

Methodists Surprise Winners In Softball Playoffs

Young's Pitching Was Biggest Boom

Raeferd Methodist softball team, winner of only one game in 12 during the regular season, inflicted the supreme insult upon the other three teams in the Church Slow Pitch Softball League this week by grabbing the post-season tournament title with three straight wins.

Wendell Young, who actually may not be as spry as his last name suggests, was credited with three successive phenomenal mound victories, twirling the sphere with the same adroitness and finesse of a yo-yo champion manipulating the top.

First Baptists felt the humiliation of losing two games to the Methodists in the double-elimination tournament, dropping the opening round game in a 2-1 thriller and succumbing, 4-3, in Monday night's windup.

Had the Baptist won the 7 p.m. contest with the Methodists, a second game between the two teams would have been necessary to decide the issue, since the Baptists had dropped but one playoff dejection up to that point.

Young's performance in the opening game against the Baptists, winners of regular season play with 10 wins and only three losses, was a masterpiece. Although the Baptist boasted six regulars with batting averages of .396 and higher, they managed only four scattered hits and were held scoreless for five innings.

Bob Bounds collected two of the Baptist hits, but Larry Upchurch, Raz Autry and Chucky Clark got two hits apiece for the winners.

Friday night, the Methodists tangled with Raeferd Presbyterian, 8-4 and second

place finishers during the regular campaign, and again Young prevailed, blanking the Presbyterians for five innings (in spite of their four 400-plus hitters). Meanwhile, Methodist bats continued to boom and the final score was 6-1 in their favor.

This time, Young helped his own cause by banging out two hits.

In the final game, Young snuffed out a Baptist rally in the final inning when, with the score 4-3 and the winning runs on second and third, he speared a line shot headed through the box. Again, he starred at bat, also, along with Chucky Clark, Raz Autry and Joe Upchurch.

Meanwhile, the Presbyterian defeated Allied, 3-2, in a thriller, with Don Prince getting credit for the victory. Larry Phillips and Bill McPhaul were two-for-three at the plate for the winners.

Allied had been defeated in the opening round by the Baptists in a 3-1 pitchers' duel, with Sonny Smith rapping out two hits in three appearances at the plate for the winners.

That set the stage for a semifinals tussle between the Baptists and the Presbyterians for the honor of cooling off the upstart Methodists. The Baptists prevailed — by what margin, we do not know, since rain interrupted the game for more than an hour and sent the scorekeeper to cover.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Larry Phillips presented the trophy for most valuable player in the league. He led all batters during the regular season with a .595 average.



WENDELL YOUNG



Little'uns Will End Tourney

Raeferd Little League Tournament will be concluded this afternoon at Armory Park and members of the winning team may get individual trophies for their achievement.

Howard Barkley, who is supervising the tourney, said coaches of the four teams have declared they will pay half the cost of trophies if parents, spectators and other donors will pay the other half.

In opening round action, the Kiwanis team beat the Lions, 13-3, and Jaycees beat Moose, 6-4. Further action was scheduled yesterday between Lions and Moose in the losers bracket and Jaycees versus Kiwanis in the winners bracket.

Winners of those two games will clash in the finals this afternoon, with two games necessary if the losers bracket team wins the first contest.

Barkley revealed the regular season batting averages of the top 15 hitters in the league as follows:

Tyrone Tillman (K)	447
Johny Wright (J)	440
Noah Hendrix (K)	433
Roylee Taylor (J)	423
Larry Beasley (K)	412
Randy Watts (J)	407
Chuck Davis (L)	400
Bobby Bounds (M)	355
Charles Monroe (J)	346
Van Oennell (M)	423
Mike McDuffie (M)	324
Eddie Pennel (L)	320
Eddie Inman (L)	308
Sandy Hasty (L)	304
Mitchell Cox (K)	286



WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st - OPEN DATE

Parnell's, Auto Glass Win In District Softball Tourney

Parnell's Gulf of Lumberton and Auto Glass of Fayetteville earned narrow margins of victory here Monday night to complete the eight-team lineup in the winners bracket of the Southeastern District Slow Pitch Softball Tournament.

Parnell's edged St. Pauls All-Stars, 4-2, in the opening game of the tournament and Auto Glass trimmed Sellar's Sporting Goods, 7-6, in the second game. St. Pauls and Sellar's thus were dropped to the losers bracket in the double-elimination

tournament.

Thus, the stage was set for eight teams to begin play in the upper bracket of the 10-team tournament, being held here for about the fifth consecutive year under sponsorship of Raeferd Kiwanis Club.

Tonight's action will see Raeferd Savings and Loan going against Pine Bluff All-Stars at 7:45 and St. Pauls Jaycees against First Union Bank at 9 o'clock.

Friday night's action will pit Teal Oil Company of Raeferd against Auto Glass in the 7:45 game and Parnell's Gulf against Ralph's Mobile Homes, defending champions, in the second game of the twin bill.

games. That game will be followed by a lower bracket contest.

W.K. Morgan, tournament director, said the tournament will continue through Saturday, August 3, with July 31 as an open date to catch up on rainouts, etc.

In previous tournaments here, rainy weather slowed the completion of scheduled play, but the tournament always has managed to take up the slack and end on schedule.

There was a considerable curtailment of entries this year in the Raeferd tournament after the Southeastern District set up two other tournaments to accommodate a vastly

increased number of teams. Winners of each of the district tournaments will be eligible to compete in the state tournament.

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News of Lumber Bridge

BY JAM SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thompson and son, Ricky and daughter, Fe of Garland visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Thompson, Sunday.

Mrs. Doug McMillan and son Douglas of Greensboro spent from Tuesday until Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pitt. She came especially to see her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Melson and family, who were visiting from Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. John Town and daughter, Cynthia spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Emma Bass, in Clinn.

Miss Jean McCall of Riverdale, Md. spent the weekend with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Fois, and Carolyn and Elbi. Also visiting in the Forbis home was Miss Paula Hull of Dallas, a college classmate of Glyn's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wattle Harley, Sr. and children, Walter, Jr. and Beth visited her mother, Mrs. Heman Hall, in Ro Hill Sunday. They also visited her brother, Charles Hall, in New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hi and children, Roger Jr., and Sally Lou, spent from Thursday until Monday at Calina Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Gurge Shook and children, Robie, Lynn and William, joined them Sunday and returned home with them Monday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Jackson and daughter, Cathy, last week were Mrs. Mattie Myers and granddaughters, Reg. Teague, of Winston-Salem and for the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Waller at daughters, Diana and Don, and Mrs. Waller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mord Alden of Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williford and children of Wilmington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Britt, Sunday. Chuck and Timmy stayed with their grandparents while their parents attended the wedding of their niece Miss Vicky Williford and John Cudd in Fayetteville.

Wanda and Stephen Ammons spent several days last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Prevatte. Stephen returned home Sunday. Wanda remained for several days.

Mrs. Allie Keeter spent the weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Webb, and daughter in Charlotte.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Willis spent Tuesday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Murphy, and daughters, Allyson and

Leslie, in Burgaw.

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Turner and sons, John and Timmy, returned home last Thursday after a month's vacation in Texas visiting Mrs. Turner's parents and other relatives. They visited many places of interest between North Carolina and Texas including the mountains of North Carolina.

Misses Elizabeth and Lois Sumner spent the weekend with their sister, Mrs. Henry Crawford, in Rowland.

Wayne Livingston had the misfortune of breaking his arm from a fall on his bicycle last Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Russell attended a stork shower for Mrs. Doug Tolar at the home of Mrs. George Ney in Rennett Friday night.

Mrs. Patsy Brown of Metuchen, New Jersey is visiting Mrs. D. D. Troutman this week.

Mrs. D. D. Troutman and daughter, Mrs. Rusty Via, and daughter, Debbie, of Leesville, Va. visited her sister, Mrs. Ralph Morgan in Charlotte, Sunday.

Col. and Mrs. F. R. Weber flew to Miami, Fla. Sunday for a week's visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Col. and Mrs. Dan C. Kingman, and son. They also visited her childhood home in Homestead and spent the night at St. Francis Inn, in St. Augustine, the home of her great grandfather, Robert Earl Irvin of Bucyrus, Ohio is spending some time with his grandparents, Col. and Mrs. Weber.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton of Lumberton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tolar. Mrs. Tolar and Mrs. Hamilton attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Vickie Williford and John Cudd at Peace Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balfour and son, Johnnie, spent the weekend at Myrtle Beach, S. C. The Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Loftis, Mrs. Thomas Hall of Fayetteville and Mrs. Thelma Jernigan of Benson visited Mrs. Mae B. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livingston Sunday.

Miss Mamie Livingston visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brock in Hope Mills, Sunday.

Miss Hazel Stewart of East End spent the weekend with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Troutman, and daughters, Libby and Billie. They spent Sunday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stewart in Raeferd.

Rosemary, Danny and Joe McGowan are spending this week at State 4-H Club Week at North Carolina State

University. Ernest McGowan arrived last week from Emerald Isle to spend several weeks at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sumner and children, Pam and Johnnie, and Ricky Gibson spent Monday in Spartanburg, S. C. They went especially to carry Mr. Sumner to Kohler Manufacture Co where he was working several days last week and the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell and Mrs. Maggie Covington attended the wedding of Miss Vickie Williford and John Cudd in Fayetteville Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Cooper of Fayetteville is spending this week with Miss Cathy Lupu.

Mrs. Gerald Barbour and daughter, Linda, and Sherry Barbour of Davis Bridge visited Mrs. Sidney Sumner and children, Pam and Johnnie, last Wednesday.

Visiting Miss Millie Williford the weekend were the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Smith and son, Jimmy, of New Bern, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williford and daughters, Barbara and Jan, of Rocky Mount. Mrs. Elizabeth Tolar of Lumberton and Miss Jean Williford of Siler City. They attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Vickie Williford and John Cudd at Peace Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville Sunday. Barbara was a bridesmaid.

Curtis Taylor of Whiteman

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TWO AT A TIME Believe it or not, 85-year-old Clarence Lytch of Hoke County sailed away from Long Beach last week and reeled in these two fish on one line. The snapper, left, weighed 15½ pounds and the grouper weighed 20. That fish story is the truth, Lytch declared, but the well-known church layman added, "It is not the whole truth. I had to call for a little help before I got them aboard."

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