

Greene Pitches, Hits Wolfpack To Eastern Championship

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Business was as usual Friday night for Whiteville's ace pitcher Tommy Greene as the senior right-hander lifted the homestanding Wolfpack to the eastern 2-A baseball championship with a 13-6 rout of North Johnston. The 6-foot-5 Greene displayed his record-setting form both on the mound with a two-hitter and at the plate with his second-

inning three-run homer that sparked Whiteville to the state title series later this week.

As a rule, the competition is supposed to be somewhat keener in state playoff action as compared to regular season play. Obviously, someone forgot to inform Greene of this.

Friday's victory was his fourth playoff pitching win in as many

games including a one-hitter in a 7-0 shutout of Red Springs and a no-hitter in a 21-0 bombing of North Duplin.

Last week Greene really blew up with a six-hitter in an 11-3 quarter-final win over East Waccamaw Conference rival North Brunswick.

The Wolfpack was breezing along Friday with a 13-0 lead after five inn-

ings before North Johnston's Jeff Smith broke up Greene's no-hit bid with a one-out double in the sixth.

The Panthers scored one run off Smith's double and then struck for five in the seventh thanks to three Wolfpack errors, two walks by Greene and another Smith hit to right field.

"We relaxed a little in the final inning," said Whiteville coach Lynwood Hedgepeth. "This is something we won't be able to afford to do in the championship series."

Whiteville chased Panther starting pitcher to the bench in the second inning when the Wolfpack exploded for seven runs on Greene's homer, a pair of triples by Henry Threadgill and Eric Pate and Mickey Worthington's hit.

"The bad inning we had in the second really took us out of the game," admitted Panther coach Doug Parnell. "Whiteville is a good team. We knew they had good pitching and hitting."

Threadgill and Patrick Lennon's doubles in the fourth along with Tim

Hooks and Worthington's second hit gave the Wolfpack a 10-0 lead and the rout was on.

Whiteville scored three more in the fifth on Threadgill's second triple of the game and three hits by Chris Threadgill, Greene and Hooks.

It wasn't long after the Wolfpack's seven-run explosion in the second inning that the proclamation "we want Randleman" could be heard from Whiteville fans.

The Wolfpack endured back-to-back losses to Randleman for the state football championship in 1982-83 and another chance at the Tigers would rate high on the list for Whiteville followers.

Soon after the game's conclusion a Whiteville fan excitedly raced up to Hedgepeth during a post-game press conference to inform the Whiteville coach that Randleman had beaten Bessemer City 9-0 for the western title.

For the Wolfpack, it will be yet another chance to seek revenge against their number one nemesis.

North Johnston				
Players	AB	R	H	RBI
Narrow ss	4	0	0	0
Ballace 2b	2	2	0	0
J. Smith cf	4	1	2	2
G. Smith c	4	0	0	1
Pittman 1b	3	0	0	0
Boyettt dh,p	3	0	0	0
Winter 3b	0	0	0	0
Renfrow rf	1	1	0	0
Williams lf	2	1	0	0
Pate ph	0	0	0	0
Littleton p	1	0	0	0
Glover p	0	0	0	0
Jones 3b	2	1	0	0
Totals	28	6	2	3

Whiteville							
Players	AB	R	H	RBI			
H. Threadgill 2b	5	3	3	2			
C. Threadgill cf	4	2	1	1			
Greene p	3	1	2	3			
Smith pr	0	2	0	0			
Lennon ss	4	1	1	2			
Hooks 1b	4	0	2	3			
Pate c	4	1	1	1			
Baldwin rf	3	0	0	0			
George 3b	3	1	1	0			
Worthington lf	3	2	2	0			
Totals	33	13	13	12			
N. Johnston	000	001	5-	6-2-3			
Whiteville	070	330	X-	13-13-4			
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		
Greene (W.14-2)	7	2	6	3	5	11	
Littleton (L.)	1.2	4	3	6	5	2	4
Glover	1.2	2	4	4	4	1	0
Boyettt	2.2	6	3	3	2	2	

N. Brunswick Eliminated By Wolfpack

Whiteville ended the baseball season for North Brunswick last week in the state quarterfinal playoffs as the Wolfpack tripped the Scorpions, 11-3 behind the pitching of senior Tommy Greene.

The Scorpions, who finished the season 13-10-2 and runnerups in the East Waccamaw 2-A Conference,

were led by Mickey Denkins who collected two of North Brunswick's six hits.

Greene was the winning pitcher for Whiteville (23-2) going the distance and striking out 13. Andre Perkins took the loss for the Scorpions.

North Brunswick took a surprising 2-0 lead in the first inning on Landon

McLean's triple, Johnny Sanders' hit and a Wolfpack error.

Whiteville evened the game 2-2 in the bottom of the first and Greene blasted a three-run homer in the third to give the Wolfpack the lead for good, 5-2.

Whiteville scored three more runs in each of the fourth and fifth innings to blow the game open.

Chris Threadgill led Wolfpack batting with three hits while Greene added four RBIs.

Swing 'Fore' Heart At Benefit Tourney

In the latest local benefit golf tournament, putters can swing "fore" the American Heart Association July 14 at Brierwood Golf Club in Shallotte.

Michael G. Edwards, chairman of the Brunswick County Swing "Fore" Heart Golf Tournament, said teams will play an 18-hole, low gross plus low net format, using two different balls. Players will play at 75 percent their current certified handicap, with a maximum of 18 strokes allowed.

Teams with a designated captain may be composed of all men, all women or mixed players. Tournament winners automatically qualify to compete in the \$10,000-purse Pro-Am State Championship Tournament at Mid Pines Resort, Southern Pines, on Aug. 9-11.

Entry in the local tournament re-

quires a \$100 tax-deductible donation to the American Heart Association, payable with the team registration. A \$7 per player cart fee will be collected at the tournament check-in desk.

Team captains will be notified of tee times one week before the tournament.

A new boat, motor and trailer will be awarded for the first hole-in-one on No. 17 and a new car for the first hole-in-one on No. 9. A prize will be awarded to the player closest to the pin. Goodie bags for all players and numerous door prizes are included and refreshments will be provided.

Edwards said teams are asked to register promptly. Team captains should list each player's name, address, telephone number, CGA membership number and club number. Registration forms and checks payable to the American Heart Association should be sent to Edwards at P.O. Box 2025, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

Anyone with questions about registration is asked to call the Brierwood Golf Club, 754-4660.

Post 68 Tops Beaufort For Second

Brunswick County Post 68 remained unbeaten in American Legion Area II Eastern Division baseball play this week with an 8-6 win over Beaufort. Matt Gore led Post 68 with a home run and pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Randy Brown.

Brunswick County scored six runs in the final two innings after trailing 4-1 after six innings. John Lewis' triple enabled the Bucs to take a 7-4 lead in the seventh and catcher Keith Stanley also added a key RBI.

Post 68 hosts Wilmington Post 10 Friday in next action.

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