

Holt's hitting, pitching lead the way for Demons JV's in 12-4 win over Parkland

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Chronicle Sports Editor

Starting pitcher Tyler Holt helped his own cause by going 2-for-4 at the plate and driving in three runs to help Reynolds take a 12-4 road victory over Parkland on Monday afternoon (March 24).

Holt, who went all seven innings on the mound for the Demons, helped break open a close game by delivering a two-run single in the fifth inning and a single in the sixth. Holt's hitting helped the Demons enjoy

four-run rallies in both innings. He was even more impressive on the mound, scattering seven hits over seven innings. Holt gave up only one walk and struck out one.

Coach Brian Robinson said it was a masterful performance in Holt's first start of the season.

"He threw a lot of ground balls," Robinson said. "He had a couple up, in the strike zone, but most of them were either foul balls or pop ups. Our outfielders played real deep and prevented anything from going for extra base hits.

"I was very impressed with him because it was his first time pitching this season. He threw strikes and kept his composure."

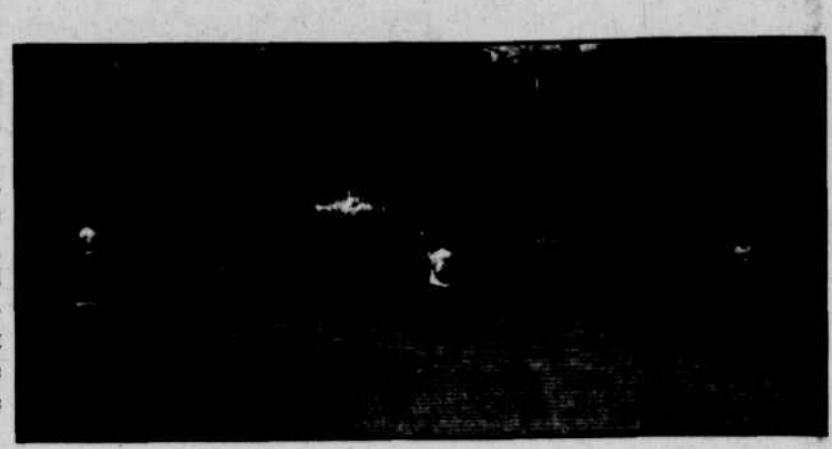
RJR, which improved to 2-4 on the season, was clinging to a 4-3 lead when it came to the plate in the top of the fifth inning. Eric Easter got the rally started for the Demons when he reached on a lead-off single. Conrad Graham drew a walk and a single by Jim House loaded the bases.

Carl West executed a sacrifice squeeze bunt to score Easter and extend Reynolds' lead to 5-3.

Eric Cheatwood walked and Holt followed with a two-run single.

In the sixth, Easter again led off with a single and Graham followed with a walk. Boyd singled to score Easter and West against pulled off a sacrifice squeeze. This time, however, West reach safely after Parkland failed to cover the base. Cheatwood drew a walk and Holt added his third RBI of the game when he drilled a single to score West.

Parkland added a run in the sixth off two singles and an error to make the final score 12-4.



Reynolds' defense was solid in the team's victory over Parkland on Monday afternoon.

The Chronicle Unveils AAU Team

By COURTNEY DANIEL
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The Winston-Salem Chronicle has recently created a 15 and under AAU Basketball team appropriately named the Chronicle Carriers. The Carriers are eager to gain a measure of where they are and where they need to be in order to excel in the highly competitive AAU Pool Play.

The Carriers have decided to make their first official game a hometown affair by hosting a tournament this weekend. The Carriers now that this test of their skill will be a valuable tool in accessing their strengths and weaknesses.

Head Coach Sam Davis hopes that his team will show well and use these games as a learning experience.

"We hope that our team will mesh as a unit," said Davis. "And that the kids will grasp the up-tempo style we hope to employ this season."

The Chronicle Carrier team has only been together just over two and half weeks, and certainly the inexperience of the team has to be a disadvantage.

When asked if he harbored any concerns about his untested team coach Davis said, "Certainly. You have to be a little concerned when you have a team that is as new as ours, but I think these young men will play well."

Also of some concern for the Carriers is their lack of height.

"I am concerned about our lack of total team height," Davis admitted. "I believe we will offset that disadvantage by utilizing what we believe to be exceptional team speed and quickness. We will get after teams defensively with a full-court press and look to push the ball at every opportunity."

The question seems to be less about the Carriers ability to match-up physically with their opponents and more about whether or not they have had time to prepare for game-type competition. When asked if throwing his team into combat this early was a bit rash, coach Davis disagreed.

"There are some things we need to learn as team," he said. "Things about how far we are from being where we need to

be. How we handle adversity. Where our hearts and heads are. These are all things we can not learn in the sheltered confines of practice. We need this competition to cut our teeth. Besides we have to play our first game sometime, better to learn who we are now so as to be better able to see the path to who we want to become."

That is not to imply that the Carriers don't have the talent and leadership to win. The team has a myriad of quality pieces, but whether they will be able to blend those parts into a cohesive whole is yet to be determined. The Carriers also have a number of raw talents who may or may not still need some refinement to their game. In short it is as yet hard to get a read on this team because the team is still learning who they are.

The Chronicle Easter Weekend Tournament, which will be held at the old Carver school gym on Friday and Saturday, will provide a lot of answers about the areas newest AAU team, and most importantly will provide the Carriers themselves with a road map to improvement.

Kernersville All-Stars AAU team scores big in Shootout

The Kernersville All-Stars 14-and-under AAU basketball team finished in top 10 in the 22-team Mid-Atlantic Shootout field, which was held on March 21-23 in Richmond, Va.

Kernersville lost to the Buffalo Soldiers, from Laurel, Md., the No. 8 team in the nation, in the championship by a 58-38 score.

The loss in that game didn't detract from an excellent overall tournament showing. Kernersville opened the tournament with a 65-20 victory over the RMB Chiefs. James Stackhouse led the way for Kernersville with 15 points and Charles Sanders and David

Edwards chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Tony Newkirk provided the defensive spark for Kernersville.

In their next game, Kernersville took an electrifying 52-51 overtime victory over the P.J. Jaguars from Maryland. After a see-saw battle, Kernersville sent the game into overtime when Sanders connected on a 3-pointer to tie the game at 48-48 at the end of regulation.

In the overtime period, Kernersville scored first when Turner Battle was fouled while shooting a 3-pointer and made two of three free throws. The

Jaguars answered with a 3-point basket with 10 seconds remaining in overtime. However, Kernersville scored the winning basket when David Edwards found Sanders open for a layup just before the buzzer.

Battle and Sanders led the way for the All-Stars with 14 points each and Stackhouse added 10 points. Defensively, Newkirk, Stackhouse and Sanders led the way.

In the championship round on Sunday, the Buffalo Soldiers were too much for the All-Stars. But they did get big offensive performances from Stackhouse and Sanders.

Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic field includes former champs

Five weeks before the start of the 1997 Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic Golf Tournament, the 156-player field is already filling up with some of the biggest names on the PGA Tour.

Last year's winner Mark O'Meara, who is currently leading the PGA Tour's money list, will return to defend his title. He will be joined by nine

other former champions including Andy Bean, Jim Gallagher, Jr., Mike Springer, Davis Love III, Mark Brooks, Ken Green, Steve Elkington, Larry Nelson and Joey Sindelar.

Other perennial PGA Tour favorites who have committed include Phil Mickleson, Peter Jacobsen, Fuzzy Zoeller and

last year's runner-up Duffy Waldorf. Ernie Els as well as Tom Leman, who is the 1996 British Open Champion and winner of the Golf Writers' Association of America Golfer of the Year award, are also entered.

The Tournament, in its 59th year, will be played at Forest Oaks Country Club April 21-27.

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