

Hoke Player On All-State List

Former Hoke High athlete Timmy Ross was named to the prestigious All-State baseball team by the Greensboro Daily News Sunday.

Ross is the first from Hoke County to be placed on the list. Two other Cape Fear region players, Charlie Davis and Greg Allen, both from Richmond County, are on the 1976 team.

Selections to the Greensboro Daily News All-State team are made by sports writers, coaches and professional and college scouts throughout the state.

"It's a great honor, and it's another step forward for our Hoke High baseball program. I'm tremendously proud of him", Terry Grier, Ross' former coach said.

Ross, who was picked second baseman, is considered one of the premier infielders in the state. Grier said he probably would have been drafted by a pro club at the end of the high school season if it hadn't been for an injury.

The 5'8" Ross finished the Bucks season here with a .343 batting average. He was struck out only five times in 24 games.

The eighteen year-old player has been contacted by several colleges around the state but is still undecided about his future. Grier said. This Friday he is scheduled to travel to Methodist College in Fayetteville for a major league tryout camp.



Tim Ross

Playgrounds Opening

The Hoke County Recreation Commission is sponsoring a playground program for summer at the elementary schools.

Tondea Jackson and Denise Brown are in charge of supervision. The schedule will be Mondays, South Hoke School; Tuesdays, West Hoke School; Wednesdays, half day at Robbins Heights playground and half day at McLaughlin Elementary School; Thursdays, Scurlock School. Friday schedules will be announced later.

Each day the school playgrounds will be supervised from 9 - 11:30 A.M. and 1 - 4:30 P.M. Sports, arts and crafts, music, table games and special events will be offered. Children ages 6 - 15 are encouraged to take part. Older youngsters are encouraged to visit the school gyms that will be open for play during the summer.

The playground program will begin June 21 and continue through the end of August.

The recreation commission welcomes suggestions and opinions on any of the various programs. Comments can be telephoned to the commission office at 875-5603.

Correction

In last week's News-Journal, troop leader of Girl Scout Troop #645 was incorrectly identified as Mrs. William Smith. Her correct name is Mrs. Donnie Smith Jr.

Youth League

Lions Defeat Sandhills

By Ann Howell

In Youth League Softball Action, the opening game went to the Lions 13-1 over Sandhills Youth Center. The Lions gathered 13 total hits and were led at the plate by G. Cobb and H. McIntyre, both 2-3.

Sandhills had six hits, but scored only one run in the fifth inning.

The week's second youth game went to the Kiwanis Club, 11-0 over the American Legion. The Kiwanis Club scored a hot nine runs in the fifth inning and their leading batter was A. Stevens, going 3-3. The Legion accumulated five total hits, but failed to score.

Wednesday night both games at Armory Park were Youth League action matches. The first game went to the Legion 15-13 over the Sandhills team. A. Black for the Legion was 4-5 at bat. Sandhills played a close game and were led at the plate by L. Todd who slapped a homer in the first inning.

Second game of the night went to the Kiwanis Club over North Raeford Fire Department 10-1. Eugene Rainey was the Kiwanis best batter, going 4-4. NRFD collected only five hits for the defeat.

The week's final youth game was played Thursday night, with the Lions the victors over NRFD with five runs. G. Cobb was 2-3 for the Lions to lead. NRFD was led at bat by C. Patterson who was 2-3. NRFD obtained three runs, but not enough to pull it out.

YOUTH LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L
Kiwanis 4	0
Lions 2	1
NRFD 2	2
American Legion 1	2
Sandhills 0	4

LITTLE LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L
Rescue Squad 3	0
NRFD 2	1
Rose's Aviation 2	2
Kiwanis 2	2
Sheriff's Dept. 2	2
Lions 1	2
American Legion 1	2
Hoke Drug 1	3

Veterans Corner

Q -- I served on active duty for two months. Am I eligible for admission to a VA hospital?

A -- A veteran who has served at least one day of active duty other than for training purposes and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable is eligible for VA hospital care.

Q -- I have been advised that if I change the optional settlement of my GI life insurance policy from option four to option one, my wife who is my principal beneficiary will gain flexibility of payment that she does not have now. Is this true?

A -- Yes. Option one enables the beneficiary to elect that option for settlement or any other option that pays over a longer period.

Q -- May a veteran attend two schools concurrently?

A -- Yes, under certain conditions this can be approved. For example, where courses are not available or where they are not available in a timely sequential manner. Local VA offices have full details.



SOFTBALL TEAM—Members of the softball team sponsored by Virgil's Drive-In pose for a team picture. Bottom row, left to right, are Clarence Bratcher, Pete Maynor, Elvis Baie, Ben McPhatter, Sammy Wallace, Bobby Leslie, Marion Hollingsworth, Joe McCollum and Rufus Singletary. (Top row) Coach Sam Hurst, Red Singletary, Artis Gay, George Maynor, Rudolph Maynor, Larry McDonald, Charles Chandler and Bruce Hurst.

Softball League

Gentry's Holds Lead

By Ann Howell

The opening round of softball action at Armory Park got underway Monday with Gentry's Tire defeating Raeford Plumbing and Heating 17-9.

Bobby Baker for Gentry's was 3-3 at the plate, along with Henry Thompson who was 2-2, and the game's only homerun batter. RPH had 13 total hits and their leading batter was Franklin Jordan who went 3-3.

The night's second game went to Virgil's Drive-In 14-9 over Rexall-Turf. For Virgil's, Larry McDonald was 3-4 and George Maynor was 2-4 at the plate. Rx-Turf had 11 hits and their leading batter was Don Williamson who was 2-3.

On Tuesday night RPH defeated Hoke Concrete in a close game, 11-10. RPH accumulated 16 total hits and were led at the plate by Nate Singletary who went 3-4. Hoke Concrete had 14 hits and their top batter was Cecil Campbell who was 2-4 and slapped a homer in the first inning.

Tuesday night's second game went to Rx-Turf, 3-2 over Rose's Aviation. Jerry Tucker hit a home-run for Rx-Turf in the third inning and Joe Cothran was the leading batter going 2-3. Rose's was led at bat by Larry Lunsford who was 3-3. Rose's gathered eight total hits for the night.

Thursday night the opening game went to Virgil's 15-4 over Hoke Concrete. Virgil's accumulated five homeruns, one by George Maynor, two by Pete Maynor and one each from Larry McDonald and Charlie Chandler.

Hoke Concrete also got a homer in the second inning by Cecil

Campbell. They collected eight hits.

The last match Thursday night was a victory for Gentry's, 11-6 over Rose's. Gentry's had a good night, obtaining three homeruns, one each from Eddie Baker, Bobby Baker and Harrison Daniels.

Rose's got 12 total hits including a sixth inning homer by R. Gardner.

The two makeup games from June 1 were played Friday the 11th. In the first game, Hoke Concrete defeated Rx-Turf 12-0. Hoke totaled 12 hits for the night and were led at bat by Dale Teal and Cecil Campbell, both 2-4 at the plate. Rx-Turf had a hard night, pulling in only one hit in the second inning by Joe McGougan.

The second makeup game went to Virgil's 20-5 over RPH. Virgil's had 20 hits and three homers, one by George Maynor and two by R. Maynor. RPH gathered nine hits and their top batters were Franklin Jordan and James Rainey, both 2-3.

STANDINGS

W	L
Gentry's 11	3
Virgil's 11	4
Rose Aviation 8	6
Rx-Turf 6	8
RPH 5	9
Hoke Concrete 2	13

TOP TEN BATTERS

Arits Gay	543
Larry McDonald	543
Eddie Roper	531
Nate Singletary	528
Henry Thompson	511
Bobby Baker	488
George Maynor	488
Leon Smith	487
Eddie Baker	484
George Hendrix	474

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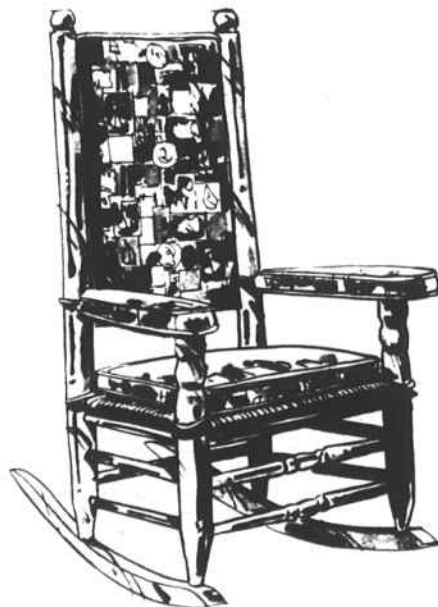
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