

Gamecocks bringing new meaning to 'America's pasttime'

When I was a youngster, I played some softball but was never very good at it. I had problems doing anything that required hitting a round object with any kind of stick. Golf, pool, you name it, if I had to whack something with something else, I just couldn't make connection.

Despite my challenges, I liked to watch softball and baseball, though, and often went to local church and rec league games to watch friends.

Later on, I watched a major league game now and then and pulled for the Braves.

When I lived in Pennsylvania during the early 1980s, I shared an apartment with a woman from St. Louis who was a rabid Cardinals fan. I couldn't help getting into the sport because of Linda, but still didn't consider myself a die-hard baseball person.

Then my grandnephew Ryan got really interested in the game, playing as a standout in high school. My interest grew because of Ryan's interest.

He even had a scholarship to play in college, but suffered a severe back injury in a car accident and doctors told him he would not be able to keep up with the rigorous schedule.

I still watched a game now and then, though, and continued pulling for the Braves.

And, like my father, I always watched "The See-ries." Daddy never watched regular season games, but always had to watch the World Series.

I continued following in his footsteps until the big baseball strike took place in the mid-1990s, and then I got really sick of

the whiney millionaires whining for more money, and stopped watching baseball all together.

But, over the past couple of years, my University of South Carolina Gamecocks have done me so proud I've had to return to "America's pastime." Only on the college side, though. Still not gonna support the whiney millionaires.

Anyway, I've been keeping up with the College World Series this year as the Gamecocks have

marched forward.

I watched the first game of the College World Series finals Monday night and had such a great time. I'd forgotten how much fun a good baseball game could be.

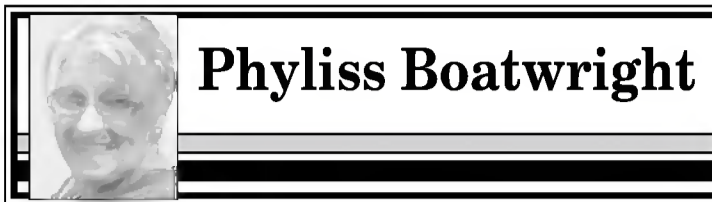
Granted, Monday night's game was boring in spots — until the ninth inning. But then things started cooking, and the Gamecocks ended up beating the Florida Gators 2-1 in 11 innings.

Those last three innings brought back some good memories of other good games, and of course made me really proud of my home state and our flagship university.

I'm writing this column on Tuesday afternoon, so by the time it's read, the Gamecocks will either have earned their second consecutive national title, or will have another game to go in Omaha.

On Tuesday night, I have to cover the annual Person County Extension Service banquet and you can bet I'm going to be motioning for Derek Day to keep things rolling so I can get home as close to 8 p.m. as possible.

For now, I'll just say, "Gooooo00000 Gamecocks!"



Phyliss Boatwright

Highway Patrol encourages motorists to slow down

The N.C. Highway Patrol is encouraging motorists to be careful as they enjoy the Fourth of July holiday.

Motorists who slow down and travel at posted speeds will not only increase their chances of arriving at their destination safely,

they will also conserve fuel.

There will be an increased presence of troopers on the interstates and major four lane highways.

Speed is the leading cause of traffic collisions and fatalities in the state. Troopers will be crack-

ing down on speeders during the holiday and will be using LIDAR and other speed timing devices to assist them in enforcing the speed laws.

Troopers will increase patrols on all interstates and major four lane highways during the holiday.

Last year in North Carolina, 18 people died and 471 were injured over the Fourth of July holiday period.

The 2011 Fourth of July holiday weekend begins at 6 p.m., Friday, July 1 and ends at midnight, Monday, July 4.

Teen faces burglary-related charges

Deputies with the Person County Sheriff's Office arrested Charles Drew Faulkner, 19, of 4536 Virgilina Rd. Thursday on burglary-related charges.

Faulkner was charged with felony counts of breaking and entering and larceny in connection with incidents that reportedly took place between Feb. 20 and March 6.

Faulkner was held on a \$9,999 secured bond.

He is scheduled to appear in Person County District Court on July 5.

Vehicle theft alleged

Christine Annette Walker, 30, of 385 Montgomery Dr. was arrested by sheriff's deputies Saturday on a felony charge of larceny of a motor vehicle.

Walker was held under a \$10,000 secured bond. She is slated to appear in district court on Aug. 2.

Multiple charges lodged

Sheriff's deputies arrested William Robert Warwick, 48, of 3898 Durham Rd. Saturday on a felony charge of obtaining prop-

erty by false pretense.

A warrant for Warwick's arrest was issued Friday in Johnston County. The incident that led to the charge reportedly took place in January.

In addition, deputies served two misdemeanor warrants on Warwick for failure to appear in Tyrell County District Court on earlier charges. Those warrants were reportedly issued on June 13.

Warwick was released under a \$5,500 secured bond, pending court appearances in Johnston County and Tyrell County.

Fraud-related arrest

Keith Jerome Henry, 26, of 110 Molly's Place was arrested by sheriff's deputies Monday on a pair of felony fraud-related charges.

Henry was charged with obtaining property by false pretense and attempting to obtain property by false pretense. The incidents that led to Henry's arrest reportedly took place on June 10.

Henry was held under a \$1,000 secured bond. He is slated to appear in district court on July 12.

City sets holiday trash collection schedule

Due to the Fourth of July holiday on Monday, July 4, the City of Roxboro will collect the normal Monday garbage collection route on Tuesday, July 5.

In addition, the normal Tuesday garbage collection route will also be collected on July 5.

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NOTICE OF GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

The offices of the City of Roxboro will be closed on **Monday, July 4, 2011**, in observance of Independence Day. Regular Monday scheduled garbage pick-up will be scheduled for pick-up on **Tuesday, July 5, 2011**.

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The Latest Agenda

MEETINGS

THE CHAMPION GROUP OF AA holds open meetings at noon on Tuesdays; Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Friday at noon and Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 422 N. Main Street in the "Gray House."

AA BACK ROOM GROUP meets Sundays at 6 p.m. at the Hurdle Mills Fire Department.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

SAFE HAVEN OF PERSON COUNTY SUPPORT GROUP meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 119 S. Main St. Discussion is led by trained counselors and Safe Haven staff.

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