



NOT CLOSE - this is some of the action that took place in the first round of the District Five tournament Monday night. The batter from Currie's of Red Springs was out, but they beat Kennerty's Cleaners 7-2.

Tournament Underway

An enthusiastic crowd was on hand as the Annual District Five Slow Pitch Softball Tournament got underway this week at Armory Park. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, this year's tournament director is W.K. Morgan. District commissioner

is Bobby Sessoms.

The two week tournament will pit seven Hoke teams against Robeson county opponents, with the winners earning a chance in the state tournament at Landis, Aug. 11 - 14.

Virgil's Upset Knitwear

By Pat Scott

Virgil's did their thing as they upset defending champions Knitwear of Lumberton 9-8 in the District Five Tournament which got underway here Monday night.

Virgil's Charles Chandler had a solo homerun to aid his team to victory, while Pete Maynor was three for three and played superb defense, robbing a possible Knitwear homer. Knitwear seemed to have trouble adjusting to the high pitch in the loss.

Kennerty's was defeated 7-2 by Curries in a game that went tied through four innings of play. Curries came on strong in the last inning to

push Kennerty's into the losers bracket.

Hoke Concrete had it tough with well-matched Benton's but pulled it out 4-3 after allowing 11 hits to Hoke's nine.

Gentry's had no problems winning over Parkers with a 18-7 victory. Bounds allowed 12 hits as Parker's collected their seven runs. Bob Manuel was four for five, leading the pace for Gentry's 23 hits as Parker's W. Smith was three for four.

EMC No. 1 defeated St. Pauls 9-5 in the midnight game while most of the crowd diminished. St. Pauls got 11 hits to 16 for EMC No. 1. EMC No. 1 had a 4-3 lead in the second inning and kept it.

Tri-County Stars Lose

The Tri-County All-Stars lost a heartbreaker to the Fayetteville All-Stars in the second game of their best of three series and were eliminated from further play in state competition.

The first game ended with Fayetteville on top 1-0 in spite of a one-hit effort by Hoke's David McNeill.

Fayetteville's only run came in the ninth inning when Steve McAllister singled, stole second, advanced to third base on a fielder's choice, and then scored on an error by Frank Carmichael of Laurinburg, third baseman.

"It was one of McNeill's best efforts," said Coach Terry Grier.

Grier also cited good defensive play, and pointed out that catcher Noah Hendrix Jr. threw out three runners trying to steal. Tri-County had only one error in the loss.

In the second game, played at Southern Pines, Fayetteville defeated Tri-County 4-1 in a 10 inning contest.

David McNeill was the pitcher for Tri-County with only 40 hours of rest. Due to Senior Tarheel rules, McNeill could only pitch nine innings, so Mike Walters of Scotland was brought in and credited with the loss, as Fayetteville scored the winning runs in the top of the tenth inning.

Tri-County appeared to have the game won in the eighth inning, with the bases loaded, and two outs, and Moses Smith of Pinecrest was at bat with a three and two count on him. Smith struck out on a high pitch and Tri-County's dream of sure victory faded.

Each team scored in the seventh with Tri-County's score coming when Frank Carmichael walked and Bert Barber attempted to bunt. Barber collided with the first baseman, who made a bad throw allowing Carmichael to score.

Coach Grier said his players did well and he was proud of their performance.

SYC Wins Youth Title

Sandhills Youth Center lost only one game during the double elimination tournament in Youth Softball League action last week and took the championship Saturday night.

The tournament got underway Thursday night with VFW defeating the Lions, 9-4. Kiwanis had a close call with WOW, but Jordan came up with a hit in the final inning to score the winning run, 5-4. SYC got off to a late start but nudged a 8-5 victory.

Friday night WOW jumped to a commanding 7-2 lead in the second inning and went on to hold the Lions to six runs while gaining 12. The victory was not as easy in the second game over VFW but WOW edged 4-3, with the aid of V. Morrison who was 3-3 at the plate. The final match of the night saw SYC defeat Kiwanis 9-8, coming in the final inning from an error, a walk, and then a sacrifice to score SYC's R. Mason. Kiwanis had 14 hits to SYC's eight.

Saturday WOW edged Kiwanis 6-5 with P. Jordan scoring the winning run in the last inning. In the final round SYC lost to WOW 5-6, but came back in the last game to deliver a commanding show of defensive and offensive play. Final score was 8-3 over WOW.

Kiwanis Get 7-3 Win

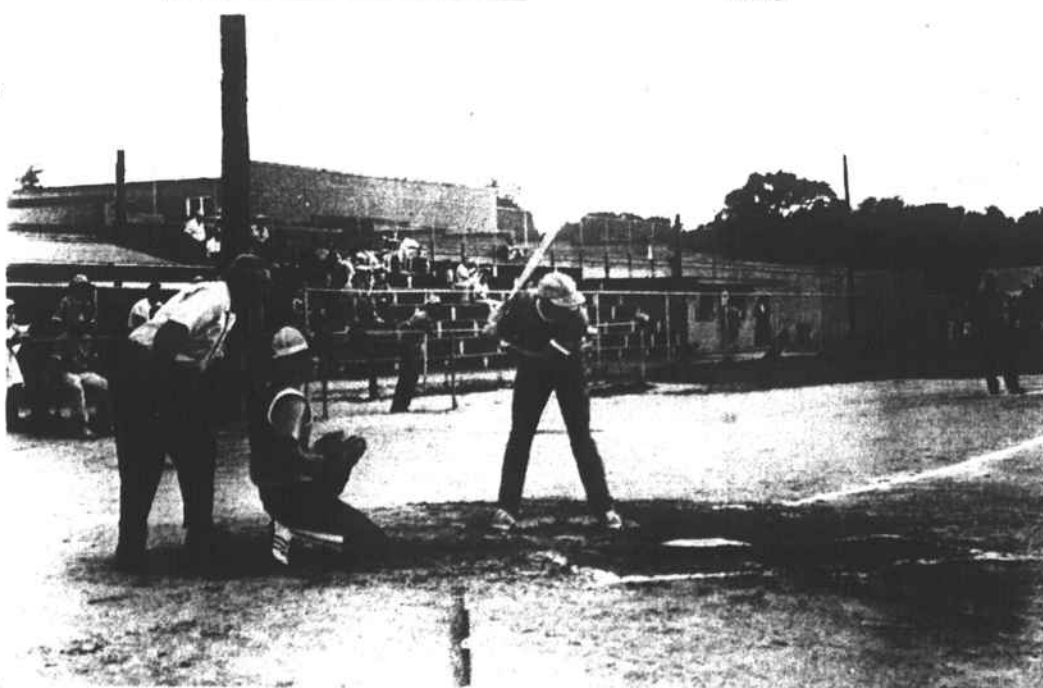
By Pat Scott

The Kiwanis jumped to an early 4-2 lead in the first inning en-route to their upset victory over the third place Sheriff's Department team Monday night in Little Tarheel tournament play.

James Galbreth allowed six hits and went four for four at bat with two singles and two doubles to aid the Kiwanis' 7-3 upset. Losing pitcher was A. Graham for the Sheriff's Department.

The number one seeded team, the Rescue Squad, was eliminated by the Jaycees in a fine defensive battle which had superb pitching. Bobby Posey allowed only two hits, walked two, and struck out 15 men to down the Rescue Squad 3-0. The losing pitcher was D. Lomack who was relieved by C. Burns in the third inning.

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ANTICIPATION - This is what this batter from Currie's seems to be experiencing as he awaits the pitch during action in the first round of the District Five tournament Monday night.

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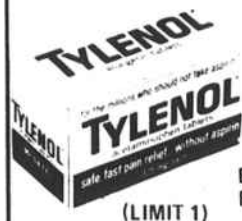


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