



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER  
MIKE HEWETT pitched well and knocked in four runs to lead Post 68 to a 13-3 win over Post 445 last Thursday in American Legion baseball.

## Hewett Leads Post 68 In Battle Of Brunswick

**BY DOUG RUTTER**  
Mike Hewett knocked in four runs and pitched six strong innings as Post 68 defeated Post 445 13-3 last Thursday in a battle of Brunswick County's two American Legion baseball teams.  
Hewett, who held Brunswick Shores Post 445 to one run on three hits, had a two-run double in the first inning as Brunswick County Post 68 sent nine batters to the plate and scored five runs.  
Adrian Black also had a good game for Post 68 with three doubles, and Jared McGee had two hits. Brunswick County improved to 6-0 in the Area II Eastern League, while Brunswick Shores fell to 1-3.  
Post 68 benefited from three Brunswick Shores errors in the

opening frame, scoring the five runs on only two hits and a walk.  
Demetrius Beil, Kelley Myers and Hewett scored on the three infield throwing errors. McGee and Black came home on Hewett's double to left field off Post 445 starter Scott Gore.  
In the second inning, Hewett came to bat with the bases loaded and two outs and came through with a two-run single. Myers, who had walked, and Black, who had doubled, scored on the hit.  
Brunswick Shores trimmed the lead to 7-1 in the top of the fourth with three straight hits. Gregg Mott led off with a single and moved to third on Gore's double.  
Jason Bracey followed with an RBI single, but he was gunned down

trying for second base. Hewett avoided further damage by inducing two fly balls to get out of the inning.  
Post 68 got the run back in the bottom of the fourth when McGee singled and later scored on a passed ball.  
Brunswick County added single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Robert Hewett scored on a double steal in the fifth, and Bert Hatchell scored on an error in the sixth to give Post 68 a 10-1 lead.  
Brunswick County tacked on three more insurance runs in the seventh. McGee and Hatchell had RBI singles, and Black knocked in a run with his third double of the night.  
Post 445 scored twice in the eighth without getting a hit. Steve Holmes walked and later scored on

an infield error. Mott reached on the error and came home on Bracey's ground out.  
Brunswick Shores' Gore gave up nine runs and six hits in five innings, striking out four and walking four. Brad Ricker pitched the final three innings for Post 445.  
For Post 68, Timothy Smith and Scott Beck pitched in relief of Mike Hewett, a former North Brunswick player in his third season with the American Legion club.  
The teams are scheduled to square off again June 28 at South Brunswick High School in Boiling Spring Lakes.

**Game Summary**  
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### NINTH-INNING RALLY

## Post 445 Squeaks Past Bladenboro

**BY DOUG RUTTER**  
Brunswick Shores scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth to pull off an amazing, 6-5 win over visiting Bladenboro last Tuesday night in American Legion baseball.  
Wayne Branch, who had two hits and scored twice, crossed home plate for the game-winning run on a two-out single by pinch hitter Jason Bracey that lifted Post 445 to its first victory of the season.  
Mike "Hardrock" Clewis and Bryan Fleming also had clutch RBI singles to fuel the Brunswick Shores ninth-inning rally.  
Post 445 trailed 5-2 going into its final at-bat, and the club had shown little offense in the previous eight innings. But the bats woke up just in time to prevent opening the season with three straight losses.  
The comeback started with a one-out walk to Gregg Mott, who quickly advanced to third on two wild pitches and scored when Bladenboro third baseman Erik Martin booted Scott Gore's grounder.  
Gore later scored from second on Clewis' single, and the Post 445 first baseman came home on a base hit by Fleming that knotted the score at 5-5.  
With two outs, Branch drew a walk, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on Bracey's line single to left-center field.  
Brunswick Shores reliever Eric Johnson, who gave up one unearned run in the top of the ninth, was the winning pitcher. Starter Brett Tabor had a strong effort, yielding just four hits and four runs in 7 2/3 innings. Tabor struck out 13 batters and walked five.  
Grant Pait suffered the loss for Bladenboro Post 268 after relieving starter Brian Mazur in the eighth. Mazur gave up just one run on three hits and struck out eight before tiring.  
The left-handed starter had left Pait with a comfortable 4-1 lead. Bladenboro opened the scoring in the first when Robbie Priest doubled and scored on Mazur's single.



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BRETT TABOR pitches for Brunswick Shores in their 6-5 American Legion baseball win last Tuesday over Bladenboro.

## Whiteville Stops Post 68

Whiteville Post 137 scored five runs in the bottom of the ninth Monday night to beat Brunswick County 9-8 in an American Legion Area II Eastern League baseball game.  
The Whiteville victory ended a four-game winning streak for Post 68, which dropped its first league game of the season and fell to 6-1 in the league and 8-2 overall.  
Brunswick County trailed 4-1 before coming back to take an 8-4 lead into the ninth. Post 68 Assistant Coach Wes Coward said Whiteville scored five runs in the ninth to win.  
The loss was the first in nine days for Brunswick County, which posted a non-league win Saturday over visiting Garner Post 232.  
Matt Mintz and Casey McBride combined for eight strike outs in the 3-1 win. Mintz allowed five hits and one run in five innings. McBride relieved in the sixth and yielded just

one hit while striking out five.  
Adrian Black and Kelley Myers had two hits apiece for Post 68.  
Last Tuesday, Brunswick County defeated Warsaw Post 127 15-5. McBride struck out eight and allowed just two hits in five innings.  
Jared McGee was 4-for-4 with a triple, and Demetrius Bell and Black had three hits apiece. Will Taylor had two hits, including a two-run double in the sixth inning.  
Brunswick County was scheduled to host Burgaw Tuesday night before traveling to Wilmington's Hardee Field Friday night for a game with defending league champion Post 10.  
After visiting Wilmington, Post 68 returns to Leland for three home games starting Saturday night against Warsaw. Brunswick hosts Jacksonville Monday and Winter Park Tuesday.

Mazur later scored on a Garrick West hit.  
Brunswick Shores cut the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the first. Leadoff hitter Mott was hit by a pitch and later scored from third on Fleming's RBI groundout.  
The visitors added a run in the fifth when Priest, who scored four of his team's five runs, reached base on an error and came home on a wild pitch.  
Priest then led off the seventh with his second double of the night and again scored on a wild pitch to give Bladenboro a 4-1 lead.  
Post 445 trimmed the lead to 4-2

in the eighth when Branch singled off Pait and moved to third on two wayward pickoff throws. Branch hustled home when Bladenboro's catcher threw to first following a dropped third strike.  
Post 268 added a run in the top of the ninth when Priest walked and scored on an infield error. But Bladenboro's 5-2 lead melted in the

bottom half of the inning.  
Brunswick Shores improved to 1-2 in the Area II Eastern League. Post 445 and Post 268 are scheduled to meet again next Friday, June 25, at East Bladen High School in Elizabethtown.

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