



**BOYS CHAMPS**—Members of the Kiwanis softball team, tournament champs, line up. Front row, left to right, are Robert Stevenson, Don Leggett, Derrick McDougald, Mitchell Bratcher, Willie Miles, Barry Brown, Larry Miller, Eric McPhatter (coach), Ronnie McRae, Larry Adams, Michael McIntosh, Eugene Rainey, Artis Stevenson, Jerry Bratcher, Howard Adams, Danny Lee, Anthony Cook, Donald Calloway, Ben McPhatter (assistant coach).

**Boys' League**

**Kiwanis New Champs**

By Ann Howell

The Youth Tournament got underway July 8 at 7 P.M. with the opener going to the fourth place American Legion over fifth place Sandhills Youth Center, 7-6.

The Legion picked up 11 total hits and was led at bat by L. Malloy, who was 2-2. Sandhills gathered 10 total hits and collected four quick runs in the first inning. Lee Todd was 3-4 at the plate as Sandhills' leading batter.

The 8 P.M. game was a victory for the second place Kiwanis over third place North Raeford Fire Department, 3-1. The Kiwanis pulled in nine total hits and collected all of their three runs in the first inning. L. Adams was the leading Kiwanis batter with a record of 2-2. NFRD was led at the plate by M. Bease, McAllister and Ferguson, all 2-3. NFRD was credited with 10 total hits.

The last game of the night went to the Lions, the league leader, over the Legion 11-10. The Lions picked up 19 hits and C. McCall smashed a homer in the sixth inning. The leading Lion batter was R. Bratcher, going 4-4. The Legion gathered 10 hits and six of their 10 runs in the second inning. G. McAllister was the Legion's top batter, going 2-4.

The second round of tournament action on Saturday night found the NFRD victorious over the Sandhills team, 7-2. This was the first game of loser's bracket competition. NFRD picked up 15 hits and was led at bat by M. Bease, 4-4. This defeat was the last game for Sandhills. They gathered eight hits and picked up their two runs in the fourth inning. Lee Todd led Sandhills at the plate, going 2-4.

The fifth game of the competition went to the Kiwanis 9-6 over the Lions. The Kiwanis gathered 14 hits and was led at bat by Bratcher, McRae, and Cook, all going 2-4. The Lions picked up nine hits and scored five runs in the fourth inning Morrison and McCall were the top Lions' hitters, both 2-4. The defeat put the Lions in the loser's bracket.

The final game Saturday night went to NFRD by an American Legion forfeit. The decision came in the top of the sixth inning with the score Legion three, NFRD one.

Monday, July 12, the last round of the tournament got underway. The opener went to the Lions 4-0 over NFRD. The Lions gathered 10 hits and were led at the plate by Glenn Cobb, 2-3, and Lamar Cook, 2-2. NFRD picked up seven hits, but was held scoreless by the Lions.

Final game of the tournament and of the youth competition went to the league champions, the Kiwanis. The Kiwanis defeated the Lions 13-7. Leading batters for the champs were D. McDougald and E. Rainey, both 3-4. Inning number three was the Kiwanis best, pulling in five runs. For the runners-up, the leading batters were H. McIntyre and J. Quick, both 2-4. The Lions collected nine hits and put in a super round of competition.

Thanks were extended to the coaches of all the teams for their help and time by the Hoke County Recreation Commission.

**Juniors Drop Last**

By Mac McNeill

Two unearned runs in the first inning sent the local Junior Tar Heels team to its third loss of the season. Final score was Wagram three, Hoke two.

Bobby Posey went the distance on the mound for Hoke as he gave



**RUNNERS-UP**—The Lions were runners-up in the Boys League Softball Tournament. Front row, left to right, are Val Bratcher (bat boy), Kenny Morrissey, Walter Campbell, Lamont Cook, Rico Bratcher, Glenn Cobb, Terrence McRae, (Middle row) James Quick, Vernon Morrison, Ralph Tendor, Arnold Jacobs, Bud Monroe, (Back row) Alworthy Galbreth, Lucey Lide, Gregg McCall, Michael Kershaw, Harold McIntyre.

**Girls' League**

**Hugh's Grabs Lead**

By Pat Scott

In Monday's make-up game Hugh's Texaco defeated the Patriots 14-5 making their bid toward the number one position. D. Massey was 1-1 at bat for the Patriots with A. McRae 2-3. Doris Mavnor was 3-3 for Hugh's Texaco with help from S. McRae, R. McAllister and K. Graham's 2-3 efforts.

Hugh's Texaco did it again Tuesday night defeating Hunt's Truckers 25-7 after five innings of play. W. Kelly and J. McNeill were 2-3 for the Truckers while B. Graham was 4-5 for the Texaco team. V. Brown and J. Graham were 3-4 to aid the Hughes Texaco attack.

Wednesday, the Rec. Wreckers downed Hunt's Truckers 8-4 in a fine defensive battle. Hunt's Truckers couldn't get the hits needed to defeat the Wreckers. A. Bratcher was 2-2 for Hunt's while C. Monroe was 2-4 for the Wreckers.

Hugh's Texaco has to go into an extra inning to edge the Patriots 8-7. R. McAllister was 2-3 for Hugh's with help from B. Graham, J. Blackshear, and V. Brown's 2-4 efforts. Angela Thomas led the Patriots' hitting with a 2-3 performance with C. Bratcher's 2-4 assistance.

**Senior Tar Heels 3-11 At Close**

By Mac McNeill

The Hoke County Senior Tar Heels ended their season last Friday with a 2-1 loss at Red Springs.

The locals were unable to gener-

ate any offense as they lost their third straight game by one run. The local team picked up five hits while Red Springs only had four in the defensive struggle. The loss ended the season for the Seniors, who showed good defensive improvement in the latter stages of the season. The team's final record was 3-11. Leading hitters were Mike Tuttle, who batted .307, Bruce Carroll at .218 and David Horne, who compiled a .212 average.

First round action in tournament play pits the Patriots against Rec. Wreckers at 8 P.M. on Monday, July 26. Tuesday night at 7 P.M. Hugh's Texaco meets Hunt's Truckers. The loser's bracket match will be played at 8 P.M. Tuesday.

**STANDINGS**

	W	L
Hugh's Texaco	7	3
Patriots	7	3
Rec. Wreckers	4	6
Hunt's Truckers	2	8

**TOP TEN BATTERS**

Alfreda Bratcher	.556
Brenda Graham	.533
Alice Taylor	.520
Abigail McRae	.515
Rosa McAllister	.452
Ellen Bridges	.447
Sandra Leach	.433
Valinda Brown	.432
Janice Blackshear	.400
Angela Thomas	.382

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