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Bertie

From B1

nings for Bertie, suffered the loss on the mound. Caleb Damo and Jared Speight also saw action on the hill.

Thursday's Result
Bertie 2,
First Flight 0

KILL DEVIL HILLS - It took an extra inning, but Bertie picked up its second win of the season.

The Falcons scored the game's only two runs in the top of the eighth inning and rode solid showings on the mound from Alden Cottle and Trenton White to defeat the Nighthawks in a Northeastern Coastal 2A Conference game.

White led off the top of the eighth inning with a walk for Bertie. He stole second and then third, and Scoop Hoggard reached via a walk.

Brandon Roberson reached on a fielder's choice that plated White, and he advanced to second on an error. After a strikeout, Ethan Hughson came through with a clutch, two-out single to bring in Roberson for a 2-0 Falcons lead.

First Flight put a runner on base (Ryan Golden) due to an error in the bottom of eighth, but White - who relieved Cottle in the seventh - induced a grounder to short that forced Golden out at second to end the game.

Cottle threw 88 pitches (47 for strikes) over the first six innings for Bertie. He allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked four.

White picked up the win with two scoreless innings of relief and one strikeout.

Roberson led the Falcons at the plate, collecting three hits in four at-bats with a run scored and an RBI.

Hughson and Caleb Damo added the other hits for Bertie.

First Flight had chances to score early.

The Nighthawks loaded the bases in the bottom of the first inning but Bertie turned a double play when Cottle snared a liner and threw to third base, where Zack Castelloe doubled off the runner. A flyout ended the threat.

The home team also left two runners on in the fifth frame, then stranded the bases loaded in the sixth when Cottle coaxed a strikeout for the final out.

A Nighthawk runner was also caught stealing (catcher Hoggard to shortstop White to third baseman Castelloe) in the inning.

March 29 Result
Gates Co. 6,
Bertie 3

GATESVILLE - A three-run bottom of the sixth inning helped Gates County hand Bertie a non-conference loss.

The Falcons were ahead 2-0 in the top of the first inning on RBI singles from Caleb Damo and Brandon Roberson.

Gates responded with two runs in its half of the third to deadlock the score at 2-all.

Bertie took a 3-2 lead in the top of the fifth but the Red Barons answered with a run in their half of the fifth to tie it again.

Trenton White led Bertie with two hits, while Damo, Roberson and James Brooks added one hit each.

Super Crossword

Answers

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PHOENIX FALL TO RIVERSIDE ON DIAMOND

JIM GREEN / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Bertie Middle School shortstop Ronnie Futrell is set to put the tag on Riverside baserunner Andrew Whitaker during Monday afternoon's baseball game against the Knights. The Phoenix fell 11-1 in five innings.

Warriors

From B1

Jarrett Harrell's three-run home run in the top of the first inning staked the Warriors to an early lead, but WCD came back with five runs in the bottom of the third frame.

Harrell earned the mound win for Lawrence. He went two innings and surrendered one hit and no runs while striking out four and not issuing a walk.

Wood Trowell made the start for the Warriors. He struck out 10, walked one and allowed seven runs on seven hits in five frames.

LA finished with seven hits against WCD.

Miller Trowell and Daquan Wilson each had a pair of hits, while Harrell, Nixon Rascoe and Austin Wynne added one each.

March 29 Result
Lawrence 13,
Northeast 3

LASKER - A three-run first inning sent Lawrence on its way to a season sweep over Northeast Academy.

Jarrett Harrell doubled home a run in the top of the first inning, while a double from Wood Trowell produced another run. Charles Atkins' fielder's choice brought in the third run.

The Warriors tacked on four more runs in the top of the seventh inning as Harrell had an RBI single and Cowan added a groundout.

Lawrence finished with 15 hits against the Eagles.

Wood Trowell was 4-for-5 with a run and two RBIs while Wynne was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI for Lawrence. Wilson and Harrell each had two hits and they combined for four RBIs.

Joseph White also collected a pair of hits for the Warriors. He scored once and drove in three runs.

Wynne picked up the win on the mound, going 5.1 frames while allowing two hits and one run with nine strikeouts and one walk.

JV WARRIORS SOFTBALL

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Claire Dail, a junior varsity softball player at Lawrence Academy, escaped a rundown and was safe at third base in last week's 11-5 victory at home over Hobgood Academy. The JV Warriors improved to 7-2 overall.

Fourth

From B1

arriving at Louisville, he has also finished 11th, 7th and 4th several times, including every year since the Cardinals' arrival to the ACC.

Calipari recruits the nation's best talent but does anybody think he is an elite teacher of the game? Izzo is a great teacher of the game but has been unable to bring elite talent to East Lansing.

In the meantime, Ol' Roy is considered a jack of all trades and master of none. His ability to recruit both great players and role players has provided stability to an elite program in the height of the one and done era. His coaching, both in practice and in games, has led his teams to more Final Fours than any of the coaches mentioned above.

Despite his success, Roy Williams is rarely considered one of the best coaches in the game. In the eyes of UNC fans, and probably himself, he will never be able to outgrow the shadow of Dean Smith. In the eyes of most everyone else, he has been unable to meet the standard set by the other hall of fame coach working eight miles down the road in Durham.

I hope for coach Williams' sake that the national media will come to recognize what I already know. For their own sake, I hope my fellow Carolina fans appreciate what we once again have.

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