

# All-Stars

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damage late in the fourth quarter.

Johnny Watkins, who finished with 24, hit a pair of free-throws to bring the All-Stars within range again, 111-105, but the Jazz struck for three straight baskets to put the game out of reach.

Leon Williams muscled his way inside for 14 points, rounding out the Winston-Salem players in double figures in Saturday's game.

four point lead with about three minutes left, Charlotte resorted to fouling -- and the tactic worked.

"We missed them when we needed them," said Funderburk of the free-throws.

"If we could've hit our free-throws, then I think we would've won by 20 points."

Don Hayes led the balanced All-Star effort with 22 points. Teammate Johnny Watkins had 20, while young Eddie Jordan continued to impress with 18.

Leon Williams finished with 15, and Terry Strickland and Alexander Hooperscored 12 each.

Despite the twin losses, Funderburk was still optimistic.

"We have a very good team," he said.

"These guys are first class. We don't pout about getting beat, especially when we beat ourselves by missing freethrows or making

a mistake.

"I think we still have a good shot at making the four-team tournament after the regular season ends. We have to beat three good teams to get in there though.

"It won't be easy," Funderburk insisted, "But I think we have the kind of guys that can bounce back and do it. They have a lot of pride in themselves and their city."

Guy Morgan and Alvis Rogers comprise the former Wake quartet. Luther "Ticky" Burden, who coaches a local AAU basketball team out of the Winston Lake YMCA, is also on the team.

The Greensboro team beat previously undefeated Phillip Morris team to share a three-way tie for the lead in the league standings at 3-1. Charlotte-Willowood is the other 3-1 squad.

## Sunday Spoilers

When Sunday rolled around, Winston-Salem was looking to even its record to 2-2 with a win over Charlotte-Competitive Edge. But despite trailing most of the game, the Charlotte team spoiled the All-Stars' .500 bid, edging them 11-106.

With Winston-Salem holding a

## The Wake Connection

The Chronicle All-Stars will return to Charlotte July 11 to take on the Greensboro-Barnstormin' Across the ACC team.

Their opponents, which perhaps could be better named as the "Wake Forest Connection", feature a host of Deacon and Winston-Salem standouts.

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# Pond Giants

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"You see, the city pays us to prepare the field for their games. And if we don't have some kind of set schedule from them, then half of the time, my guys are going to be working on their day off.

"I don't think it's unfair to ask for a reasonable notice so we can make necessary arrangements to get the field ready for them," Bastien explained.

Petree, who says his gripe is just with the city, says Bastien has no right to be allowed to book games other than the Winston-Salem Spirits.

"Dennis has no right to be hogging all the weekend dates at the park. We go to have a game on a weekend when the Spirits are out of town, and we can't get the ballpark," Petree offered.

"Dennis has scheduled something else and we can't play on the weekends. I don't think that's fair."

The city spokesman suggested that Petree needed to come up with a more definite schedule.

"The city has already been dragged into a feud between these two," he said.

"We have already done too much for both of these teams. The only thing I can say, is that Nelson needs to get his schedule together earlier so he can demand the choicer weekend dates."

Petree said that it is difficult to arrange semi-pro baseball well in advance.

"This is just recreation for us. We're not into it to make money. Most of these guys have jobs and that makes it hard to go planning very far ahead.

"We usually have a working schedule pretty early, but sometimes we need to make changes. I just think 20 days' notice is too much to ask from us."

In the press release, Petree stated that the Pond Giants should be allowed to play on any open date with 24 hour's notice.

The city spokesman said they need to know a week ahead of time at least.

"We just can't run things by doing them at the last minute. That's just no way to be doing things.

Among Petree's other complaints, was the 50 dollar per hour fee charged by the city to rent the ballpark.

"It don't take that much to keep up a ballpark," said Petree. "I checked with Duke Power a couple of years ago, and the lights are only costing about 20 dollars an hour."

The city spokesman said that the charge was really not enough.

"It just barely covers our cost if that," he said. "We charge Nelson 30 dollars an hour for a day game and an extra 20 dollars for the lights at night.

"But we also are paying the Spirits a hundred dollars a game to prepare the field for Nelson. And we have two city workers picking up trash and cleaning things up," he said.

"We've never made a dime off the Pond Giants games. In fact, we've probably lost a little money. We were just hoping to keep the peace between these two guys, but apparently it's not working."

Bastien said that he thought the price for using the park was too cheap as well.

"It's none of my business anymore, but Nelson has no right to complain about being overcharged by the city," Bastien.

"It's ridiculous really. The city of Winston-Salem is subsidizing their games. What do they want, for the taxpayers to pay for them completely? I see they have no reason to complain about the price."

Petree charged that the high rental fees were a result of too many city workers on the job. He said four were being assigned to clean up the park, which was too many.

The city spokesman explained.

"The first game or two, we sent four people out there. Two of them were training the other two. Now we only have two people at the games. I think that is about right for the job," he said.

One of Petree's other complaints was that his team was at time barred from the clubhouse and restroom on the field.

Petree said on numerous occasions, his players had to go to the stands to use the restroom. Bastien disagreed.

"That's a lie. They have access to the visitor's clubhouse," Bastien insisted.

"As for taking off their cleats, it's in the agreement that the players are asked not to wear their cleats on the concrete areas in the stands."

In the press release, Petree said the Pond Giants ought to have the same rights as teams using the city owned lighted softball fields.

Bastien said it was unfair to compare Ernie Shore Stadium to a softball field.

"No one's leasing a softball field," Bastien said. "The city hasn't spent one dime on Ernie

Shore Stadium since I've been here. The Winston-Salem Spirits have brought three million new dollars to Winston-Salem. I think its quite unfair to compare us with a lighted softball field

"I think the Pond Giants want to play here when they want to and for free. It doesn't work that way. I wish we could."

Bastien leases Ernie Shore Stadium for a dollar a year. He is quick to point out though, how much he spends to keep up the park.

"Last year we spent well over a \$100,000 keeping up this place. When we first got here, we spent a half a million dollars on it."

Meanwhile Petree says he will take his case to the Board of Alderman.

"As long as I live, the Winston-Salem Pond Giants will fight for their right to play at Ernie Shore Field," he said.

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# Speas

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leaped 14-1, which is one of her best jumps of the season.

Midget teammate Selinda Brown finished second in the high jump with a 3-11. She was

sixth in the shot put as well.

In the junior girls division, Tamonica Wright took sixth in the long jump with a 14-9. Dawn Speas made the trip, but was ill and unable to compete.

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