

Leland's Boys Of Summer Looking Like Contenders

Before the American Legion baseball season started a couple of weeks ago, Brunswick County Post 68 Coach Ed Lewis said it would be hard to replace two stars who virtually carried the club last summer.

Chris McBride and Ed Lewis Jr. "aged out" of American Legion baseball after the 1992 season, when Post 68 finished second in the Area II Eastern League and advanced to the league championship playoff series.

Somehow, Coach has filled the huge shoes of McBride and Lewis, both of whom play college baseball on the Division I level. Coach has poured his whole team into those shoes, and the team has responded.

The 1993 Brunswick County club doesn't have the superstars like McBride and Lewis. Post 68 has a cast of solid baseball players, and Coach Lewis is discovering a new hero every night.

This concoction of North Brunswick and East Columbus players with a dash of New Hanover County kids is cooking just as well as last year. As a result, Post 68 should contend for the league title again.

If you go to one of Post 68's home games this year, make sure you pick up a program. On the cover is a photo of eight players dressed as outlaws. They're wearing cowboy hats and toting rifles.

Pictured are four brother combinations who have played or are currently playing for the team. They are Paul and Matt Mintz, Mike and Robert Hewett, Chris and Casey McBride, and Ed and J Lewis.

Demetrius Bell, outfielder and leadoff man for Post 68, accomplished something great during his senior season for the North Brunswick Scorpions that went unnoticed at the time.

In the championship game of the Seashell Invitational Tournament, Bell took the mound against New Hanover and struck out Trot Nixon. If I remember correctly, the count was full and Bell got Nixon to wave at a dirt ball.

Nixon, the seventh pick overall in the recent Major League Baseball draft, struck out just twice this year while hitting over .500 and setting state single-season record for RBI.

If Trot ever makes it big in the pros, which he likely will, Demetrius will always have that strike out to remember.

Doug Rutter Sports Editor



Tennis Ladder As Of June 14

1. Jerry Small
2. Sal DiFazio
3. Ray DeVries
4. Lynn Slimmer
5. Jim Fournier
6. Rodney Gause
7. Teak Hemphill
8. Bill Davis
9. Percy Woodard
10. Jack Redmond
11. Greg Bland
12. Robby Davis
13. Lewis Shaw
14. Doug Rutter
15. James Hardy
16. Robin Dale
17. Billy Mims
18. Brad Singletary
19. Michael Nelson

*New players welcome. Call Jerry Small, 754-6712.

Freeman Leads Bowling League

Ken Freeman rolled a 258 high game and 662 scratch series to lead the men in the Woodmen of the World League last Friday at Brunswick County Bowling Center in Shallotte.

Also posting high scores were B.J. Gaither, 248 game, 543 series; Waddell Evans, 225, 582; Jimmy Robinson, 209, 470; Bill Shoemaker, 207, 535; Alan Freeman, 206; 593; Ervin Stanley, 202, 527; Lee Harris, 201, 586; and Mike Clardy, 200, 626.

Among the women, Regina Lyles rolled the high game of 222 and Joyce Freeman had a 545 scratch series. Freeman's high game was 192, and Lyles had a 491 series.

Other top female finishers were Mimi O'Sullivan with a 199 game and 469 series, Ellen Benton with a 198 game and 476 series and Debbie Cumbee with a 191 high game and 482 series.

County Day Camps Start Next Week

Canoe Sweep

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will open its summer day camp program next week for local boys and girls ages 6 to 13.

Camp will be held weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities will include swimming, fishing, group games, arts and crafts, nature study and walks and special field trips.

Participants will meet each day at the county government center in Bolivia, and transportation will be provided to other areas.

The fee is \$45 per week or \$10 per day, with special field trips costing extra. Families with two or more children attending camp will be eligible for discounts.

Each child will receive a free day camp T-shirt for the first week of participation.

Camps for children ages 6 to 9 will be held June 21-25, June 28-July 2, July 19-23 and Aug. 9-13. Day camp for kids 10 to 13 are scheduled July 12-16 and Aug. 2-6.

Creative Dramatic Camp

A creative dramatic camp for youths ages 9 to 18 will be held July 19-22 at South Brunswick High School.

Camp hours are 9 a.m. until noon each day. The fee is \$15 per child, and pre-registration is required.

A two-hour creative drama workshop for kids ages 10 to 13 will be held Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Town Creek Community Building. The fee is \$1, and participants must pre-register.

Mask Workshop

The parks and recreation department will offer a creative mask workshop July 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Brunswick High School.

The program is for boys and girls ages 6 to 10. The fee is \$1 per child. Pre-registration is required.

RECREATION BRIEFS

County Day Camps Start Next Week

Canoe Sweep

In celebration of the National Big Sweep program, parks and recreation is planning two "canoe sweep" cleanups on local waters this summer.

Participants will pick up trash while canoeing and must provide their own gloves and life jackets. The county will provide canoes and trash bags.

Canoe sweeps will be held July 11 on Davis Canal and Sept. 25 on Rice's Creek. Pre-registration is required.

Rock Climbing

Area residents can enjoy an invigorating day in beautiful Pisgah National Forest and learn the basics of rock climbing and rappelling Aug. 20-22.

Edge of the World Outfitters will lead the group in beginners instruction. The cost will probably be between \$35 and \$50, depending on the number of participants. Transportation, lodging and meals will be an extra \$60.

Deadline for registering is July 10.

New River Trip

A weekend of camping and canoeing on the New River near West Jefferson is being planned for Oct. 8-10.

The trip will cost about \$60 per person, which includes transporta-

tion, camping fees, canoeing and three meals. Other meals will cost extra.

The deadline for signing up is Sept. 1. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Horseback Riding

Parks and recreation is planning a horseback riding trip to scenic Burkemont Mountain, located near Morganton, Nov. 5-7.

The group will stay in a rustic mountain cabin and ride one full day on mountain trails.

The \$140 cost per person will include transportation, lodging, meals and riding. The registration deadline is Sept. 8.

Aerobics Classes

Low impact aerobics classes continue to meet twice a week at four locations across the county. The fee is \$15 per month or \$3 per class.

Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Waccamaw and Town Creek community buildings.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights, classes are held at the Lockwood Folly and Leland community buildings. The time is 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lockwood Folly and 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in Leland.

For more information on any of these programs, contact Emma T. McGraw at the county parks and recreation office, 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

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IN COED LEAGUE

Calvary Nips Jennies Branch

Calvary edged Jennies Branch 9-8 Saturday night to grab sole possession of first place in Division 1 of the Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League.

Calvary improved its season record to 7-2 and moved ahead of Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands, which fell to 6-3 Saturday night with an 18-8 loss to Supply.

In other action last week at Lockwood Folly Township Park, Shell Point blasted Soldier Bay 20-3.

Mount Olive continued to dominate the opposition in Division 2, beating Southport "B" 14-1 Saturday at Smithville Township Park in Southport. Mount Olive is 9-0, three games ahead of second-place Town Creek.

Town Creek kept pace with a 17-

14 win over Faith, and Oak Island-Bethel defeated Southport "A" 10-9 in other coed softball action in Southport.

Baptist Softball League

Standings As Of June 17

DIVISION 1		
Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary	7	2
Gospel-Brunswick	6	3
Shell Point	5	4
Supply	5	4
Jennies Branch	3	6
Soldier Bay	1	8

DIVISION 2		
Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	9	0
Town Creek	6	3
Faith	5	4
Oak Island-Bethel	4	5
Southport "A"	2	7
Southport "B"	1	8

Baseball Camp Starts Monday

Area youths ages 8 to 15 interested in improving their baseball skills are invited to attend the 1993 Trojan Baseball Camp next week at West Brunswick High School.

The camp will run Monday, June 21, through Thursday, June 24, at the high school baseball field. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. The deadline for registering is Friday, June 18.

West's baseball coaching staff has put together the camp for young players who want to improve their hitting skills, fielding fundamentals and positional play.

Instruction will include drills, video taping and batting practice. Emphasis will be placed on teaching proper fundamentals and mechanics.

Enrollment will be limited to the first 50 paying participants. The cost is \$40 per player. Athletes must bring their own lunch to camp. Drinks will be provided.

Door prizes, T-shirts and a grand prize will be awarded. MVP campers for each age group also will receive awards.

For more information, contact Coach Mike Alderson.

Mt. Olive, Emanuel Outreach Lead Church Softball League

Mount Olive and Emanuel Outreach lead their respective division by two full games with five weeks remaining in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League regular season.

Mount Olive leads the North Division with a 13-1 record after beating Seaside Methodist 9-3 last Tuesday and pounding Old Shallotte 38-1 Monday night at Waccamaw Park.

Grove beat Seaside Methodist 14-4, Calvary Baptist stopped Soldier Bay 17-8 and Friendship Baptist crushed Dixon Chapel 20-2.

In addition to the regularly-scheduled games this week, the church league has slated six make-up games this Saturday at Waccamaw Township Park starting at 9 a.m.

Men's Church Softball Standings Through June 14

SOUTH DIVISION		
Team	Wins	Losses
Emanuel Outreach	12	3
Ocean View	10	4
Friendship Baptist	7	6
Seaside Methodist	7	7
New Britton	3	10
Soldier Bay	2	10
Old Shallotte	2	11
Zion Baptist	0	10

NORTH DIVISION		
Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	13	1
Supply Baptist	11	3
Jennies Branch	10	3
Shallotte First	10	5
Calvary Baptist	9	5
Letties Grove	6	7
Camp Methodist	4	10
Dixon Chapel	0	13

In the South Division, Emanuel Outreach improved to 12-3 with an 11-1 victory over Dixon Chapel Monday. Emanuel also defeated Jennies Branch 21-14 last Tuesday.

Chasing Emanuel Outreach in the South Division is Ocean View with a record of 10-4. Ocean View lost its only game last week, falling 4-1 to Supply Baptist. Supply is 11-3 and two games behind Mount Olive in the North.

Shallotte First Baptist won a pair of games last week, knocking off Zion Baptist 16-4 and New Britton 9-4. Camp Methodist edged New Britton 10-4 Monday night.

In other games last week, Letties

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