

**SPORTING SCENE**

# Being Wrong Was Never Like This Before

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Last week I sat in the exact same spot and with much difficulty tried to eulogize a man whom I had (and still do have) much respect for both as a person and his contributions to collegiate athletics. Little did I know the impact of eight short paragraphs would create such turmoil in his family, my personal life and with the Beacon staff as well.

It was only a matter of minutes last Wednesday after the Beacon hit the racks that a wave of phone calls began to come in to inform both myself and publisher/editor Eddie Sweatt that my report of G.E. "Ted" Mann's death was indeed not true.

A helpless feeling hit me immediately along with a sickly sensation right in the gut about the mistake that had been made. Jumping in the nearest hole seemed to be the most appropriate thing to do.

In effort to put to rest the report in last week's column, I am delighted to announce that Ted Mann is not dead but very much alive at his Holden Beach home.

Not since David Zuckerman (former WECT newscaster) erroneously reported the death of N.C. Senator R.C. Soles three years ago has there been this degree of mistake made. However, because of the daily broadcasts of television, Zuckerman was able to retract his statement the very next day.

The problem with weekly newspapers is that, right or wrong, they are the "gospel" for seven days until the next publication date rolls around. Believe me, the past seven days have certainly been very long and stressful for myself because of the mistake. I'm sure last week was no less easier for the Mann family either as is understandable.

When a source that a writer considers to be reliable winds up being not-so-reliable, (as was the case here last week), it can lead to much undue confusion and misfortune. To Mann, his family and all concerned, I offer my utmost apology for my error in last week's Sporting Scene.

## Whiteville Sweeps Randleman For State Championship

Wolfpack pitchers Tommy Greene and Tommy Hammonds silenced Randleman bats last week as the pair limited the Tigers to only six hits in Whiteville's two-game sweep enroute to its second state 2-A baseball championship in four years.

The heralded Greene led Whiteville to a 1-0 win in the playoff opener Friday in two-hit fashion while losing pitcher Scott Lineberry gave up the game's only run in the first inning when Henry Threadgill scored after a lead-off single.

Hammonds went the distance in the championship game on a four-hitter in his first playoff appearance as the Wolfpack routed the host Tigers 14-2.

The sweep concluded Whiteville's season at 26-3 while Randleman finished at 22-5.

Whiteville took control early in the final game scoring three runs in the first and adding six more for a 9-0 lead in the second inning.

The Wolfpack ran out to a 12-0 lead after five innings when Randleman losing pitcher Dave McDuffie was lifted and Lineberry came in on relief after going the distance in the first game.

The Tigers scored two runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh to prevent the shutout.

Chris Threadgill led the Wolfpack at the plate in the championship game with four hits.

In other state playoff action, Southern Wayne won two of three games from Ashbrook (Gastonia) to win the 4-A crown. The Saints won the opener but saw Ashbrook tie the series at one game each with a 4-1 win in the second contest. However, Southern Wayne took a 3-1 win in the third and deciding contest to win the school's first state baseball title. Southern Wayne concluded the year at 27-1 while Ashbrook finished at 21-5.

## Seniors Compete Olympic Style

You don't have to be young to be fit, as Brunswick County senior citizens proved during the Region O Senior Games held May 23 in Wilmington.

Eight county seniors won gold medals and will represent the county in the state Senior Games to be held in Raleigh in October, said Dorene Vereen, who coordinates programs for special populations with the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department. Seniors from Bolivia, Shallotte, Leland, Long Beach and Southport competed in the games, held on the UNC-Wilmington campus.

Gold medalists were Florence Brown, Mary Bryant, Troy Edwards, Orilla Morris and Elizabeth Willis, one-mile walk; Vern Larson, swim medley (breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle); Bud Place, singles

tennis; Betty Place, singles and doubles tennis.

Taking silver medals were Cora Lee Turner in the one-mile walk and Virginia Clark in golf. Dot Bloomfield and Doris Bordeaux won bronzes in the one-mile walk.

Other participants were Pauline Brown, Minnie Davis, Sadie Jarvis, Lucille Johnson, Everlena Jones, Josey Smith, Lois White and Christine Robbins, one-mile walk; and Nick Clark, golf.

The games were open to residents age 55 and older in the Region O counties.

The games opened with a brief ceremony and lighting of the torch, in the Olympic tradition.

Senior citizens also served as cheerleaders.

## Canoists Still Needed

Persons should sign up now for the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department's canoe trip down the Lumber River set for Saturday, June 29.

Experienced canoists will be guided down the scenic stretch of the Lumber River Trail. Canoes and life preservers will be provided. In-

terested persons should sign up before Friday, June 14.

The all-day excursion will begin at Fair Bluff and conclude at Nichols, S.C. Space is limited for the trip.

For more information, contact Emma Thomas at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

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## Skating Facility Opens

Developer Bill Benton (left) and Teen Miss Brunswick County Kristi Malonee joined owner Vickie Crawford (right) for the grand opening of Skateworld skating rink at Seaside Saturday afternoon.

# Greene, Quince Sign Pro Baseball Contracts

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

After being the 14th overall selection in last week's major league baseball draft, Whiteville's Tommy Greene made it official earlier this week signing a reported six-figure contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Greene will report to the Braves rookie-league farm team in Pulaski, Va., this week after just recently finishing a banner career with the Wolfpack.

The senior right-hander led the Wolfpack to a 26-3 record and the

state 2-A baseball title and was only the second high school pitcher selected in the draft. The 6-foot-5, 225-pounder finished with a 40-4 career pitching record including a state-record 248 regular-season strikeouts this year.

Greene also threw nine career no-hitters including three this season with his 95 mph fastball.

While Greene took most of the pre-draft and post-draft publicity, North Brunswick baseball and basketball standout Dana Quince surprised everyone at becoming the Seattle

Mariners 20th round choice.

Quince recently signed a basketball grand-in-aid with Louisburg Junior College but the decision of a possible pro baseball career has added a new twist to his future.

Quince drew the attention of pro scouts with his three-hit, 10-strikeout win over Whiteville and Greene during one of the Scorpions regular season battles with the Wolfpack.

Pro scouts stated Quince's fastball averaged 86 mph and that the 5-11, 170-pound hurler had an excellent slider.

## Canoe Trip Is Planned

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor another canoe trip down the Lumber River July 27.

Space is limited for the all-day excursion, which costs \$10 per person. Those interested are asked to sign up before July 19.

## Track And Field Meet Scheduled

There will be a track and field meet for boys and girls 9-14 Saturday, June 15 at 9 a.m. at West Brunswick High School.

Events include 50, 100, 100 and 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 4x100 meter relay, standing long jump and softball throw.

Participants should present a birth certificate or notarized statement at the meet, according to a news release from the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Brunswick County Men's Softball League Standings as of Monday, June 10		
Team	W	L
Heavy Metal	6	0
Joe & Moe's	4	1
Ocean Front Paint	4	1
Bruce's Construction	4	1
Ocean Isle Builders	4	2
Cooke Realty	2	3
H.P. Wrecking Crew	2	4
Joyner Electric	1	5
Bald Head Island	1	5
Road Warriors	1	5

Upcoming Games Week of June 13-18	
All games at Supply Park Thursday, June 13	
Ocean Isle Builders vs. Ocean Front Paint, 7 p.m.;	Bald Head Island vs. Cooke Realty, 8 p.m.;
Heavy Metal vs. Bruce's Construction, 9 p.m.	
Monday, June 17	
Road Warriors vs. Joyner Electric, 7 p.m.;	Bruce's Construction vs. Bald Head Island, 8 p.m.;
Ocean Front Paint vs. Heavy Metal, 9 p.m.	
Tuesday, June 18	
Cooke Realty vs. Road Warriors, 7 p.m.;	Joyner Electric vs. H.P. Wrecking Crew, 8 p.m.;
Joe & Moe's vs. Ocean Isle Builders, 9 p.m.	

Brunswick County Little League Baseball Week of June 13-18	
Thursday, June 13	
Cardinals vs. Yankees, 6 p.m.;	Dodgers vs. Reds, 6 p.m.;
Tigers vs. Blue Jays, 8 p.m.	
Monday, June 17	
Tarheels vs. Dodgers, 6 p.m.;	Lions vs. Cardinals, 6 p.m.;
Rebels vs. Blue Jays, 8 p.m.	
Tuesday, June 18	
Dodgers vs. Reds, 6 p.m.;	Yankees vs. Tigers, 6 p.m.;
Blue Jays vs. Lions, 8 p.m.	

## Gore Leads Post 68 Over Winter Park

Pitcher Matt Gore fired a three-hitter and struck out 13 Monday to lead Brunswick County Post 68 to a 6-0 shutout over Winter Park in American Legion Eastern Division baseball action Monday. The win raised Post 68 to 3-1 with Gore raising his record on the mound to 3-0.

Todd Leonard collected two hits and an RBI to lead Brunswick County.

Sean Ross was the losing pitcher for Winter Park (1-4) while Rick Bierwiler had a pair of hits for the visitors.

Post 68 hosts Whiteville Monday at 7:30 p.m. in next home action.

In other Legion play this week, Wilmington Post 10 tripped Whiteville Post 137, 12-7. The win raised Post 10 to 3-2 while Whiteville fell to 1-1.

## County Special Olympians Go For The Gold

Eighteen athletes recently represented Brunswick County in the North Carolina Special Olympics Summer Games, held May 24 and 25 in Charlotte, bringing home medals in softball and track and field events.

Following an opening game against Wilson County special athletes, the Brunswick County delegation joined other participants for the opening ceremony and parade of athletes on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte campus, reported Dorene Vereen, Special Olympics coordinator and coordinator of programs for special populations with the Brunswick County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Brunswick County defeated both Charlotte-Mecklenburg (9-4) and Henderson (11-7) for the gold medal in softball, in what Ms. Vereen called "a spectacular showing" from a South Brunswick Middle School foursome: Freddie Patton and Hannah Lewis, catchers; Shawn Edge, second base; Jean Johnson, shortstop and relief pitcher.

Other team members were, by school: South Brunswick High—Charles Clarida, centerfield; Shallotte Middle—Woody Hewett, pitcher; Terris Jenrette, third base; David Rhodes, short center; Leland Middle—Danny Barker, right field; and Maurice Edge, left field; and West Brunswick High School—Robert Davis, first base.

Softball team head coach was Anthony Price of Shallotte Middle School. Assisting from South Brunswick High were Larry Panky at first base, Larry Galloway at third and Alandis Smith, outfield.

Athletes ran, jumped and threw for medals and ribbons in the track and field events.

From Leland Middle School, the athletes were Donnie Myers and Lilly Newkirk, silver in 50-meter dash and softball throw; David Malpass, place ribbon and participation medal in softball throw and silver medal in standing long jump; and Nyoka Webb, place ribbon and participation medal in the 50-meter dash and standing long jump.

Dion Smith of Bolivia Elementary won a gold medal in softball and a silver medal in the 50-meter dash, while Sharynnia Hill of West Brunswick High School won a bronze in the standing long jump and silver in the 50-meter dash.

Karen Kirk of Leland Middle School was head track and field coach, assisted by Mark and David Malpass' parents.

The purpose of the state games is to provide special athletes with an opportunity to meet other participants from around the state, for them to share a new experience, and to compete in the spirit of the Special Olympic oath: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

## Golf Tourney Opens Sunday

As of Monday afternoon, there were still 16 openings available for the third-annual Jimmy Simpson Invitational Golf Tournament to be held Sunday, June 16, at the Marsh Harbor Golf Links in Calabash.

The tournament is held each year to benefit the Brunswick County Special Olympics program. Tee off time is 2 p.m. Sunday, Father's Day.

Since the field will be closed at 144 entrants, interested parties should call Jim Simpson at 754-9197 after 6 p.m. to register.

Low gross and low net divisions for both men and women are available for an entry fee of \$25 which includes green fees and cart rentals. A free barbecue dinner will also be served following play for all of the participants.

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