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## Woods and legendary Twin City coaches due better treatment

Baseball has always consumed much of Alexander "Rock" Woods' life.

For more than 30 years he served as a coach and manager in Twin City Little League, then later he worked as the league's

just a few of the names that pop up in most conversations about the league's storied past.

And it is a proud tradition. Twin City Little League remains today the only predominantly Little League in the state of North Carolina that is sanctioned by Little League Baseball of Williamsport, Pa.

There are countless young men throughout the city of Winston-Salem who were privileged to play for coaches like Woods, Robinson and Mitchell in Twin City Little League. These men made a difference in the lives of the youth of our community.

Unfortunately, there currently is no legacy that Woods and others like him will leave behind.

When Twin City's complex was built some four years ago most of the coaches and other volunteers who are currently active in the league thought that Woods and Robinson would be honored by having one of the four fields at the complex named in their honor.

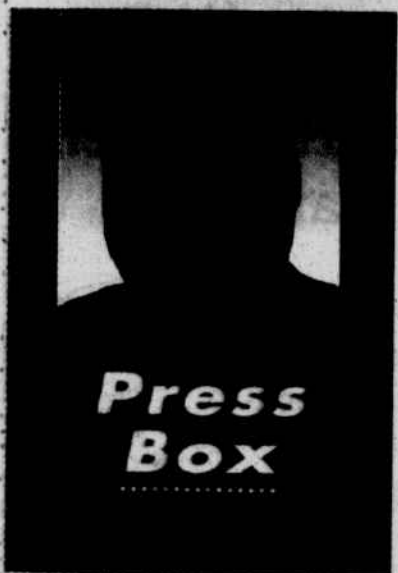
But it has never materialized. The local aldermen had their own ideas for the names of the fields when the time came around.

In fact, our local leaders never asked Twin City for any input in the naming of the fields. By the time league officials found out that the fields had been named, the workers were hard at work installing the new name plates on the fields.

What a shame.

You would think those in power would recognize the efforts of men who spent hours on end and spent their own money to better the lives of the young men of our community. These men did it out of genuine love for the game of baseball and the good of the young men whose lives they were able to touch.

But maybe its not too late. Perhaps the aldermen will recognize the errors of their ways and contact the league's board of directors and ask them for suggestions. At this point that's probably the only way to right a gross injustice.



concessions manager. Only in recent seasons has he slacked off completely in his involvement in the league's day-to-day operation.

Very seldom will you attend a baseball game at the league's baseball complex and not find Woods in attendance.

Woods, well into his senior years, is always somewhere to be found around the baseball diamond. On most days you'll find him talking with some of the other "old heads" of Twin City - the guys who were around at the start of the league's operation some 37 years ago and others who weren't there at the inception but have helped the league weather the many storms that have come its way.

When you listen to those old guys talk you get a sense of what the league was like at its inception. These guys can talk all day about the talented players, coaches and managers who have come through the league. They talk about the title chases, the dominant teams and the way things used to be.

Woods, for one, coached many of them, during his tenure. He and long-time coach and equipment manager Roger Robinson, along with current league president Alfred "Mitch" Mitchell are

## Miller, Eldridge lead Carver to 5-0 win over Greensboro Smith

BY SAM DAVIS  
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Shane Miller tossed a three-hit shutout in his first start of the season and Teddy Eldridge scored three runs to pace Carver's varsity to a 5-0 victory over Greensboro Smith last Thursday at Carver.

Miller, Carver's fourth starter, went the distance to help the Yellowjackets improve to 10-9 overall. Miller struck out four and walked six.

Greg Starbuck, Carver's coach, said he was pleased with the clutch performance.

"It was a big game for him," Starbuck said. "I think it was his best outing of the season. He's really the No. 4 man and because of the weather he hadn't had much of a chance to do anything this season. He really hadn't been consistent. His control was off a little, but we turned a couple double plays and that helped him



Mike Rucker of Carver gets ready to take a turn at bat in Carver's 5-0 win over Greensboro Smith.

find a nice rhythm."

The most important thing about Miller's performance was the implication of it for the stretch run of the season. Starbuck said the Yellowjackets will need his effort when they venture into the North Piedmont 3-A Conference. Carver is the defending champion and the

Yellowjackets might be in a situation where they need to win the tournament to advance to the state 3-A playoffs.

"He'll probably get a start in the tournament and we really needed him to get some work and get his confidence level up for the playoffs," Starbuck said.

The Yellowjackets were also

buoyed by the spark that Eldridge provided.

"Teddy did a good job of getting on base," Starbuck said. "That was really the spark that we needed to get going on offense."

Eldridge helped get the Yellowjackets off to a fast start when he led off the bottom half of the first with a walk. Eldridge scored later in the inning on a wild pitch to put Carver on top by a 1-0 score.

In the third inning Eldridge again got the Yellowjackets going. He drilled a lead-off single then stole second. Dan Pegram then delivered a two-out single to score Eldridge to make the score 2-0.

Carver added three runs in the fifth inning and again it was Eldridge who set the table for the Yellowjackets. He drew a walk to

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## Reynolds' Davis making remarkable comeback

Talented senior hurdler, sprinter back on track a month after breaking pelvis

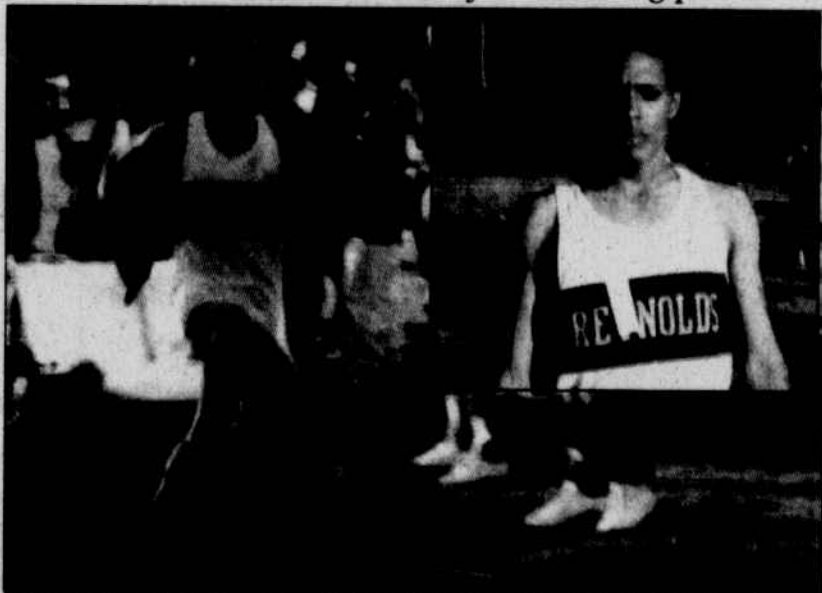
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Chevol Davis had a lot for which to be thankful - even before he took to the field for the All-Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Track Meet last week at North Forsyth.

After suffering an injury less than two months ago, it look like the season for Davis, a long-jumper, hurdler and sprinter for Reynolds' boys track team, was over.

But to the surprise of everyone, Davis was back less than a month after his injury and played a vital part in the Demons' third-place finish at the county meet.

He won bronze medals for third-place finishes in the long jump and high hurdles. He also



Chevol Davis of Reynolds has bounced back from a broken bone in his pelvis to make a bid to compete in the State 4-A Regionals.

helped the Demons pick up points in the 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams.

Coach Norm Trzaskoma of

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## Carriers' lapses prove costly in Triangle Roundball Classic

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The ever-improving Chronicle Carriers played some outstanding basketball this past weekend, May 2-3, at the Triangle Roundball Classic, but a couple of lapses at crucial moments in the tournament cost the team dearly.

The Carriers began the tournament matched up with the Capital City Cyclones. The Carriers opened the game showing some outstanding defense as they swarmed the Cyclones with a variety of defensive looks, including man-to-man in the full and half court, and 2-1-2 full-court press. The Carriers domi-

nated the boards in the early going and would have had a substantial lead had they been able to get the lid off their own basket.

Despite good ball movement and a sustained attack on the offensive glass the Carriers just couldn't get their shots to fall.

The Carriers' outstanding defense, holding the Cyclones to a mere 11 points in the first quarter, was negated by their poor shooting as they only managed 3 first quarter points.

In the second quarter, the Carriers warmed up from the field. Led by the inspired play of Brandon Bowman, the Carriers began to score inside on their



Calvin Dulin of the Chronicle Carriers chases down a rebound.

opponent. Their full court-pressure caused several turnovers and

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## Soccer will be added to middle school athletic programs this fall

BY SAM DAVIS  
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If everything goes along according to plan, another interscholastic sport will be reintroduced in Forsyth County's middle schools next fall.

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board has approved \$31,000 to put another interscholastic sport into Forsyth County's middle school. However, it won't be the sport that many African-American parents and educators were hoping to have added.

The 12 middle schools in the system will add soccer, a sport that locally hasn't had much participation by African-American students. That decision has drawn the ire of several members of the community, including Walter Marshall, a former school board member.

"For the past three years I have fought to get football back in the schools because I thought all along that it was more necessary at this point than soccer," Marshall said. "It's not that I'm against soccer, but it just doesn't

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