

# Pond Giants win four of six, record now stands at 10-4

By Chronicle Staff

Winston-Salem's Pond Giants had a highly productive week, winning four of six games on the road to run their season's record to 10-4.

The PGs won twice against the Danville All-Stars and added victories against Lenoir's Oilers and Mt. Airy. But on Sunday, Lenoir got even by winning a doubleheader on its home field.

The Giants opened last week's play with an 8-5 victory over the Oilers. Brian Boccolis delivered the big blow courtesy of his two-run homer. Jason Wilkes was the winning pitcher.

Two nights later, the PGs smacked Mt. Airy's Shockers.

## AAU b'ball

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The AAU developed the Complete Athlete Seminar to ensure that basketball players who play AAU ball learn more than just hoop skills.

The main focus of this seminar is to encourage athletes to stay free of drugs and develop a conscientious outlook about academics. Attendance for this seminar is mandatory. All teams attending this national tournament are assigned a designated time to attend the seminar.

The program is divided into two sections — the first deals with illegal substances and their abuse; the second section is devoted to academics.

Rogers is an especially attractive choice as a guest speaker for this seminar. Three years ago, he played in the AAU tournament (with Winston Lake) and was the hands down pick as North Carolina High School Player Of The Year in '90. He was also ranked among the top 15 high school players in the nation that year by *USA Today*.

But even with all those glittering credentials, getting in school was not an automatic for Rogers. He had the necessary grades, but fell short on his SAT score.

In spite of that, Rogers persevered. It took him four tries, but he finally passed and signed with Wake Forest. Three years later, he's still in school, making the grade and continuing to blossom as one of college roundball's premier power forwards.

Indeed, Rogers knows the score and is an excellent example that one can overcome obstacles, regardless of what those obstacles are.

### AAU notes

..... North Carolina will have four teams playing in the 17s nationals. In addition to the Winston Lake team, the state will be represented by the Charlotte Royals, the Charlotte Soncis and the Triangle Titans out of Raleigh-Durham.

..... Basketball will be a non-stop affair during tourney time (July 18-25). Pool play will take place from July 19 - 21.

Pool play winners will advance to the Final 16 which will be played July 22 - 24, with the championship game being played on July 25.

In the meantime, those teams losing in pool play will still be in action as part of the Tar Heel Shoot-Out that will take place at the Coliseum Annex from July 22- 24.

..... Curly Neal, a former star with the Harlem Globetrotters, will put on a ball handling exhibition as part of the Dribble-A-Thon on July 18 at the Hanes Hoisery Softball Complex.

*Chronicle Sports* will run more specifics about the Dribble-A-Thon and other tournament special events in the upcoming weeks.



### UPCOMING GAMES

(All games played at Ernie Shore Field)

**TOMORROW**  
Raleigh Caps vs.  
Pond Giants @ 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
Mt. Airy Shockers vs.  
Pond Giants @ 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
Lexington Braves vs.  
Pond Giants @ 5 p.m.

7-2. Pitcher Mike Nick picked up the win for Winston.

The next day, Winston swept their twin bill against Danville, winning 11-2 and 5-4.

The first game was no contest as the Giants controlled the game from start to finish. Chad Duggin hit a solo homer and Tommy Goush was the winning pitcher.

In the nightcap, Tim Witherspoon produced the game-winner with his seventh inning dinger that broke a 4-4 tie. Jukie Ferguson also homered for the Giants.

Sunday's doubleheader against the Oilers proved to be uneventful for the PGs. Jukie Ferguson homered, but that wasn't nearly enough as the Oilers prevailed, 8-6.

In the second game, victory looked like a sure thing for the Giants, but Lenoir scored three runs in their half of the ninth when centerfielder Fred Transou misplayed a fly ball

with two outs and the bases loaded.

Going into the last inning, the Giants held what seemed to be a comfortable 12-7 lead.

There was a bright side to the PGs downfall — thanks to five home runs. Tony Fleming hit two homers to lead the way. Chris Baugess, Witherspoon and Ferguson hit one home run each.

## Twin City Baseball Notes

..... Twin City's "A" team in the 16-18s Division undefeated after six games. Last week, TC got sterling performances from two pitchers. Last Wednesday, Tremaine Graham struck out 11 batters and allowed just five hits as TC downed Kernersville, 6-2.

In the first game of last Sunday's doubleheader vs. North Forsyth, Brent Strickland fanned 11 en route to pitching a three-hitter.

..... In the 13-15s Division, the Pirates clinched the regular season title by beating the Cardinals 6-2. The Cardinals are last year's champions.

..... Twin City's team in the 9-10s Division, emerged as the runner-up in last week's Mineral Springs Tournament. TC made it to the finals and made a valiant effort, but lost 8-7 to Mineral Springs.

## Baseball Scoreboard

### 13-15s DIVISION

*Twin City/Mineral Springs Tournament*

*Championship Game*

Twin City Pirates 13 Mineral Springs 5

*9-10s Division*

*Championship Game*

Mineral Springs 8 Twin City 7

### Non-Tournament Games

### 16-18s DIVISION

Twin City 6 Kernersville 2

Twin City 12 Archdale Trinity 2

Twin City 16 North Forsyth 3

Twin City 8 North Forsyth 7

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