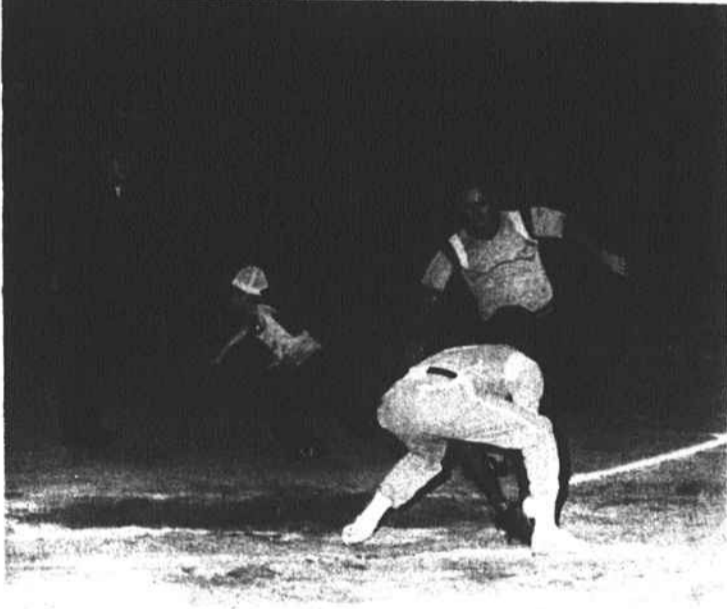


WAITING - The softball floats temptingly toward the poised Kennerty's batter as the camera catches players and fans in a frozen moment of anticipation. (Photo by Henry Blue)



GOING HOME - James Carthens crosses the plate for Kennerty's during a slow pitch softball league game last week. (Photo by Henry Blue.)



SPLIT-SECOND - The McCain catcher for McCain scoops up the ball as Bill Norris for Kennerty's rushes for home plate. (Photo by Henry Blue)

Gentry's On Move - 2 Wins

In Slow Pitch Softball action last week, Kennerty's downed Hoke Concrete 5-3, Gentry's defeated Virgil's 11-7, and Carolina Turf was trampled 10-4 by Lumbee Marval.

Lumbee Marval went down in defeat Tuesday night, beaten 7-2 by Gentry's. The other game on tap, SPCA and McCain, was rained out.

Wednesday night, Virgil's beat Carolina Turf 5-2, Kennerty's crushed

McCain 16-6, and Hoke Concrete dealt a loss to SPCA, 8-3.

Standings

Lumbee Marval	4-1
Gentry's Tire	4-1
Kennerty's	4-2
Hoke Concrete	3-2
Virgil's	3-3
SPCA	1-3
Carolina Turf	1-4
McCain	0-4

Top 10 Hitters In Softball

Current batting averages of the top ten hitters in the Slow Pitch Softball League were announced by league officials.

Roscoe McCallum (Lumbee Marval) - 583; John Ferguson (McCain) - 583; Bobby Baker (SPCA) - 583; Ray Lee

Taylor (Kennerty's) - 571; Eddie McNeill (SPCA) - 533; Bill Norris (Kennerty's) - 500; Richard Walker (Hoke Concrete) - 500; Jessie Taylor (Carolina Turf) - 500; Tommy Hendrix (Carolina Turf) - 500; Ronnie Cameron (Carolina Turf) - 500.

Webb's Takes Top Honors

By Larry Long

This week concludes the Raeford Merchant Bowling season. It's been a good year for most of the teams. Webb's Tire took first place honors this year, but there remains a battle for the second and third spots in the standing.

In the action last week the City of Raeford got four wins because Raeford Auto did not have enough bowlers. Oakwood won four games from Moore's. McNeill's took three games from Webb's. The Barbers dumped WSHB three games to one. Marks' got four wins from Kermit's.

The high 200 last week went to

George McKoy for the Barbers with a 225, a 201, and the high series, a 612. Others hitting the 200 mark included Bobby Powell for WSHB, 214, Ted Pulhamus for the City of Raeford, 213, Bill Hendrix for Marks', 211, Mackie Carter for Oakwood, 211, Alex Kelly for McNeill's, 205, and Butch Posey for WSHB, a 201.

The bowling dinner will be held this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Special thanks goes to James Nixon, statistician.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Webb's	93½	46½
City of Raeford	86	54
Oakwood	84½	55½
Marks'	82	58
McNeill's	81	59
WSHB	80	60
Moore's	64	72
Kermit's	44	88
Hollingsworth	43	97
Raeford Auto	39	101

TOP TEN BOWLERS

Mackie Carter 176; Jesse Taylor 175; James Nixon 174; Thad Marks 174; Harry Walters 172; Waylon Fulk 172; Billy Posey 172; Bob Canady 171; James Gay 170; Charlie Smith 170; Bill Hendrix 170.

The final night's action pits Webb's against Oakwood, WSHB battles Marks', City of Raeford meets Kermit's, McNeill's takes on Raeford Auto and Hollingsworth meets Moore's.

Games Re-Set

Rained out games in the men's slow pitch softball league were rescheduled for Wednesday and Friday nights.

A game between McCain and SPCA that was canceled May 7 was rescheduled for May 14 at 9 p.m.

Other games set for last night were to be moved ahead thirty minutes, so that Virgils would play McCain at 7 p.m. and Lumbee Marval would meet Kennerty's at 8.

Games rained out on May 1 will be played Friday night. Lumbee Marval will meet SPCA tomorrow at 7; Hoke Concrete will play Gentry's Tire at 8 and McCain will play Carolina Turf at 9 p.m.

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