

# Cumberland Central wins B. Ruth tourney

The District 8 Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament, recently held at Ansony Park, concluded Friday night with Cumberland County's Central team as the winner.

The tournament, held nightly from July 8-12, began with Red Springs taking on the Northwest Royals.

Red Springs got off to a good start as they defeated the Royals 10-5.

The second game of the night featured Hope Mills vs. the Hoke County All-Stars.

Hope Mills jumped off to an early lead, scoring seven runs in the first inning. It was too much of a lead for Hoke County, as they fell into the losers' bracket with a 16-8 loss.

On Tuesday night, the games began with Red Springs playing Eastover. Red Springs, hanging on to an early 2-0 lead, managed to combine offense and defense to edge Eastover, 7-6.

The night's second game featured Central and Hope Mills. In a game involving good defense and pitching, Central won 4-0.

Wednesday night's action involved teams in the losers' bracket. First, Hope Mills took on Northwest.

Hope Mills fell behind early in the game, and was making a comeback, when Northwest decided to shut them down en route to a 9-8 victory. The second game featured Hoke County and Eastover.

Things were looking bleak for Hoke County as they gave up six runs in the first inning.

Finally, after getting some hits of their own, Hoke was able to edge Eastover, 11-9 to remain in

the tournament.

On Thursday, Red Springs and Central were scheduled for head-to-head action. Red Springs gave it all they had, but it wasn't enough as Central came away with a 6-2 win and a spot in the championship game.

The next game involved Hoke County and Northwest.

The bats were pretty quiet for both teams until the sixth inning when Northwest began getting hits and went on to win the game and clinch Hoke, 11-5.

Friday night's action would begin with three teams. By midnight, only one team would remain — the champion.

The games began with Northwest and Red Springs fighting to survive the one spot remaining in the tournament.

The winner of this game would advance to the finals; the loser would go home.

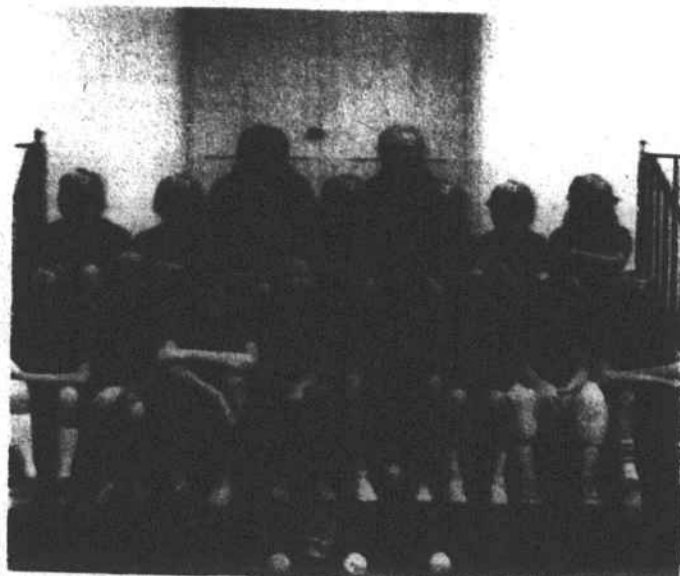
Northwest began by giving up four runs in the first two innings, before scoring two of their own. After that, the bats were still as defense prevailed in a 4-2 victory in favor of Red Springs.

The last game of the night, and of the tournament, involved a scrappy Red Springs team and a tough Central team.

Red Springs, perhaps tired from their previous game, gave up six runs in three innings.

Central, on the other hand, were rested and ready as they put Red Springs away with a 7-3 victory and became the 1985 Babe Ruth District 8 Champions.

Central will now advance to the State Tournament to be held in Bayboro July 18-24.



### Winning season

These members of the Pittman Grove Children's Team have won five of nine games played this season. There are two more contests this year on the program for the sport. The team members are from left to right: Coach Ray Gardner, assistant Coach Minnie Buchanan; first row: Jessie Smith, Jonathan Stevens, Steven Love, Butch Love, Jon Love, Mike Seasons and Sara Graham; second row: Greg Hicks, Melissa Hicks, Brandy Gardner, Beth Mulchan, Lori Boush, Chris Lovette, Kenny Gardner, Bubba Bennett and not pictured: Len Burton.

### Pittman Grove captures win

Pittman Grove won another league game over Arran Lakes Baptist, by the score of 7-2.

With the win, the Raiders ran their regular season record to 10-1.

The team was led in hitting by Tony Clark, 2 for 3. Harrison Daniels 2 for 3 with 1 homerun, Ron Cook 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs, and Gregg Davis 1 for 2.

### Tabernacle takes Temple

Tabernacle, led by great offense, plus excellent defensive play, defeated Temple Baptist of Fayetteville.

The entire Tabernacle team hit the ball well and they played tough defense when it counted.

Tabernacle now finishes the regular season with a 7-3 mark and in 3rd place in the league.

The team will advance to the New South River Baptist Association tournament to be held July 23

in Fayetteville.

Larry Chason, coach of Tabernacle said it took a total team effort to defeat an excellent Temple Baptist team.

Members of the Tabernacle team are: Larry Pittman, John McColl, Troy Labombard, Keith McFadyen, William Buxley, Gerald Bundy, Steve Wood, Francis McFadyen, Benji Harrell, Pat Miller, Jr. Johnson, and Randall Wheeler.

## Recreation Bits

July 12:

|      |                         |                 |                    |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 7:00 | F.I.S.H. Falcons        | Greets & Babes  | 4-16, 15-8, 17-15  |
| 7:45 | Gators-Ted Oil          | Red Company     | 15-11, 15-6        |
| 8:30 | Milton's Hunting & A.C. | Red Company     | 4-15, 15-10, 15-3  |
|      | Gators-Ted Oil          | Jo-Nunes        | 15-10, 15-7        |
|      |                         | United Citizens |                    |
|      |                         | Frank           | 15-10, 15-8        |
| 9:15 | Milton's Hunting & A.C. | Silver Bullets  | 5-11, 12-15, 15-12 |
|      | United Citizens Bank    | Milton Company  | 5-7, 15-7          |
|      | SAX Vision              | Silver Bullets  | 6-14, 9-15, 15-13  |

### Standings

| Rank | Team                          | W | L |
|------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 1    | THE - Falcons                 | 8 | 1 |
| 2    | Red Company                   | 5 | 2 |
| 3    | THE - Milton's Hunting & A.C. | 7 | 2 |
| 4    | United Citizens Bank          | 6 | 2 |
| 5    | SAX Vision                    | 5 | 3 |
| 6    | THE - Greets & Babes          | 3 | 5 |
| 7    | F.I.S.H.                      | 3 | 5 |
| 8    | Jo-Nunes                      | 2 | 6 |
| 9    | Silver Bullets                | 2 | 7 |
| 10   | Milton Company                | 0 | 8 |

### Knave chess

The Knave Chess club are being taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. on Main Street above Howell's Drug Store. Cost for lessons is \$20 per month. Instructors are Mandy McDonald and Anthony Freeman. For more information, please call the Recreation Office at 5-4800.

## Football practice starts August 1st

Hoke County High School Head Football Coach Tom Jones has announced that practice for the team will begin on Thursday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Players should meet in the McDonald Gym, Jones said.

For the first day of practice, students should bring football shoes or tennis shoes in case of rain, shorts, a T-shirt, practice socks, a towel that can be kept by the team, a \$5 athletic ice and a completed physical examination form unless already turned in.

The schedule for next year will begin with a scrimmage game

against Pine Forest in August.

The regular season will begin on September 6 with an away game at Cape Fear High School.

Following will be games on September 13 at home with South View, September 20 at Seventy First, September 27 at home against Scotland High, October 4 at home against Anson, October 11 at Pinecrest, October 18 at home against West Robeson, October 25 at Richmond High, November 1 at home against Lumberton and November 8 at Lee High School.



The team As can be seen from their shirts, this is the Red Springs Merchants softball team. Pictured are: Row one (R to L) Robbie Collins, Bryan McDonald, Ray Ammons, Keith Martin, Brian Lindsay, Richard McDuffie. Row two: Wade Chavis, Randy Rogers, John Ashford, Mark Smith, Billy Klingschmidt and Phillip Smith.



Rowed crew Members of the Red Springs Merchants softball team take a break for a photograph. Members of the team are: Row one (R to L) Charles Crowder, Mike Cook, Eric Scher, Billy Foster, Reggie Foster, Johnny Gifford, Randy Gilliam. Row two: Erik McMillan, Bob Williams, Stephen Davis, Will Davis, Mark Gentry and Joe Strasser.



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