

Brunswick Shores Beats Error-Prone Burgaw

BY DOUG RUTTER

Brunswick Shores Post 445 took advantage of six errors by Burgaw Post 165 in a 9-4 American Legion baseball win Friday night at the West Brunswick High School field.

With just five hits in the game, Brunswick Shores rode the solid pitching of starter Scott Gore and reliever Brian Ricker. They combined for 14 strikeouts.

Gore got the win after giving up four runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings. The hard-throwing, right-hander recorded 10 strikeouts and issued six walks. Ricker held Burgaw hitless while striking out four batters.

Nobody had more than one hit for Brunswick Shores, which scored seven unearned runs. Ken Ickes and Darrell Cavanaugh led Burgaw with two singles apiece.

The victory snapped a three-game losing skid for Post 445, which had lost Monday at Warsaw and Tuesday to Whiteville. Brunswick Shores improved to 2-5 with the win.

The hosts jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Lead-off hitter Gregg Mott was hit by a pitch and scored from third on a two-out wild pitch by Post 165 pitcher Chris Pearce.

Burgaw tied the score at 1-1 in the top of the second when Cavanaugh singled and scored on an infield throwing error.

Post 445 took the lead for good with two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Wayne Branch reached base on an error and scored on another wild pitch. Eric McMahan walked and scored on an error.

Burgaw trimmed Brunswick Shores' lead to 3-2 in the sixth when Gore issued a bases-loaded walk to Wirth Wells. Gore avoided further damage by getting Lee Stone to ground out to end the inning.

Post 445 pulled away with four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Jason Bracey singled and scored on a base hit by McMahan. Eric Johnson, who reached base on an error, scored from third on a double steal.

With runners at second and third and two outs, Burgaw decided to issue an intentional walk to Gore. However, Pearce's 3-1 pitch sailed over the head of catcher Kevin Cusson.

McMahan scored easily from third, and Mott came all the way home from second base when Cusson threw to second in an attempt to get Gore, who took two bases after ball four rolled to the backstop.

Gore left the game in the seventh inning after giving up three straight hits and two unearned runs to Post 165.

Brunswick Shores closed out the scoring with two runs in the seventh. Bryan Fleming walked and scored

from second on an infield error. Branch later scored on a wild pitch.

Brunswick Shores benefited from three base-running mistakes by Burgaw that spoiled several scoring opportunities. Post 165 had runners picked off in the third and fifth innings with runners in scoring position.

The visitors also had the bases loaded with no outs in the second when Post 445 converted a fly to

center into a double play. The runner at second base thought the ball was going to fall for a hit but he was doubled up.

Brunswick Shores had three road games scheduled this week. Post 445 was slated to visit Whiteville Tuesday night, Winter Park Wednesday and Bladenboro Friday.

Game Summary

Burgaw. 010001200—4 6 6
B. Shores 12000420X—9 5 4

Shores Splits With Post 10

Brunswick Shores Post 445 and Wilmington Post 10 split their home-and-home American Legion baseball series Sunday and Monday, with each team winning on its home field.

Post 445 edged Post 10 2-1 Monday night, getting a complete-game, six-hit performance from pitcher Eric Johnson, a rising junior at West Brunswick High School.

Johnson struck out seven batters to lead Post 445 to its second win in the last three games. Joey Medlin drove in one run for Brunswick Shores, and Post 10 pitcher Mike Maley balked the other run home.

Brunswick Shores improved to 3-6 in the Area II Eastern League. Maley and Tony Pigott combined on a five-hitter for defending league champ

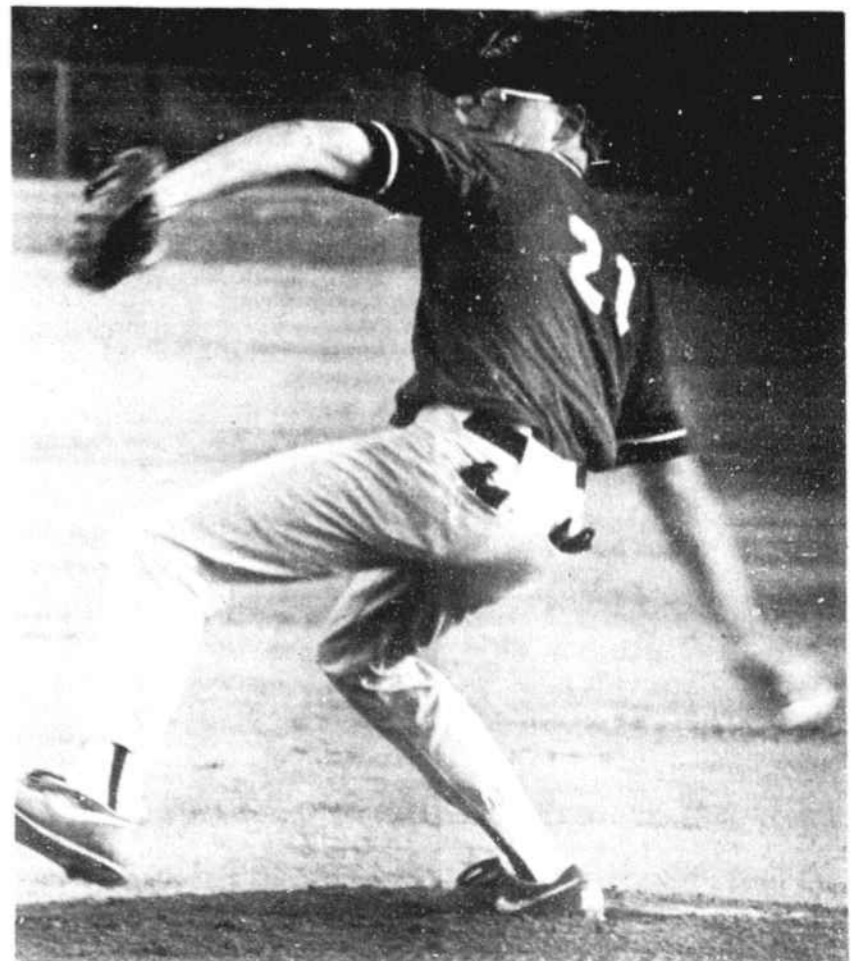
Wilmington, which fell to 6-2.

On Sunday, Eric Faulk pitched a one-hitter to lead Post 10 to a 13-3 win in Wilmington. Faulk had eight strikeouts and Shawn Gallagher had three hits to lead Post 10.

In league action last Tuesday, Whiteville Post 137 rolled to a 10-1 win over Brunswick Shores in Charlotte. Tony Rhodes pitched a four-hitter for the winners.

Whiteville took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on Jamie Townsend's RBI single. Brett Harwood's two-run triple highlighted a three-run fifth inning for Post 137.

Gregg Mott's RBI single in the bottom of the fifth trimmed Whiteville's lead to 4-1, but Post 137 batted around in the eighth and broke the game open with five runs.



POST 445 PITCHER Scott Gore struck out 10 batters Friday night as Brunswick Shores beat Burgaw 9-4.

IN COED LEAGUE

Southport Upsets Town Creek

Southport "A" upset Town Creek 18-15 Saturday night in Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League Division 2 play at Smithville Township Park in Southport.

It was just the third win in 10 games this season for fifth-place Southport, while second-place Town Creek dropped to 6-4.

Division 2 leader Mount Olive remained undefeated Saturday with a 14-9 victory over Faith. Oak Island-Bethel defeated Southport "B" 12-4 in the night's final game.

In Division 1, the top three teams won their games Saturday night at Lockwood Folly Township Park in Supply.

Calvary remained in first place with a 14-13 win over Soldier Bay. Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands edged Jennies Branch 9-8, and Southport "B" 1-9.

Supply blasted Shell Point 18-4. Interdivision play begins this Saturday at Supply and Southport. No games are scheduled during the Fourth of July weekend.

Baptist Softball League Standings As Of June 24

DIVISION 1		
Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary	8	2
Gospel-Brunswick	7	3
Supply	6	4
Shell Point	5	5
Jennies Branch	3	7
Soldier Bay	1	9

DIVISION 2		
Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	10	0
Town Creek	6	4
Faith	5	5
Oak Island-Bethel	5	5
Southport "A"	3	7
Southport "B"	1	9

Exercise Class To Be Offered At Links Pool

An "aquacise" water aerobics class will be held at the Lockwood Folly Golf Links pool on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-10.

Participants should bring a hat for sun protection, wear waterproof sunscreen and bring a container of water to drink during class.

There will be a \$20 per month fee or a \$3 per class drop-in fee.

For more information, call Emma T. McGraw at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Mileage Winners Announced

Guy Wescott of Bolivia earned the top mileage award for bicycling during the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department's observance of National Physical Fitness Month in April and May.

He cycled 526 miles in April and 438 miles in May.

Bill Schuck of Long Beach received a top mileage award for walking during both months, with 54.6 miles in April and 86.5 in May.

Linda Hankins received top mileage award for running 95 miles in May. No running logs were turned in for April.

Participants were asked to keep daily records of mileage in running, bicycling or walking.

Evans Leads Bowlers

Waddell Evans rolled a 279 high game and 636 scratch series to lead the men in the Woodmen of the World League last Friday at Brunswick County Bowling Center in Charlotte.

Other high rollers included Bill Shoemaker with a 229 high game and 589 scratch series; Myron Cumbee, 224, 566; Lee Harris, 222, 619; Tom Haley, 219, 597; Chris Chappell, 214, 566; Mike Clardy, 213, 608; Mike Hardee, 213, 546; Billy Lewis, 208, 561; Bob Fluegel, 208, 497; Ervin Stanley, 204, 530; Dennis Harpster, 203, 569; and Michael Russ, 203, 513.

Among the women, Debbie Cumbee rolled the high game of 215 and Ellen Benton had the high scratch series with 514. Cumbee had a 490 series, and Benton rolled a 201 game.

Other top female finishers included Mimi O'Sullivan with a 193 high game and 500 scratch series, Wanda Evans with 190 and 470 and Regina Lyles with 180 and 474.



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A's Are Minor League Champions

The A's won the Lockwood Folly Dixie Youth League minor league baseball championship with a 14-0 record. Pictured (front row, from left) are Johnathan Hickman, Jeremy Beresoff, David Scott, Jeremy Horn, Evan Gore, (middle row, from left) Brian Nicholes, Travis Stevenson, Matthew Hewett, Jeffery Inman, Chris Dickerson, Bradley Suggs, (back row, from left) Manager Kevin Hickman and coaches Sue Inman and Russell Hickman. Not pictured is Coach Robert Horn.

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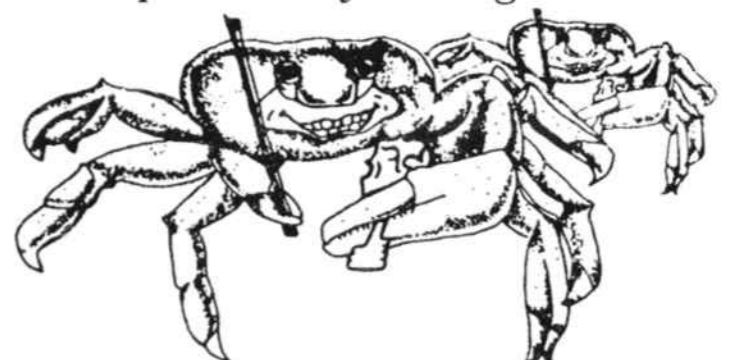
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