

Forest City Wins State Championship By 2-1 Score

WHITEVILLE, CHAMPIONS OF THE EAST, DROP TITLE GAME

Several Hundred Fans See Forest City Win Over Whiteville at Chapel Hill Saturday—McKeithan Makes Homer in Tenth.

The champs of the East and the champs of the West clashed Saturday at Chapel Hill and Forest City High, Western champions, nosed out Whiteville, champions of the East, in a ten inning battle, 2 to 1, to win the State championship.

The game was a pitcher's battle from the start to the finish, with J. Berry striking out ten men and allowing eight hits while T. McKeithan was sending eleven men back by the strike out route and allowing seven bingles.

Whiteville scored in the first inning on three singles off T. McKeithan, after which he settled down to allow only four hits for the remaining nine innings.

J. Berry held Forest City scoreless until the seventh inning when they tied the score with an error and two singles.

T. McKeithan won his own ball game in the tenth inning when he hit a sharp single through third that got away from the left fielder and T. McKeithan circled the bases to score the winning run.

Kramer and Gurganus led the hitting for the Easterners with two hits out of four times up while T. McKeithan led for Forest City with two out of four and Blanton was second with two hits out of five times up.

One of the amusing features of the game was the rooting of "Step On It Carolina" Brown, who proudly carried the Old Gold and Black throughout the game.

Here's how it was: First inning—Whiteville—Greer hit the first ball for a single and Gurganus did likewise. Heath forced Greer at third for the first out. Schwartz singled scoring Gurganus. J. Berry flew out to Whitlock and Kramer struck out.

Forest City—Biggerstaff flew out to right field and Blanton doubled. D. McKeithan struck out and T. McKeithan drew a base on balls. Laughridge singled and Blanton was called out at the plate in an effort to score.

Second inning—Whiteville—B. Berry was out T. McKeithan to Keeter. Harrison was safe on an error by D. McKeithan and Tucker and Greer struck out.

Forest City—Keeter was out, Gurganus to Greer. Watkins and Likens were safe on errors by B. Berry. Whitlock and Biggerstaff fanned.

Third inning—Whiteville—Gurganus opened with a two base hit. Heath and Schwartz were both out T. McKeithan to Keeter. J. Berry fanned for the third out.

Forest City—Blanton was out third to first. D. McKeithan fanned and T. McKeithan singled. Laughridge was out pitcher to first.

Fourth inning—Whiteville—Kramer singled to left and was safe on an error by Whitlock. Kramer was thrown out at third by Watkins trying to steal. B. Berry was out Blanton to Keeter and Harrison was out D. McKeithan to Keeter.

Forest City—Keeter was out Gurganus to Greer. Watkins flied out to Kramer. Likens drew a free pass to first and Whitlock struck out.

Fifth Inning—Whiteville—Tucker popped up to T. McKeithan, Greer was out D. McKeithan to Keeter. Gurganus struck out.

Forest City—Biggerstaff opened with a two base hit to left. Blanton popped out to J. Berry. D. McKeithan and T. McKeithan both flied out to Kramer.

Sixth Inning—Whiteville—Heath fanned, Schwartz was out pitcher to first and J. Berry was out Biggerstaff to Keeter.

Forest City—Laughridge flied out to Kramer, Keeter fanned and Watkins fouled out to Schwartz.

Seventh Inning—Whiteville—Kramer was out Blanton to Keeter, B. Berry was out D. McKeithan to Keeter, Harrison singled and Tucker fanned.

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an error by Greer. Moss, batting for Whitlock, flied out to Berry. Biggerstaff struck out. Blanton singled. D. McKeithan singled scoring Likens with the tying run. T. McKeithan grounded out pitcher to first.

Eighth Inning—Whiteville—Greer grounded out Blanton to Keeter, Gurganus fanned, Heath was safe at first on a third strike. Schwartz fanned.

Forest City—Laughridge struck out, Keeter hit for two sacks, Watkins grounded out J. Berry to Greer. Likens was out Gurganus to Greer.

Ninth Inning—Whiteville—J. Berry struck out, Kramer singled, B. Berry hit into a double play, D. McKeithan to Biggerstaff to Keeter.

Forest City—Moss and Biggerstaff fanned. Blanton was safe on an error. D. McKeithan popped out to B. Berry.

Tenth Inning—Whiteville—Harrison was out, T. McKeithan to Keeter and Rooks, batting for Tucker was out in like manner. Greer grounded out Blanton to Keeter.

Forest City—T. McKeithan singled to left. Heath errored the ball and McKeithan circled the bases to win his own game.

Box Score table with columns AB, R, H, PO, A for both teams and individual player stats.

TOTALS table for both teams showing aggregate statistics.

x—none out when winning run scored.

Summary: Errors—Heath, Schwartz, B. Berry (2), Harrison, Rooks, D. McKeithan, Watkins, Whitlock. Stolen bases—Harrison, base on balls, off J. Berry 2. Struck out by J. Berry 10, by T. McKeithan 11. Home runs, none. Three base hits, none. Two base hits, Blanton, Gurganus, Biggerstaff, Keeter. Sacrifice hits, none. Passed balls, Watkins 2. Double plays, D. McKeithan to Biggerstaff to Keeter. Umpires—Sharp and Sapp (Carolina).

ATTEND BALL GAME

Five Forest City boys, Messrs. Asa Hamrick, James Hamrick, Charles Ford, Charles Huntley and Rudolph Blanton, attended the Forest City-Whiteville game in Chapel Hill Saturday in grand style.

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FOR THE TEAM

The Forest City Courier is proud of our high school champion team. We feel that our readers will be glad to contribute to the boys who have brought signal honor to our city and county. Therefore, we have circulated the following subscription blank. All who wish to add their bit will please have their contribution in by Wednesday, 10 a. m., June 6. Leave your subscriptions at this office or at Peoples Drug Store. All subscriptions will be acknowledged in our next issue.

- Following is the petition, and sums subscribed to date: We, the undersigned, subscribe the amounts opposite our names to the Forest City High School team, who have brought honor and glory to the city and county at large: Forest City Courier \$5.00, Lee Stien \$1.00, Jack Michalove \$1.00, R. E. Biggerstaff \$2.00, J. O. Dewees \$1.00, M. W. Harriss \$1.00, P. B. Price \$1.00, Cash \$50c, Cash \$1.00, Cash \$50c, W. Marshall Giles \$5.00

HUSTLING FOREST CITY BASEBALL TEAM

Harry Griffin, Sports editor of The Charlotte Observer, had this to say about the Forest City High lads in Saturday's Observer:

Forest City, thriving little city nestling in the hills of North Carolina, is proud of its team—and well it has a right to be.

The best western North Carolina high schools have to offer has been defeated by the class, scrappy hustling youngsters who compose the team.

Today the usually busy streets will be deserted. Stores are closed, shades on bank windows have been pulled down and drug store idlers will be absent.

The team is at Chapel Hill to meet Whiteville in the east-western finals for the title of champions of North Carolina. If the team wins the town will be theirs.

Coach E. V. (Babe) Seitz, has made an enviable record. The former coach of Spencer's fast stepping teams has been in Forest City just one year. In football he won seven games and lost three. He went to western semi-finals in basketball and now he is in a fair way to win a state title. HE MUST BE GOOD.

FOREST CITY GETS WHAT IT GOES AFTER

W. MARSHALL GILES.

As the result of our recent victory in this town who doubted for one moment but that our boys would go through to the finals and bring the championship back to Forest City. We knew our boys had the goods, we believed in them, we sensed victory and we got back of them and stood by them to the last ditch. No one ever thought they would lose, we had confidence in their playing and admired their courage and fighting qualities under fire. We followed them in large numbers to Chapel Hill to see them do what we had learned to believe they would do. They now hold the championship of North Carolina and they have put this thing over in such a clean sportsmanlike manner that there is not a word of criticism or complaint to be heard from any town in the State. Coach Seitz and his boys deserve some real token of appreciation from every citizen of Forest City. It is a genuine pleasure for me to subscribe my small bit to the fund that is being raised for the Champion High School Baseball team of North Carolina.

EFIRD CHAIN SALE STARTS FRIDAY MORNING

Local Store in Competition With Shelby—Forty-Two Managers Plan Great Sale

An annual event, eagerly awaited by the residents of forty-two towns and cities, is the Efirid annual chain sale. This year the event begins Friday, June 1, and continues through the entire month. To plan this great sale, the Efirid managers, including Mr. Chas. R. Curlee, of the Forest City store, met in executive session with Efirid Bros. Charlotte office.

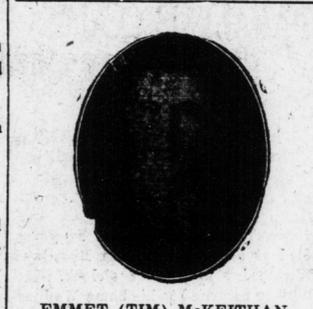
General routine of business was discussed by the different store managers, with practically every man claiming that this year's business was showing a good gain over last. While farming conditions were unfavorable on account of so much rain, most managers stated that the farmers have made great speed catching up during the past two weeks, some claiming to be working by moonlight. The Efirid annual chain sale was discussed with much interest and it was decided to commence this annual event at all Efirid stores on Friday morning, June 1st and as usual continue the entire month of June.

A contest was decided on between the different store managers, each manager picking him out another manager to beat. Forest City is teamed up with Shelby, and Mr. Curlee's friends have promised to work hard to win from our hustling neighbor city. After which all stores were about equally divided up into two sides, each side selecting a captain and a lieutenant, great enthusiasm was worked up and this promises to be the best of all the Efirid chain sales. In addition to the contest between managers, it was decided that each store should divide up its salespeople into two divisions and offer a prize to the winning side.

Efirid Brothers explained that more merchandise has been bought at special prices for this sale than ever before and on account of so much over-production by manufacturers they were able to buy the best merchandise at almost their own prices and that twenty-one car loads have already been assembled in the Charlotte-warehouse and divided up and is now on its way to the different Efirid's stores, in addition to the hundreds of direct shipments.

Mr. Curlee, manager of the Forest City Efirid store, knowing the value of The Courier as an advertising medium, has been generous in contracting for space to cover the great

Wins Own Game



EMMET (TIM) McKEITHAN

NOTES OF THE GAME

The two pep meetings, Wednesday and Friday nights, were largely attended and enthusiasm ran high. The many expressions of confidence certainly heartened the coach and team. Many were called upon to make short talks, even the society editor of The Courier. All responded with vigor. The vigorous talk of Supt. Clyde A. Erwin fired all with determination to win—win fairly—but win the game.

Much praise is due those who worked so hard to get the special train. Mayor Flack, F. I. Barber, "Micky" Hewitt, Doc Duncan, Doc Reinhardt, Mesdames Hewitt and Alcock and others worked hard and faithfully and soon had the special assured. Many others did their part. The whole effort well shows what can be done by co-operation and concerted action.

And don't forget the Spindale Band. This noble band of good fellows contributed largely to the pleasure of the occasion and did manifold work in pepping up the enthusiastic fans during the game.

Now, let's see: What prizes do the boys get for winning? First, the silver cup from the University. This is a permanent trophy. Also a silver cup and gold baseballs, new sweaters and a big banquet.

Enthusiastic fans took up a collection for "Big Tim" on the return from the "hill." The Courier has started a collection for the team, and if we do not miss our guess, it will amount to handsome proportions before the subscription is closed. Let us add here: Please don't forget to get on the "honor roll." All subscriptions will be acknowledged next week.

The team was guest of honor at the Kiwanis Club Monday evening. It was a great occasion and high honor was accorded the valiant heroes who have brought signal honor to the city and county. A big public banquet was proposed for the team. A committee, composed of President Reinhardt, Mayor Flack and C. E. Alcock, was named to work out the details. It is for the public at large and we want all to be there. Come out and do honor to our heroes.

It was a happy, hilarious crowd on the special. Going, all were confident. On the return, bedlam broke loose. One enthusiastic fan let out a war-whoop and lost his false teeth, it is said. The great crowd of supporters at the station to greet the returning train was an inspiration.

Don't fail to get on the honor roll. Drop into this office or the Peoples Drug Store and add your name to the subscription list for the team.

HOME COMING DAY

Sunday, June 10, will be observed at the First Baptist Church as Home Coming Day, in celebration of the beginning of the sixth year of the pastorate of Dr. W. A. Ayers. A cordial invitation is extended to all former pastors, residents, former members of the church and others to be present on that day. The service will continue throughout the day.

SUMMARY OF THE STATE CHAMPIONS' PLAYING FOR YEAR

Statistics, Batting and Pitching Averages and Summary of Local High School Baseball Team

"Babe" Seitz and his state high school baseball champions arrived in Forest City late Sunday afternoon from Chapel Hill where on Saturday they defeated Whiteville High 2 to 1 for the state title. They received one of the greatest ovations ever accorded returning heroes from the field of battle.

The whole town was out to greet the boys. Baseball was the sole topic of conversation on the streets and one celebration followed another far into the night. Bells tolled, automobile horns by the hundreds sent up shrill shrieks of joy while the baseball team composed of boys of their early teens, were amazed at the joyous reception and could only smile and nod their thanks.

Headed by Mayor Charles Z. Flack and other city officials, a special train was chartered for the home town folk to attend the game at the "hill" on Saturday. All along the route the train was greeted by town officials and many persons joined the local aggregation to cheer the western champions.

To "Wis" Keeter, star first baseman, goes the individual honors of the 1928 season, the lanky youth hanging up a record seldom equaled in high school baseball. Keeter played in 21 games, made 190 put outs and nine assists without an error, and had a season's batting average of .300 while Laughridge came second with eighteen putouts without an error.

The following table will show why the locals are champions of the state. Batting averages for the team for 21 games.

Table with columns Player, AB, R, H, PCT. listing statistics for various players like Bigstaff, Blanton, McKeithan, etc.

TOTALS table showing aggregate statistics for the team.

Pitching Records: W L Pct. Moore 5 0 .1000, T. Blanton 5 0 .1000, T. McKeithan 10 1 .909

- Results of the season: Won 20; lost 1. Cliffside 3; Forest City 2. (11 innings.) Cliffside 0; Forest City 9. Boiling Springs 0; Forest City 2. Boiling Springs 1; Forest City 14. Shelby 2; Forest City 9. Kings Mountain 5; Forest City 10. Ellenboro 7; Forest City 32. Candler 8; Forest City 10. Shelby 0; Forest City 3. Hendersonville 2; Forest City 13. Ellenboro Textile 5; Forest City 8. Candler 2; Forest City 6. Asheville 2; Forest City 17. Hendersonville 4; Forest City 9. Central High 1; Forest City 6. State Series Lowell 4; Forest City 20. Shelby 4; Forest City 11. Biltmore 3; Forest City 6. Norwood 2; Forest City 4. Winston-Salem 4; Forest City 6. Whiteville 1; Forest City 2.

ELECTION RETURNS

Mr. J. R. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Elections, requests Precinct Registrars to get returns in to him at Rutherfordton at their earliest convenience Saturday night. Please bear this in mind, so that complete returns will be available by 9 o'clock.