

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

□ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Camp Methodist vs. Seaside Methodist, 7 p.m.; Supply Baptist vs. Friendship Baptist, 8 p.m.; Eastside Fellowship vs. New Britton, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

□ Brunswick County Post 68 at Beaufort Post 99 in American Legion baseball, East Carteret High School, 7:30 p.m.
 □ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Letties Grove vs. Emanuel Outreach, 7 p.m.; Dixon Chapel vs. Old Shallotte, 8 p.m.; Shallotte First vs. Mt. Olive, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

□ Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: Mt. Pisgah vs. Southport A, 6 p.m.; Brunswick Islands vs. Lebanon, 7 p.m.; Bolivia vs. Faith A, 8 p.m.; Southport C vs. Faith B, 9 p.m., at Smithville Park, Southport.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

□ Brunswick County Post 68 hosts Jacksonville Post 265 in American Legion baseball, North Brunswick High School, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

□ Brunswick County Post 68 hosts Wilmington Post 10 in American Legion baseball, North Brunswick High School, 8 p.m.
 □ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Zion Baptist vs. Soldier Bay, 7 p.m.; Letties Grove vs. Ocean View, 8 p.m.; Dixon Chapel vs. Camp Methodist, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

□ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Jennies Branch vs. Emanuel Outreach, 7 p.m.; Zion Baptist vs. Seaside Methodist, 8 p.m.; Ocean View vs. Friendship Baptist, 9 p.m.
 □ Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: Southport A vs. Brunswick Islands, 7 p.m.; Southport C vs. Shell Point, 8 p.m., at Lockwood Folly Park, Supply.
 Mt. Pisgah vs. Lebanon, 7 p.m.; Supply vs. Faith B, 8 p.m., at Smithville Park, Southport.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to Doug Rutter, *The Brunswick Beacon*, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

McBride, Johnson Tame Whiteville 2-0

BY DOUG RUTTER

Casey McBride and Eric Johnson combined on a three-hitter as Brunswick County Post 68 defeated visiting Whiteville Post 137 2-0 last Thursday in American Legion baseball.

McBride and Johnson, the county's high school baseball co-players of the year, recorded 11 strikeouts as Post 68 improved to 4-1 in the Area II East League. Whiteville suffered its first league loss and fell to 4-1.

Making his first start in 16 days, McBride overcame a shaky opening frame to pitch five strong innings.

After walking two of the first four batters, McBride settled down and did not issue any walks the rest of the way. The right-hander yielded just two hits while striking out five.

In four innings of relief, Johnson gave up one hit, walked three and fanned six. Johnson, who had one of Brunswick County's two hits in the game, was the winning pitcher.

"Tonight we played like the ball club I envisioned us being this year," Brunswick County Coach Ed Lewis said after the game. "Any time you can beat one of these top

"We put pressure on them with our speed. We've got five guys in our lineup that can fly, and we used that to our advantage tonight."—Post 68 Coach Ed Lewis

three clubs it's good."

Brunswick County (6-7 overall) provided the game's only scoring in the seventh inning. Jeremy Child drew a leadoff walk and advanced to third when Whiteville misplayed Lewis Vaught's bunt.

Child raced home on a wild pitch by Post 137 starter Brian Mazur, and the speedy Vaught went from first to third on the play.

Michael Johnson then drove in Vaught with a sacrifice fly to left field to give Post 68 a 2-0 lead.

Whiteville's biggest threat came in the top of the ninth inning when Jamie Townshend doubled and Eric Johnson issued consecutive walks to load the bases with one out.

Post 137's Joe High poked a lazy

fly ball to right that Vaught tracked down and snared near the foul line.

Townshend tagged up at third base, but Vaught fired a one-hopper to home plate. Catcher Randy Coleman fielded the throw and put the tag on Townshend for the game's final out.

"We've had five or six assists from our outfield this year," Coach Lewis said. "It was a tremendous play. He was set up right and made a tremendous play. I was happy for Lewis."

Whiteville (5-3 overall) stranded runners at third base in the first and fourth innings and left a total of seven men on base.

Due to recent tenderness in his right arm, the pitching start was

McBride's first since the high school playoffs.

Lewis said McBride took 15 days off before working out on the mound. Against Whiteville, McBride was taken out after reaching a pre-determined, 80-pitch limit.

"Casey did well for his first start. He's a real competitor, and he really did better than I expected him to," Lewis said. "Eric came on and did a tremendous job. You can't say enough."

Aggressive base running by Child and Vaught led to both of Brunswick County's runs.

"We put pressure on them with our speed," Lewis admitted. "We've got five guys in our lineup that can fly, and we used that to our advantage tonight."

Mazur suffered the loss for Post 137, giving up two runs on two hits in 6 1/2 innings. The lefty walked eight batters and struck out nine.

Whiteville's High did not give up any hits and struck out two batters in 1 1/2 innings of relief.

Game Summary
 Whiteville 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 1
 Brunswick 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 X—2 2 1

MIKE JOHNSON THROWS GEM

Brunswick Completes Sweep Of Whiteville

BY DOUG RUTTER

Mike Johnson pitched eight strong innings as Brunswick County Post 68 completed a season sweep of Whiteville Post 137 with a 2-1 American Legion baseball win Saturday in Whiteville.

"This is one we figured for a split and we got a sweep," Post 68 Coach Ed Lewis said after his club defeated Whiteville for the second time in three days. "Now we've got to press even harder."

Using a combination of fastballs, curves and change-ups, Johnson yielded one run and eight hits in eight-plus innings while walking five and striking out four.

"He kept their hitters off balance and battled out of some very tough situations," Lewis said as Post 68

improved to 6-1 in the Area II East League and 9-8 overall.

Post 68 scored two runs in the fourth inning and the lead held up until the bottom of the ninth, when Johnson walked the first two batters before being relieved by Casey McBride.

Pinch runner Greg Slater stole third base, and Phillip Smith swiped second to put the tying runs in scoring position with no outs.

A wild pitch by McBride allowed Slater to score and Smith to advance to third, but McBride showed his toughness by striking out Brian Mazur for the first out.

Whiteville's Jamie Townshend then hit a sharp grounder to second base, which John Sweeney fielded and fired home. Smith plowed into Post 68 catcher Jeremy Sullivan, but

he held on for the second out.

McBride then got Anthony Pridden to ground back to the mound for the game's final out.

Brunswick County scored both of its runs in the fourth inning on RBI singles by Sullivan and Sweeney—the eighth and ninth hitters.

Demetrius Bell walked and scored on Sullivan's sharp grounder off shortstop Mark Harrigan's glove. Jerry Galloway, who blasted a ground-rule double to center field, came home on Sweeney's line single to left.

Coach Lewis praised the play of Sullivan, who was making his first start at catcher and made the game's biggest defensive play in the ninth.

"He's a tough little knot. He's probably the next Jared McGee in Brunswick County," said Lewis, referring to the former North Brunswick High School and Post 68 star.

Brunswick County missed several opportunities to pull away from Post 137, leaving the bases loaded twice.

"We've really got to work on that. Those are just kinks we've got to work out," Lewis said.

"When you play good teams you'll only get about three runs at them and you need to capitalize. You also need a couple good plays in the outfield and infield and we were fortunate to get those."

Whiteville Post 137 fell to 4-2 in the league and 5-4 overall. Starter John Junious went 4 1/2 innings, yielding six hits, walking three and striking out two.

Pridden pitched 4 1/2 innings of scoreless relief. He struck out two and did not give up any hits.

Game Summary
 Brunswick 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—2 6 1
 Whiteville 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 8 3

CHURCH CO-ED SOFTBALL

Emanuel, New Britton Hold Division Leads

Emanuel Outreach and New Britton lead their respective divisions heading into the last month of the regular season in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

Emanuel Outreach, which was idle last week, is clinging to a half-game lead in the A Division with a record of 13-1.

Supply Baptist, which defeated Eastside Fellowship 19-8 last Thursday, entered Tuesday night's play second in the A Division with a 13-2 mark.

Jennies Branch was third at 12-2 following wins last week over Letties Grove, 20-5, and Dixon Chapel, 18-3.

In the B Division, New Britton has pulled out to a four-game lead over Zion Baptist and Seaside Methodist.

New Britton defeated Ocean View 9-6 Monday night to improve its record to 11-5. Last week, New Britton edged Letties Grove, 10-9, and picked up a forfeit win over Seaside Methodist.

Seaside (7-9) posted an 11-9 win over Ocean View last Tuesday and came back Monday night with a 25-20 victory over Letties Grove. Zion Baptist (7-9) was a forfeit winner over Eastside Fellowship on Friday.

Camp Methodist picked up its second win of the season last

Tuesday, a 9-5 victory over Shallotte First Baptist.

Camp suffered a 5-4 loss to Soldier Bay last Thursday, while Shallotte First posted a 17-2 win over Soldier Bay on Monday.

Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League Standings Through June 20

A DIVISION			
TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	
Emanuel Outreach	13	1	
Supply Baptist	13	2	
Jennies Branch	12	2	
Mount Olive	12	3	
Friendship Baptist	11	3	
Shallotte First	9	6	
Ocean View	8	7	
Letties Grove	4	12	
B DIVISION			
TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	
New Britton	11	5	
Zion Baptist	7	9	
Seaside Methodist	7	9	
Soldier Bay	4	12	
Old Shallotte	3	11	
Eastside Fellowship	3	13	
Dixon Chapel	2	13	
Camp Methodist	2	13	

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Post 68 Tops Burgaw 17-12

Brunswick County Post 68 scored seven runs in the ninth inning en route to a 17-12 win over Burgaw Post 165 in American Legion baseball action Friday night at Pender High School.

Post 68 trailed 9-4 after four innings and 11-10 heading into the ninth before exploding for seven runs. Michael Johnson's three-run double highlighted the inning.

Johnson went 3-for-5 on the night. Jeremy Child, Casey McBride, Eric Johnson and Demetrius Bell had two hits apiece for Brunswick County. Child belted a two-run home run in the seventh.

For Post 165, Chris Johnson went 3-for-5 with two RBI. Jarrell Jordan, Daniel Cavanaugh, Ken Ickes, Lee Stone and Brandon McKoy had two hits each for Burgaw.

Paul Mintz was the winning pitcher for Post 68 (5-1, 8-8) after throwing five innings in relief. Mintz yielded five hits and two runs while striking out 10 Burgaw batters.

Starting pitcher Scott Beck gave up eight hits and nine runs, four of them unearned, in three innings.

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