

Wade Vaughn Misses Perfect Game As Grover Wins Softball Tourney

One Out Away From No-Hit Contest When Catcher Blackwood Singles

Wade Vaughn pitched Grover's Minette Mills softball team to the Mid-Western District Tournament championship at City Stadium last Saturday night as the Grover ace missed a no-hitter when the Shelby Mills catcher, Willard Blackwood, singled with two men down in the last inning. Score was 10 to 0.

Vaughn got plenty of good fielding support from his Grover mates as he posted his fourth tournament victory and his third in as many nights.

Grover defeated Lenoir 12-1 in the quarter-finals Thursday night and dropped Mt. Holly in the semi-finals Friday night 7-0 with Vaughn doing the hurling.

Grover will shift to the annual state softball tourney at Canton on Monday, meeting the South Piedmont district winner at 9 p. m. in a first-round game.

Dallas won the consolation game and third place in the Saturday night opener as Bo Davis led Mt. Holly down with only two hits and a 4-0 whitewashing.

Davis retired the side in order the first four innings, allowed hits in the fifth and sixth frames

but got out of trouble. He put Mt. Holly down 1-2-3 in the final stanza. The winners got an unearned rally in the second and Dennis Franklin homered to lead off a three-run effort in the sixth that nailed the win down.

Davis's neat pitching effort warmed up the large crowd for the championship tussle and Vaughn's no-hit bid.

The Grover chunker retired the Shelby side in order in the first four frames and had two down in the fifth when he walked First Baseman Manly Runyans. Vaughn struck out the next hitter for the third out as the tension in the crowd began to mount.

Vaughn got the lead-off hitter in the sixth on a grounder and Left Fielder Dean McCraw raced in on a short ball with Grant "Hoss" Duncan, Shelby pitcher, to make a great catch. Vaughn took a pop-up to retire the side in order.

In the seventh, Third Baseman Andy Cockrell took a foul fly for the first out and Center Fielder Gene Turner took a short liner on his shoetops for the second.

With the 21st out next in line,

All Stars

MID - WESTERN SOFTBALL Tournament—1953

Glenn Rowland, Dallas, 1b. Tippy Francis, Grover, 2b. Andy Cockrell, Grover, 3b. Jerry Rimmer, Akers, 3S. Mason Leeper, Dallas, of. Gene Turner, Grover, of. Jake Kiser, Shelby, of. Bill Little, Grover, c. Wade Vaughn, Grover, p. Bo Davis, Dallas, p. Boyce Rimmer, Akers utility outfielder. Rocky Ford, Craftsman, utility infielder.

Vaughn walked Third Baseman Bob Lane, Shelby's cleanup hitter, setting the stage for Blackwood's hot ground single through the box. Turner hauled in a high fly for the final out.

Vaughn struck out five batters, retiring the side on whiffs in the third inning, and contributed a single in the second for Grover's first hit. He reached second on a passed ball and went to third on the first of three singles by First Baseman Tommy Keeter but died on base.

Second Baseman Tippy Francis led off the Grover third with a single. Andy Cockrell walked and Shortstop John Gold was safe on an error on a sacrifice to load the bases. Catcher Bill Little hit a hot grounder to Lane at third but he forced Cockrell after momentarily bobbling the ball. Francis scoring what proved to be the only run of the game on the play. Turner bunted down the first base line but ran into the playing field

on a fast romp to first, bumping Runyans down hard. Gold came in from third on the play only to be sent back when Plate Umpire Jim Kiser ruled the ball dead after Turner's interference at first. Duncan struck out Vaughn to retire the side.

Duncan allowed the champs only three more hits after the third. Keeter singled with one away in the fourth, Gold doubled in the sixth but Shelby's ace tightened up in each frame to come out without allowing a run. Duncan struck out three and walked only one man.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges presented the championship trophy to Grover Manager Turner and Paul Walker, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, presented a check for \$100 to the winners for expenses to the state tournament.

Shelby and Dallas were also presented trophies.

Grover dominated the All-Star team with five selections, Vaughn, Little, Francis, Cockrell and Turner.

Dallas placed three men, Pitcher Davis, First Baseman Glenn Rowland and Left Fielder Mason Leeper. Akers Motor Lines of Gastonia, eliminated by Mt. Holly in the quarter-finals, placed two men — brothers Jerry Rimmer, at short, and Boyce Rimmer, as utility outfielder. Shelby placed Jake Kiser in right field and Craftsman Yarn's Rocky Ford was named as utility infielder.

The five-night tournament was sponsored here by the Jaycees, with K. E. (Red) Morrison and Harold Phillips as co-chairmen of the working committee. Commissioner Jess Taylor of Shelby was tournament director.



CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY — Vaughn S. Meeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Meeks, celebrated his first birthday anniversary Thursday, August 13th.

Negro News

By Mrs. Cannie Gordon
105 Carpenter Street

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Roberts of New Jersey are visiting Mrs. Roberts' mother, Mrs. Marybelle Johnson, and other relatives.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Roberts left Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. George Butts in Philadelphia.

Mr. Curlee Rountree and Mr. Eugene Patterson have returned to Baltimore, Md. after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Patterson, in the Compact community. Their mother returned with them to spend a vacation.

Mrs. Leola Smith returned to her home with her mother, Mrs. Alma Francis. She was accompanied by Miles Boyce, who will spend two weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Taylor of New York City are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Mattie Taylor, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Hall of Knoxville, Tenn. is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sally Lyon and Mr. Lyon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Childress and children, and Mrs. Nancy Childress spent the weekend at Atlantic Beach.

There will be a supper Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Sarah Clark beginning at 3:30 p. m. on E. Ridge St. given by Mrs. Clark and Miss Annie Mae Press.

The winning contestant as chosen by CBS-TV Talent Scouts to be offered a weeks TV contract with options. Time of the show is 8 o'clock. All proceeds from the program will go to the Grace Methodist church Youth Educational Building Fund.

Court Of Honor Held Thursday

Jimmy Blanton and Mike McKee, Troop 2, Kings Mountain, Boy Scouts, advanced to the rank of First Class at regular monthly meeting of Boy Scout Court of Honor for Piedmont District Boy Scouts, at City Hall Thursday night.

Tommy Goforth of Troop 1, and Ed Waters and J. D. Biddix, both of Troop 13, made advancement to Second Class.

Alan Myers, Troop 2, advanced to the Tenderfoot rank. Merit badges were awarded to

the following scouts: Beef Production — Phil Mauer, Troop 2. Firemanship — Steve Wells, Troop 1, and Gilbert Brazell and Derik Smith, both of Troop 8. Home Repairs — Bill Staggs, Troop 13. Forestry — Dewit Blanton, Hubert Whitaker, and David Mauer, all of Troop 2. Camping — James A. Pressly, Troop 1. Nature — Dewit Blanton and Hubert Whitaker, Troop 2. Rocks and Minerals — James A. Pressly, Troop 1. Stamp Collecting — Ervin Hillard Houser, Troop 2. Swimming — Ervin Hillard Houser, Troop 2. Troop 2 won the advancement banner.

There will be a singing contest with different choruses participating at the Mt. Zion church Sunday night, August 23 at 7:30 p. m. The contest will be sponsored by the Junior Usher Board. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Louise Kibler will be the supervisor.

The W. S. C. S. of St. Paul Methodist church met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Daisy Smith on Carpenter St.

There will be a quartet contest at Bynum Chapel A. M. E. Zion church Sunday, August 23 at 8 o'clock featuring the Jordaners, Dawkins Brothers, Mountaineers and The Kings of Harmony. Admission is free. The contest is sponsored by Mr. R. J. Brown and the public is cordially invited to attend. The program will be under the direction of Mr. Willie A. Jackson.

The revival meeting will begin at St. Paul Methodist church Sunday, August 23 to 28.

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SOFTBALL Box Scores

MID - WESTERN TOURNEY Championship

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Jake Kiser, 1f	3	0	0	0	0
Junior Bolton, ss	3	0	0	0	0
Low Price, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Bob Lane, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
Willard Blackwood, c	3	0	1	4	0
Manley Runyans, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
George Clay, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
Bob Smith, cf	2	0	0	1	0
Grant Duncan, p	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	0	0	0	0
Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Tippy Francis, 2b	1	0	1	0	0
Andy Cockrell, 3b	2	0	0	0	0
John Gold, ss	2	0	1	2	1
Bill Little, c	3	0	0	0	0
Gene Turner, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Wade Vaughn, p	3	0	1	1	0
Bill Cockrell, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Tommy Keeter, 1b	3	0	3	3	0
Dean McCraw, 1f	3	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	25	1	21	9	3

Errors: Lane 2; RBI: Little, ZBI: Gold; Sacrifices: Gold; LOB: Shelby 3; Grover 8; BOB: off Duncan 1; Vaughn 2; SO: Duncan 3; Vaughn 5; PB: Blackwood 2; Umpires: Kiser, Crowell and Moorehead; Score: Carp.: Time 0:58.

Consolation

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Jim Teeter, ss	4	0	0	1	1
Dennis Franklin, 2b	3	1	1	3	1
John Fields, 1f	3	0	0	0	0
Mason Leeper, rf	3	2	2	0	0
Bo Davis, cf	3	0	1	0	1
Glenn Rowland, 1b	3	0	0	1	0
Bob Crunkleton, 3b	3	0	1	1	2
Cordell Woodson, 2b	3	0	0	0	0
Jerry Paysour, cf	2	0	0	0	1
Pete Altstack, cf	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	28	4	6	21	6
Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Jack Hovis, cf	3	0	0	4	0
Homer King, 3b	3	0	0	1	4
Lawson Massey, c	3	0	0	0	0
Fred Harvell, ss	3	0	0	3	0
Charles Bearden, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Joe Romena, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
Jack Martin, 1f	2	0	0	2	0
Charles Landrum, rf	2	0	0	0	0
Dave Riley, p	2	0	1	2	1
TOTALS	22	0	2	21	5

Errors: Franklin, Massey 2; RBI: Little, ZBI: Gold; Sacrifices: Gold; LOB: Shelby 3; Grover 8; BOB: off Duncan 1; Vaughn 2; SO: Duncan 3; Vaughn 5; PB: Blackwood 2; Umpires: Kiser, Crowell and Moorehead; Score: Carp.: Time 0:57.

Winners To Appear On TV Talent Show

Fourteen winners in the church sponsored TV Talent Hunt Saturday night are to appear as guest contestants on a TV Talent Show to be held from City Stadium, August 29.

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