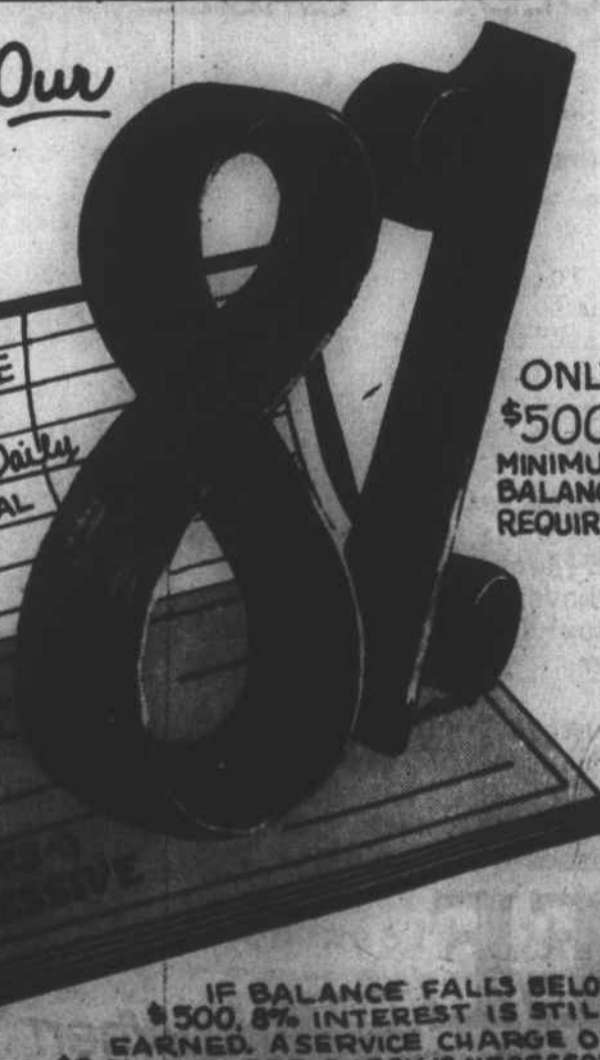
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