

Pond Giants Win In State Tourney

By Robert Eller
Sports Editor

Ron Jessup went five for five and scored four runs, Robert Edwards and Ed Green blasted three run homers, and Jeff Barker added a solo shot as the Pond Giants racked Gatewood Dolphin pitching for 23 hits and a 17-8 win in the North Carolina State Semi-pro baseball tournament last weekend.

The win kept the Pond Giants, the nation's oldest semi-pro team, alive in the losers bracket of the event. They played the Durham Bees Wednesday night with the loser-facing elimination from the title chase. The winner will advance to Friday night's semi-finals.

Jessup set the tone for the game when he tripled on the

pitch. Jerry Tuttle followed with another triple scoring Jessup, Barker singled him in and after Tommy Elrod reached on a fielders choice Green unloaded a three run shot far over the right field fence for a 4-0 lead.

Gatewood tied it in the bottom of the inning on a three run homer by Larry Jones and a run scoring single by Muriel Cousins. They took the lead in the second when three singles produced a run. The Pond Giants tied the slugfest in the top of the third when Rad Brown singled went to third on a Phil Rector single and scored on an error.

Gatewood struck for two more runs in their half of the third sending Giants starter Carl Herman to the showers trailing 7-5. The Pond Giants broke

the game open in the fourth scoring seven times on seven hits, the big blow being Edwards three run homer.

Gatewood got their final run in the fourth off Elrod who replaced Herman but the righthander then settled down and held the Dolphins hitless through the last five innings.

Barker hit a solo homer for the Giants in a two run fifth and they added three more runs in the sixth. Barker's homer was his third of the tourney and the 18 run outburst gave the Pond Giants 46 runs in their four tournament games thus far.

They are now 13-6 for the season. The victory by Elrod in relief gave him a perfect 5-0 record for the year.



Ron Jessup

Skyland Captures City Recreation Track Meet

Denise Scott-Clark is bullish on recreation and her Skyland Superstars proved it this past week when they captured the Winston-Salem Recreation Department's summer program track meet at Hanes Park scoring 94 points to best last year's winner Carver by 18 points.

Clark however didn't credit her team victory to coaching or ability but talked instead about participation after the win.

"Involvement is the name of the game and we put forth 100% effort. We had the maximum number of kids participating in every age category and it showed up in the final results," she noted.

Skyland, one of the smaller centers in the city, won first place in both the boys and girls directors meet. The boys grabbed a large advantage on the first day of the two-day event

scoring 48 points while Carver was second with 36. The Skyland girls nipped Carver 39-37 in the girls meet the following day and added seven directors points when Clark won the women's 100 yard dash.

Clark, director of Skyland Center for the past year, was philosophical when asked about the defeat of Carver and other larger centers.

"My basic feeling is that location doesn't matter, with hard work and dedication any program can succeed. We had just as many kids cheering us on from the center as we did participating."

Part of Skyland's advantage was built by the six and under age group which won every event for that age bracket.

Outstanding members of the winning team were eight-year-old Mona Leak who won the girls high

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Ask Barry



Q. Can you tell me if a Norfolk State football player died recently?

A. Yes. Thomas Bond, 21, a tackle for Norfolk State, died of a respiratory failure recently. A senior who made 73 tackles last season, Bond was honored as the team's most outstanding lineman.

Q. I'm trying to track down a minor league player, James Farr. Can you tell me where he is playing now?

A. Usually this would be an impossible task, but I've managed to track down Farr for you. He's playing for Class AAA Charleston. He was acquired from Tulsa, where he played last.

Q. I'm a Los Angeles Lakers fan. Where can I get some of those world champion T-shirts that were selling hot in L. A.?

A. Try writing Manhattan T-Shirt Company, P. O. Box 1095, Stanton, Ca. 90680.

Q. I read where Roberto Duran has lost only one fight, but nobody ever mentions who he lost to. Who did beat Duran?

A. Esteban DeJesus scored a 10-round decision over Duran on Nov. 17, 1972.

Q. I got all caught up in "Colt Fever" last year when it looked like the Baltimore Colts might move to Jacksonville, Fla. Is there a chance a National Football League team will ever move to Jacksonville?

A. It's extremely doubtful. Over the next year or two, the NFL plans to add two more new teams. Jacksonville's best chance at getting an NFL franchise would be by way of league expansion. But that is also a very difficult proposition. Chances are Jacksonville will continue to be without an NFL team.

Q. Is Big John Tate going to fight again?

A. His managers say he will, probably. Tate's people say they'll wait six months and then make a decision. Chances are Tate will fight again, because that's the only thing he can do. Only recently has he begun to learn to read and write. Tate's story is a sad one. He won the World Boxing Council championship only to lose the crown to Mike Weaver on a 15th round knockout. Tate was then knocked out again in his next bout, losing to Canadian Trevor Berbick. If Tate gets knocked out in his next fight, he should hang it up.

Q. I was surprised no schools came after Alcorn State basketball coach Dave Whitney after last season. Did he get any offers to coach at a bigger college or in the pros?

A. Whitney likes it just fine at Alcorn and isn't looking to go anywhere else. He did get a few feelers from schools such as Oklahoma but never really considered them. No NBA team offered Whitney a head coaching job, although his style would be very suited to the fast-paced NBA.

Q. Can you tell me if Earl Campbell, Billy Sims, Sugar Ray Leonard and Sam Cunningham are married?

A. Campbell, Sims and Leonard are all married. I'm fairly certain that Cunningham is still single.

(Got a question about sports? Just write "Ask Barry," P. O. Box 486, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302. Questions will be answered in this space.)

Patterson YMCA Starts Day Camps

The Patterson Avenue YMCA is now offering two camping sessions and swimming lessons.

Kindergarten Camp for ages 5-7 and Day Camp for ages 8-13 years includes instructional swim, arts and crafts, tours and one hot meal and snack. Weekly fees are \$23 for "Y" members and \$30 for non-members for Kinder Camp. Day Camp

weekly fees are \$25 for "Y" members and \$30 for non-members.

Swimming for youth and adults are also being offered. Morning classes are from 10 to 11 a.m. and evening classes from 4 to 5:15 p.m.

For more information on camps or swimming lessons call 724-9205.

Speedy Mart Wins Co-Rec

First half champ Speedy Mart got revenge from Terry's All-Stars the team that beat them in the second half of the Co-Recreational Softball League held at Happy Hill Recreation Center beating them in a playoff game and then turned them back in the league tourney over the July 4th holiday.

Speedy Mart won the marathon playoff game 7-6 in 11 innings and then bested the tough All-Stars 3-2 for the tourney crown.

Speedy Mart's Tim Grant was named the tourney Most Valuable Player for the men while Debra Spaugb was named the woman's MVP.

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With two out Banks, Poplin, and Wood each got runs before the side was retired. The Hornets remain unbeaten this year in league play and the Lions will still be looking for their first win of the season when they take on the Greensboro team on Tuesday night July 22. The game will be played

at Bolton field and starting time is 6:15 p.m.

"We may have lost but I'm really proud of this team," said manager Charles Roane. "Charlotte has a super team and they outlasted us this time but we are getting better every week. We are going to give Greensboro all they can handle next week."

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