

Softball Results

By Ann Howell

The second half of the Mens Slow Pitch Softball League season got underway May 31, with Rose's Aviation defeating Virgil's Drive-In 6-3 in the opener.

Rose's got five runs in the first inning and L. Smith and R. Taylor were both 2-3 at bat. For Virgil's, R. Maynor was also 2-3 at bat and aided his team in accumulating seven total hits.

In the second game of the night, Gentry's Tire won over Hoke Concrete 8-3. Gentry's had 12 total hits and Gary Gentry was 2-3 at the plate. Other leading batters, all 2-4, were Larry Phillips, Larry Upchurch and Randy Huggins. Hoke had 11 total hits, and their leading batter was Dale Teal, who was 3-4.

The remaining games of the week were all canceled because of rain. They will be made up shortly.

The Youth Slow Pitch Softball action got underway May 31 at 7 P.M. and North Raeford Fire Department beat American Legion 9-1 in the kickoff game.

C. Bease was 4-4 at bat for NRFD while E. McNair scored the Legion's only run in the seventh inning.

The second game of the week went to Sandhills Youth Center downing the Kiwanis Club. (No statistics are available.)

On Wednesday, June 2, NRFD defeated Sandhills 14-4. NRFD scored eight runs in the second inning to lock their victory in. Sandhills scored three runs in the third inning, but wasn't able to collect enough runs in the remaining innings for a victory.

In the second Wednesday night match, Kiwanis defeated the Lions Club 9-6. The Lions had a good start with four runs in the first inning, but couldn't compete with the Kiwanis steady hitting.

The week's final game between the Lions and the Legion was rained out.

STANDINGS YOUTH LEAGUE

	W	L
American Legion	1	0
NRFD	1	0
Kiwanis	1	1
Sandhills	1	1
Lions	0	1

MENS LEAGUE

	W	L
Gentry's	9	3
Rose's	8	4
Virgil's	8	4
Rx-Turf	5	6
RPH	4	7
Hoke	1	11

TOP TEN BATTERS

Eddie Roper	579
Wayne Mills	529
Artis Gay	528
Henry Thompson	525
George Hendrix	500
Leon Smith	487
Nate Singletary	481
Eddie Baker	480
Larry McDonald	471
James Jones	459

Ball Games Re-shuffled

The Mens and Youth Softball League games for this week were re-scheduled, the recreation commission announced.

The games scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 were played Tuesday night. The games scheduled for this Friday, June 11 were re-shuffled to Wednesday, June 9.

The Thursday night games (June 10) will be played as originally scheduled.

Gyms Open

The Hoke County recreational program opened Upchurch and Gibson Gym Tuesday, June 8. James McQueen will manage the Gibson Gym with James Rainey at the Upchurch Gym.

The gyms will be opened Monday through Friday 2:00-4:30 p.m. Upchurch gym will also be opened Tuesday and Friday nights 7:00-9:00 p.m., and 8:00-10:00 p.m. on Thursday nights.

The Raeford Elementary Gym, under the management of Pat Scott and Tyrone Tillman, will open June 14 for persons 15 years of age and under. The gym will be open 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m. It will not be open at nights. The purpose of Raeford Elementary gym is to accommodate younger persons who like to play volleyball, basketball, four-square, ping pong and other games.



TEAM -- Members of the men's softball team under the sponsorship of Raeford Plumbing and Heating Co. line up. Left to right are shown (front row) Bill Norris, Billy Norton, Pete Jordan, Roy Lee Taylor, James Jones, Randy Livingston and Ray McDougald. [Second row] Joe Freeman, James Rainey, Willie Murchison, Calvin Singletary, Harold Jacobs, Henry Holt, Nate Singletary and George Small. In front is bat boy Brian Norris.

Virgil's Wins Tourney

By Ann Howell

The Hoke County Mens Slow Pitch Softball Mid-Season Tournament was completed Saturday, June 5 after cancellation previously because of rain.

Virgil's Drive-In won the tournament by defeating Rose's Aviation 9-2 in the championship game. Artis Gay and Charles Chandler were both 3-4 at bat for Virgil's. For Rose's, Wayne Denkins, Bucky Hendrix and DeHon Hardin were all 2-3.

In the kickoff game of the tournament on May 28, Virgil's defeated Gentry's Tire, 7-3. G. Maynor and Artis Gay were Virgil's leading hitters, both 2-3 at the plate. Henry Thompson and Bobby Baker for Gentry's were both 2-4 at bat.

The second pairing was between Hoke Concrete and Raeford Plumbing and Heating. RPH won over Hoke 15-7. RPH gathered 17 total hits and six runs in the sixth inning. For Hoke, Clyde Upchurch was 2-2 at the plate.

The third game of the tournament was between Rose's, who received the first bye, and RPH. Rose's squeezed a 12-11 victory over RPH. Rose's had a great first

inning, gathering in nine runs. Alan Thomas was 3-3 at bat for Rose's. Nate Singletary, James Rainey and Bobby Bounds Jr. were all 3-4 at bat for RPH.

The next game went to Virgil's, 7-0 over Rose's. Pete Maynor slugged in two homeruns in the first and fourth innings to give Virgil's a big lift. Rose's had a rough night with only three total hits.

First game in the loser's bracket went to Gentry's, 13-5 over Hoke. Gentry's had a good third inning, pulling in eight runs. Tony Graham was 3-3 at bat for Hoke.

Second game in the loser's bracket was a close one with RPH going 11-10 over Gentry's. RPH scored four runs in the first inning and three runs in the second for a good beginning and a final victory. Gentry's scored six runs in the first inning and their final four runs were scattered.

The final game of the loser's bracket went to Rose's, 6-2 over RPH. Rose's won the loser's bracket with four runs in the first inning and a run in both the second and sixth inning. Delton Hardin was Rose's best batter going 2-3 at the plate. RPH pulled in eight total hits, but not enough for a victory.

Pete Maynor was chosen Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Tar Heels Post Win

By Mac McNeill

The Hoke County Junior Tar Heel team opened its season last Saturday night with a 19-9 win over Parkton.

The local team blew the game open at the outset with a five-run first inning. They then picked up three runs in each of the next four frames and rounded their scoring with two runs in the seventh.

Parkton scored single runs in the second and fourth innings and

tallied twice in the fifth and sixth innings. Their final runs came from a three-run outburst in the third inning.

David Blue, Anthony Brown and Jerry Bullard combined to pitch a four-hitter, with Blue picking up the win. Bobby Posey led Hoke's 14-hit attack with two homeruns in two trips to the plate. Steve Perry and Brown went 3-4 for the winners.

Hoke's next game will be against Laurinburg on June 14. Game time is 8:15 at Armory Park.

Recreation Classes Open

The recreation commission invites anyone interested in tennis lessons, a self-defense class and arts and crafts instruction to sign up now for summer programs.

Tennis lessons are scheduled from 7-11 A.M., five days a week. Lessons begin June 14 for a tentative five weeks.

Arts and crafts lessons are scheduled from 9:30-11:30 A.M., 1:30-4:30 P.M., and 7:30-9:30 P.M. Pottery, drawing, painting and leathercrafts will be taught. These classes also start June 14 and

will be held in the old post office building across from the courthouse on Main St.

A self-defense class is held every Thursday from 6:30-8 P.M. at Upchurch school gym. All participants must be at least 12 years of age. Both boys and girls are welcome.

For further information on registering for any of the summer programs, call the recreation office any day this week between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., or Monday of next week. The number is 875-5603.

More Reading Training Aim Of Literacy Council

Summer is a time when many routines change, a time when people find themselves more conscious of relaxation and, perhaps, more aware of leisure time. With the fewer responsibilities summer can bring also comes opportunities for different training experiences and a chance for helping other people in a way which can brighten the life of the person who is helping as well as the person who is being helped.

At the Hoke County Literacy Council meeting on June 2 plans were discussed for two more of the tutor training workshops which the Council has held in recent months.

As anyone over 12 years old who can read on at least the fourth grade level can teach an adult to read using the Laubach system, the Council has been working on scheduling a workshop for young people at the Open Door teen center. Some of the best tutors are youth, according to Miss Marti Lane, literacy worker for the

Lutheran Church Women in the United States and Canada.

Another workshop for adults is being planned for the South Hoke Community Center. Both of these workshops are being planned for June. Much interest has been expressed in this activity from the Antioch area.

Persons interested in teaching adults to read on an "each-one-teach-one" informal basis are requested to call Mrs. Nina Morrissey at Cameron Heights Community Center, 875-5536; Mrs. Eva Jacobs at South Hoke Community Center, 875-4711; Mrs. Kay Thomas, 875-2366; Miss Ellen Currie, Literacy Council co-chairman, 875-3791. Also welcome are calls giving names of people who wish to learn to read.

Next Literacy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cameron Heights Community Center. All persons who have taken the workshops are invited to attend.

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