



Bertie High School's Jaquan Vick prepare to field a ball to third base during the Falcons' nonconference win over Northside last week.



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Tiger's back...

I don't golf. The folks that I know who do golf spend a lot of time and money doing it, and I don't have much of either of those things.

You have to play the game to appreciate what it means to have Tiger Woods return as The Masters champion.

Tiger makes golf somewhat interesting for people like me. If you play golf, then you likely watch golf, and if you watch golf then you are probably watching The Masters no matter who is playing.

People like me are not likely to watch golf unless we see Tiger wearing red.

History tells me that the sight of Tiger in red means that he is in the final round of the tournament and anything can happen.

The problem is that with four back surgeries in the last five years, we haven't seen Tiger in red very much.

After a decade of dominating the sport of golf and making it entertaining to an entire generation and race that hadn't previously cared, Tiger's life took a major turn.

The physical, emotional, and personal challenges that Tiger faced over the next decade have been widely discussed. When you take those into consideration, it makes his comeback story all that much more compelling.

It's important to keep in mind that we are just a few years removed from Tiger telling others he wanted to return to a point where he could spend quality time with his kids without being in pain.

One of the world's most well known and successful "athletes" wasn't determined to return to his status of greatest golfer alive. Tiger simply wanted to be able to pick up his young son without wincing in pain.

He ended the 2017 golf season ranked 656th in the world, four spots worse than he finished the year before.

His golf career appeared to be over.

Tiger now is the favorite to win the U.S.

Falcons win all three

Bertie baseball sweeps Northeastern, edges N'side



Aydan Harmon delivers against Northside.

Bertie High School's varsity baseball team has a winning streak going.

The Falcons earned victories in all three games they played last week - defeating Northeastern 3-2 on Friday (April 12), Northside 7-6 on April 11 and Northeastern 4-0 on April 10.

Bertie (6-10, 2-4) finished with seven hits in Friday's win over Northeastern. Trenton White, Alden Cottle and Caleb Damo had two each, while Aydan Harmon added the other hit.

Evan Wells started on the mound for the Falcons. He worked four innings and allowed five hits and two runs with three strikeouts and

one walk.

White toiled the last three innings and surrendered two hits while striking out three.

Two days before, Cottle fired a complete-game two-hit shutout and struck out 12 while walking two in Bertie's win over Northeastern.

The Falcons finished with five hits in the win. White, Cottle, Jaquan Vick, Damo and Dylan Hoggard had one hit each (Cottle doubled, while Damo tripled).

Cottle threw 100 pitches, with 72 called for strikes.

Bertie continued the week with a nonconference win over Northside.

The Falcons used four pitchers against

the Panthers: Harmon, Damo, Wells and White.

Harmon gave up two runs on no hits in two innings with two strikeouts and four walks.

Damo allowed three hits and four runs in one-third of an inning with one strikeout and two walks, while Wells walked one and gave up two hits in 1.2 frames. White allowed one hit and fanned one in one inning.

White went 3-for-4 with a double, a run scored and two RBIs for Bertie.

Wells added two hits and an RBI, while Cottle, Hoggard, Damo, Ja'Klese Freeman and Willie Alston provided one hit each.



Northside baserunner Riley Norman races to third as Bertie's Lindsey Dickens fields a grounder.

Bertie girls take 2 of 3

Bertie High School's softball team finished with two wins in three games last week.

Bertie High School's softball team emerged with a sweep over Northeastern April 10 in Northeastern Coastal 2A Conference play.

The Falcons won the first game 11-4 and the second game 7-3.

In the first game, Bertie trailed 4-2 before erupting with nine runs in the top of the fifth inning to take the lead for

good.

In the big fifth frame, Lindsey Dickens and Stephanie Castelloe each collected two hits, while Alyssa Byrum, Miranda Meldick, Brie Coward and Taylor Scott added one hit each. Kaleigh Freeman walked and Rachel Hoggard was hit by a pitch in the inning.

Singles from Byrum and Castelloe and a double by Elizabeth Eure produced two runs for

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