

# Bertie baseball wins four of five

Bertie High School's varsity baseball team continues to play well as the regular season winds down.

The Falcons (9-9 overall) won four of their five games played last week, including a sweep over Pasquotank and two wins out of three games in the annual Washington Easter Tournament.

Capsules of each game against Pasquotank, as well as the three tournament contests, follow.

**APRIL 16**  
**Bertie 2,**  
**Pasquotank 1**

**WINDSOR** - Alden Cottle earned the win in a pitcher's duel as Bertie slipped past Pasquotank in a Northeastern 2A Coastal Conference game at home.

Cottle worked all seven frames and gave

up just one hit and one run while striking out 14 and walking none.

Caleb Damo led the Falcons at the plate by going 3-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Cottle added a hit (double) and a run scored.

Bertie scored its runs in the fourth and sixth innings, while the Panthers tallied their run in the top of the seventh.

**APRIL 18**  
**Bertie 4,**  
**Pasquotank 3**

**ELIZABETH CITY** - Bertie jumped out to a four-run lead in the top of the first inning and withstood a Pasquotank comeback (two runs in the third and one in the fourth) to defeat the Panthers on the road in a Northeastern Coastal game.

Each team collected six hits. Alden Cottle paced Bertie with two

hits (double), while Trenton White, Aydan Harmon, Caleb Damo (double) and Jaiquan Vick (double) tallied one hit each.

Evan Wells picked up the win on the mound for Bertie. He went six innings and allowed four hits and three runs with eight strikeouts and four walks.

Damo (one hit, three strikeouts, one walk) and Trenton White (one hit) worked the seventh frame and closed the game out.

**EASTER TOURNEY**  
**APRIL 20**  
**Southside 5,**  
**Bertie 4**

**WASHINGTON** - All of the offense happened in the first two innings, as Bertie gave up five to the Seahawks and then rallied but came up short in the first game of the annual Washington Easter

Tournament at Washington High School.

Trenton White (double) and Alden Cottle each provided two hits for the Falcons, while Evan Wells and Caleb Damo (triple) had one hit each.

Aydan Harmon suffered the mound loss for Bertie. He went 0.1 innings and gave up three hits and five runs (one earned) with one walk.

Damo worked 4.2 frames and surrendered three hits with five strikeouts and three walks, while White toiled the final inning and allowed one hit while striking out one and walking one.

**APRIL 22**  
**(FIRST GAME)**  
**Bertie 8,**  
**Pungo 1**

**WASHINGTON** - Alden Cottle racked up four

base hits (double and three singles) with three RBIs as Bertie defeated Pungo Christian Academy in its first game Monday during the annual Washington Easter Tournament.

Trenton White, Caleb Damo (double) and Jaiquan Vick collected two hits each for the Falcons, while Evan Wells, Zach Castelloe, Aydan Harmon, Dylan Hoggard and Ja'Kiese Freeman chipped in with one hit each.

Cottle earned the win with six innings on the mound. He allowed three hits and one unearned run with 11 strikeouts and two walks.

Vick struck out one in the seventh stanza.

**SECOND GAME**  
**Bertie 8,**  
**Mattamuskeet 0**

**WASHINGTON** - Bertie

pulled away in the latter innings - scoring two runs in the third and fifth innings and three in the sixth - to dispatch Mattamuskeet and claim fifth place in the Washington Easter Tournament.

Trenton White locked up the victory on the mound with a complete-game effort. In six innings, he allowed three hits while fanning 13 and walking three.

Caleb Damo (double) went 4-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI for the Falcons.

Other offensive leaders for Bertie included White (one hit), Alden Cottle (home run, three runs scored, RBI), Aydan Harmon (two hits, three RBIs), Jaiquan Vick (one hit, one RBI) and Dylan Hoggard (one hit, one RBI).

## LA girls drop finale, finish as TIC co-champs

### Warriors win coin flip with Ridgecroft for top seed in tournament

**AHOSKIE** - For the first time in several years, the Lawrence Academy varsity softball team did not win the regular-season title in the Tarheel Independent Conference.

Ridgecroft School lost a five-run lead, then scored what proved to be the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth inning on a two-out double by Clayson Spence to defeat the Warriors 11-10 at home on Thursday.

The result in the regular-season finale left the

Rams and Lawrence with identical 10-2 records in the TIC. The Warriors emerged 12-4 overall; Ridgecroft is 11-4 overall heading into the TIC Tournament, which begins April 29 at Pungo Christian Academy.

Lawrence held a 5-1 lead after two at-bats, but the Rams erupted for nine runs in the bottom of the second inning for a 10-5 lead.

The Warriors clawed back with three runs in the top of the third and two more in the top of the fourth to tie it.

Lawrence outhit Ridgecroft 11-7 as Rebekah Goodwin led the way with three hits (two of them doubles) and six RBIs, while Megan Stotesberry, Isabelle Phelps and Claire Dail added two hits each.

Samantha Hughson (double) and Lindsay Smith tallied one hit each.

Megan Stotesberry, Isabella Conigliaro and Hailey Barnes saw action on the mound for Lawrence. They combined for four strikeouts and eight walks.

**APRIL 17**  
**Lawrence 18,**  
**Albemarle 9**

**ELIZABETH CITY** - After beating Albemarle 32-6 earlier in the week, the rematch was a bit tougher for Lawrence Academy.

The Warriors trailed 7-6 after four innings, but they scored four runs in the fifth, three in the sixth and five in the seventh to defeat the Colts and sweep the season series.

Leading the Warriors' 17-hit attack was Morgan Stotesberry, who

went 4-for-5 with four runs scored.

Others who contributed offensively were Rebekah Goodwin (three hits, one a triple, three runs, two RBIs), Isabelle Phelps (two hits, two runs, RBI), Lauren Smith (two hits, double, two runs, RBI), Lindsay Smith (double, three runs, two RBIs), Bailey Dunlow (double, run scored), Megan Stotesberry (one hit, three RBIs) and Samantha Hughson (one hit, one run, RBI).

Barnes worked

the first two innings, walked five and struck out two for the Warriors. Isabella Conigliaro earned the win with five innings of relief; she allowed seven hits and four runs (two earned) with four strikeouts and three walks.

Lawrence has earned a first-round bye as the No. 1 seed (it won a coin flip with Ridgecroft) for the conference tournament and will play Wednesday (May 1).

### Bertie softball wins 3 before Easter break

Bertie High School's softball team won three games prior to Easter break.

The Falcons defeated Pasquotank 10-0 on April 16 at home.

The Falcons used an seven-run third inning to defeat the Panthers, as Lindsey Dickens led the way with three hits while Stephanie Castelloe and Elizabeth Eure added two each. Alyssa Byrum, Brie Cowand and Taylor Scott chipped in one hit each.

Byrum struck out seven, walked three and al-

lowed two hits on the mound.

Bertie traveled to Elizabeth City on April 18 for the rematch with Pasquotank. This time, the Falcons eased to a 15-0 triumph.

Bertie scored four runs in the second and fourth innings and tacked on six runs in the fifth inning.

Byrum and Castelloe led the Falcons with three hits each, while Dickens, Miranda Meldick, Scott and Kaleigh Freeman collected two hits each.

Eure provided the other base hit for Bertie.

Byrum struck out seven, walked two and allowed just two hits in the win on the mound.

On Friday, Bertie rallied from a 4-2 deficit by scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to edge Perquimans, 5-4.

Byrum and Eure led the Falcons with a pair of hits each, while Dickens, Castelloe, Cowand, Scott and Grace Hoggard tallied one hit each.

Byrum scattered nine hits for the victory. She struck out five.

## Track

From B1

ond (1:51)

• High Jump: Dashear Hill first (4-8), Dasani Hill second (4-4)

• Long Jump: Dashear Hill fifth (13-9)

• Triple Jump: Dasani Hill fourth (30-05)

**BOYS**

• 100: Jerome Gaynor first (10.9), Chris Cooper sixth (11.3)

• 1,600: Kenny Riddick second (5:44)

• 400 relay: Bertie second (45.64)

• 800 relay: Bertie first (1:32)

• Shot Put: Darius Rascoe fourth (39-3.5)

**APRIL 17 RESULTS**

• Girls 800 relay: Ber-

tie first (1:49)

• Boys 100: Jerome Gaynor first (11.08), Damareon Epps fourth (11.58), Chris Cooper fifth (11.59)

• Girls 100: Destiny Clark second (12.59), Aleeyah Proctor fourth (13.80), Diamond Mebane fifth (14.11)

• Boys Discus: Jakai Cooper second (95-05), Davarious Rascoe fifth (77-04)

• Girls High Jump: Dashear Hill first (5-00), Dasani Hill third (4-06)

• Boys 1,600 relay: Bertie third (4:17)

• Girls 1,600 relay: Bertie second (4:46)

• Boys Shot Put: Davarious Rascoe first (41-

03), Shamar Bass fourth (35-10)

• Girls 300 hurdles: Dashear Hill first (53.96)

• Boys 1,600: Kenny Riddick second (5:26)

• Girls Triple Jump: Dasani Hill first (31-04)

• Boys 400 relay: Bertie first (44.50)

• Girls 400 relay: Bertie first (51.19)

• Boys 200: Damareon Epps third (23.87)

• Girls 200: Kasiah Freeman first (27.47), Anaya Outlaw third (28.30), Diana Berry fourth (29.21), Diamond Mebane fifth (29.67)

• Girls Long Jump: Dashear Hill first (13-

05)

## Fourth

From B1

coached in Chapel Hill and as the head coach at Elon, has recruited this state for years. She just experienced her first losing season as a head coach on a team with no seniors and only two upperclassmen and that may keep her from getting the consideration she deserves. Charlotte Smith is a Tar Heel, a respected and successful basketball coach and a legend to Tar Heel fans.

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## Lawrence baseball clinches 2nd in TIC

Lawrence Academy's varsity baseball team wrapped up second place in the Tarheel Independent Conference (9-3) and improved to 12-3 overall with a 9-6 victory over Ridgecroft School Thursday in the regular-season finale.

As the No. 2 seed, the Warriors will begin tournament play on Tuesday (April 30) at home at 4:30 p.m.

On April 15, Lawrence Academy came from behind to defeat Albemarle School 5-2.

Albemarle jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Warriors scored runs in the third and fourth frames to tie it, then took the lead for good with two runs in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Matthew Arvis, Jaxon Harrell, Sawyer Mizelle, Joseph White, Gavin Smithwick and Evan Swain had hits for LA.

Swain, Charles Atkins and Tayloe Powell pitched for the Warriors.



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