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Errors, walks hurt Bertie girls

Following two wins, Lady Falcons emerge 7-3 after loss to Bears

BEAR GRASS - Errors and walks did in the Bertie High School softball team Monday night.

The Falcons issued five walks and made five errors, and Bear Grass Charter took advantage with clutch hits and several stolen bases, on its way to an 11-4 non-conference victory.

Bertie (7-3 overall) had baserunners on in every inning but fell victim to a six-run fourth frame which saw the Bears (7-4 overall) come up with four hits.

The Falcons tied it at 1-all in the top of the second inning when Stephanie Castelloe reached on an error, advanced on an error with one out and scored on a passed ball.

The visitors took a 3-1 lead in the top of the third inning. With two outs, Megan Williams walked and advanced on Castelloe's double. They both crossed the plate - Williams on a wild pitch, and Castelloe on a double from Cydney Johnson.

Bear Grass regained the lead, 4-3, with three runs in the bottom of the third inning on a hit, a walk and an error.

The Bears then took advantage of singles by Morgan Lee, Lauren Walters and Taylor Cooper, a double by Rachel Hardison, an error, a walk and a catcher's interference call to plate



Bertie baserunner Stephanie Castelloe (far right) is about to cross home plate as Bear Grass Charter pitcher Keagan Wilkerson (No. 19) prepares to take the throw during Monday's game. Looking on is Shanindra Outlaw.

to score six runs and take an 11-3 lead.

Bertie tried to make a rally in the top of the seventh inning when Williams reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and scored on a double by Jessie Mizelle, but Bears' pitcher Keagan Wilkerson coaxed a

grounder to the mound for the final out.

The Falcons were coming off a pair of victories last week.

On Friday, Bertie continued its solid play within the Northeastern Coastal 2A Conference with an 11-1 triumph in five innings over First

Flight.

Williams and Johnson each collected a pair of hits for the Falcons, while Alyssa Byrum, Castelloe, Mizelle, Bri Forehand and Kaleigh Freeman added a hit each.

Bertie led 2-1 in the second inning and then tacked on two more in the third frame, six in the fourth and one in the fifth to complete the

10-run victory.

The Nighthawks helped the visitors cause with six errors.

Byrum was solid on the mound for Bertie. She allowed just two hits, struck out five and walked no one.

On March 27, Bertie stepped out of conference and defeated Gates County 13-2.

The Falcons scored four runs in the fourth

inning, added two in the fifth, four more in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Lindsey Dickens, Castelloe and Mizelle led the offense with two hits each. Collecting one hit each were Williams, Johnson, Forehand and Freeman.

Byrum was the winning pitcher. She allowed six hits, struck out six and walked two.

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Softball

From B1

the regular-season series.

Claire Dail, who came in for Mariah James in right field in the seventh inning, made a running catch with the potential tying run on third base to keep Parrott off the board and secured the Warriors' non-conference win.

Dail and Lindsay Smith (double) had clutch hits in the bottom of the sixth, and Lauren Baker and Megan Davenport walked, as Lawrence scratched out a run to take the lead.

The Warriors started strong with two runs in the bottom of the first inning on hits from Baker, Gracen Rogers and Goodwin.

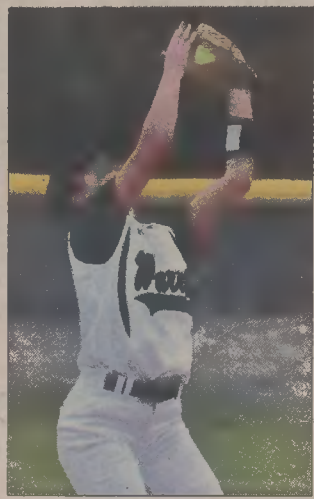
Parrott scored runs in the fourth and sixth frames and put a runner on third with a one-out triple in the seventh.

Baker got out of the jam with a strikeout and the game-ending fly ball to Dail.

Wednesday's Result Lawrence 7, Northeast 6

LASKER - Clutch hitting in the sixth and seventh innings helped Lawrence rally from a 5-1 deficit to edge Northeast, sweeping the season series.

Northeast scored four runs in the bottom of the second inning and took a 5-1 lead into the fifth as it looked to avenge a



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Lawrence Academy second baseman Bella Conigliaro secures a pop fly.

9-0 loss to the Warriors in the first meeting.

Lawrence rallied with three runs in the top of the fifth to cut the deficit to one run.

In the inning, Bella Conigliaro walked, Lauren Baker was hit by a pitch, and with two

outs, Rebekah Goodwin and Brinson Edmondson came through with base hits.

The Warriors added three more runs in the top of the seventh inning on two-out singles from Gracen Rogers and Lindsay Smith after Megan Davenport and Goodwin had walked.

Smith went 3-for-4 for Lawrence, while Edmondson was 2-for-4 with a double.

Adding one hit each were Lauren Baker, Davenport, Rogers and Goodwin.

Conigliaro walked twice and scored once.

Baker was the winning

pitcher with 13 strikeouts and eight walks over seven innings.

March 20 Result Lawrence 7, Ridgcroft 3

AHOSKIE - Four players collected two hits each, and Lauren Baker scattered eight hits and struck out 11 on the mound, as Lawrence held off Ridgcroft in a Tarheel Independent Conference game.

The Warriors scored single runs in the first, second and seventh innings and added four in the top of the fifth frame.

Ridgcroft rallied with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth and added a run in the sixth, but wasn't able to complete the comeback.

The four-run fifth for Lawrence started with one out. Baker singled, Megan Davenport

walked, Gracen Rogers singled, Rebekah Goodwin singled, Brinson Edmondson drove in one with a groundout and Lindsay Smith singled to make it 7-2.

Rogers and Goodwin each went 2-for-4 with two runs scored, while Lauren Smith and Lindsay Smith were both 2-for-4.

Bella Conigliaro was 1-for-3 and Baker and Edmondson both went 1-for-4 for the Warriors. Davenport walked twice and scored twice.