

Doug Watts Hired As Coach Of Hallsboro Tiger Teams

By JIGGS POWERS
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HALLSBORO—An East Carolina College graduate, a native of Southport, has been named coach of Hallsboro High School's Tiger sports teams for the 1962-63 term.

Douglas Watts, former Southport Dolphin and East Carolina Pirate sports performer, will come to the Bogus school as head men in football, girls' basketball and baseball, according to Principal Robert C. Elkins, who said today that the local board had approved Watts' selection for the post.

Succeeds Hood

Watts will succeed Henry "Bud" Hood in the head coaching post. Hood moved up to athletic director of the school recently. He will also work with Watts in tutoring the athletes of the school, in capacities yet to be decided. Fluctuating health conditions was the cause of Hood's change of posts, Principal Elkins has said.



DOUG WATTS

The new Hallsboro coach is 29 years old and played all sports at Southport High School during his days there. He has been a semi-pro baseball player for

Southport and other teams in the Cape Fear League for practically every year since he entered high school and still plays with Seagate of that loop.

Co-Captain At ECC

Watts graduated from East Carolina College in 1959. He played four years of baseball for the Pirates, being a catcher, and was co-captain of the 1959 team which won 16 straight North State Conference games without a defeat within the loop. The overall Pirate record that year was 23-3.

His batting average, for the four-year period at ECC, was a good .275.

Southport Native

Doug Watts was born and reared in Southport and, after graduation from Southport High School, served in the US Army with Korean service. He entered ECC after his discharge.

He will be remembered as a member of the Whiteville American Legion Junior Baseball line during the summer of 1949.

After graduation from the Greenville college in January of 1959, Watts became assistant coach of Blair Junior High School in Norfolk, Va.

Was At Colerain

He became head coach of all male sports at Colerain High School in Bertie County and was still in that post at the time of his decision to come to Hallsboro. He said he resigned there because he saw in the Tiger post a chance to return to Columbus County, "a place I will always remember from my Legion baseball days as one where people are very much interested in sports!"

While at Colerain, his teams competed in the tough Roanoke-Chowan Conference, a 10-school loop. His 1961 football team won 5, lost 5 to gain 5th place in the league standings.

In boys' basketball, his quint won 9, lost 5 games for third spot. His big pride in this sport was that "We beat Windsor, the district Class A champs!" His baseball club, mainly of newcomers, had a 5-9 season.

Will Also Teach

Watts will also teach as a member of the Hallsboro High faculty, in physical education and science.

The new Hallsboro coach is married to the former LaVonne Williams of Farmville. They have a son, Chip, who is about a year old.

He and his family expect to move to the Hallsboro area as soon as housing is available.

An "unidentified vitamin" from fish meal improves growth in chickens. It has had a part in the fast growth of the fish meal industry.

Southport Little League Team



Photo shows Southport's Little League Baseball Team just prior to their taking the field for a regularly scheduled game in the Good Neighbor League at Wilmington. Left to right, front row are: Thomas Parker, Jon Jones, Richard Parker, Philip Templeton, Gary Clark and Richard Bellows. Rear row, left to right, are Jack Duffie, Patrick Duffie, Michael Parker, Patrick Parker, John Brown, Robert Graham and Roland Clark. Other team members not shown in photo are John Bellamy, Gerald Dilsaver, Charles Sellers, Stephan Donnelly and Manager George W. Parker.

Sails Cling To League Lead In Pirate Victory

By FOXY HOWARD

The Southport Sails tightened their grip on first place in the Cape Fear League Saturday night at Taylor Field when they downed the Shallotte entry 8 to 6. Gene Russ went all the way for the Sails, striking out seven, walking four and giving up seven hits in picking up his third win against no losses. Foxy Howard continued his hitting spree with two singles for four times at bat to add 21 points to his batting average.

Shallotte jumped to an early lead in the top of the second inning when Bobby Benton led off with a single. Bob White went down on strikes, but Bobby Hubbard sent Benton to third with a Texas league single into center-field. Gordon Gore's smash through the Sails' third baseman brought in Benton, but caught Hubbard trying to make it to

third. Jarvis Jones lined another single over second base to bring in Gore with the run that kept Shallotte in front until the bottom of the fifth inning.

Southport came back for one run in their half of the second as Davis got on by an error and came home on a long triple by Jerry Spencer.

In the fifth inning Russ worked Hubbard, the Shallotte starting pitcher, for a walk. Singles by Foxy Howard and McKeithan and a double by Davis accounted for three runs. Then a walk to Jerry Spencer and singles by Ben Blake and Jerry Wayne Spencer brought in two more Sails tallies and put Southport ahead to stay.

In the sixth inning the Sails scored a run in a manner seldom seen on the diamond. Gehrig Spencer singled through the mound, then stole second and third on successive pitches, with Davis at bat. On a slow roller to the shortstop the quick thinking Davis did not budge out of the batters box until Spencer, roaring in from third, was only a half-step from the plate. The shortstop fielded the ball nicely but hesitated on his throw home

when he saw too many men standing there. When he did make his throw Spencer was sliding in and Davis was sliding out of the box. The Shallotte catcher had the ball but was still trying to figure out just what had happened when he suddenly realized that Davis was almost to first base. He threw the ball hard in a desperate attempt to catch the runner but the ball got away from the first baseman, the Shallotte second baseman moved over to recover the ball leaving second unprotected and wide open for the fleet-footed Davis.

Shallotte got back in the ball game in the seventh when Gore led off with a double, was advanced to third on an error and scored on a fielder choice to first base. The Sails also scored a sin-

Army Personnel In Softball Game

The Sunny Point Army Terminal Softball Team played the U. S. Army Reserves in a double-header softball game Tuesday night at Taylor Field. The Army Terminal won the first game by a score of 15 to 2 but dropped the nightcap to their elders to the tune of 5 to 2.

The same two teams will renew their rivalry next Tuesday night at Taylor Field at 7:30 p. m. The U. S. Army Reserves are in the final week of their two-week training tour at the Sunny Point Army Terminal.

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Cape Fear All-Star Tilt Here Thursday

Southport Boosters Club President Foxy Howard, announced Saturday that the Boosters Club will be the sponsoring organization for the Cape Fear League All-Star Baseball Game scheduled for Taylor Field in Southport Thursday night.

The Cape Fear League has been divided into two sections for the All-Star Game with Southport, Ransom Township, Hampstead and Ogden forming the West Team to be managed by Preston Bryant of the Southport Sails and Leroy Grice of Ransom. The East Team will be composed of all-star players from Seagate, Riegel, Leland and Shallotte and will be managed by Hunker Benson of Seagate and Donald White of Leland.

The four outstanding players from each team will be chosen by their managers and teammates to form the two sixteen-man rosters. Southport's selections were announced Saturday night by

Manager Preston Bryant and include Jerry Spencer, outfielder, batting .345; John Carr Davis, infielder, batting .427; Bobby McKeithan, pitcher, with a 5-2 won-lost record; and Gene Russ, pitcher, with a 3-0 record.

Regular play will be resumed in the Cape Fear League following the All-Star Game. Southport will be host to the Riegel Team on Friday evening at 7:30 at Taylor Field in Southport. The other six teams will resume their regular schedule on Sunday afternoon.



By: JIM POWELL
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