

North's McDowell, Moore Repeat As County Baseball Player, Coach Of Year

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

North Brunswick pitcher/outfielder David McDowell and Scorpion coach Keith Moore are repeats as county prep baseball player and coach of the year respectively.

McDowell, who recently signed a grant to play at UNC-Wilmington, won player of the year honors as a junior in his first year at North Brunswick.

This spring, in his senior season, McDowell hit at a .377 pace that included 26 hits in 69 at bats, 24 runs batted in, four doubles, three triples and a home run while also stealing eight bases.

McDowell was just as effective on the pitching mound for the Scorpions, striking out 63 batters in just 48 innings. His 1.75 earned run average was among the lowest on the team and was down from a 2.15 ERA in his junior season. He also gave up 26 hits and walked 35.

Moore guided the Scorpions to a 13-10 overall record and a second place finish in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference. The third-year coach has led North Brunswick baseball teams to the state playoffs the last two years while the Scorpions have also captured back-to-back county titles.

Last year's 13-9 team in Moore's second year and the 1991 squad have produced North Brunswick's best baseball records in the past six years.

McDowell was just one of seven players named to the all-county diamond team for the second consecutive year.

Other repeat performers include West Brunswick's Bryan Fleming, Chris Walker and Chris McBride of North Brunswick and Shawn Swain, Jeron Monroe and Scott Phillips of South Brunswick.

Fleming, a sophomore who is a two-year starter as catcher for the Trojans, improved dramatically defensively this spring while struggling somewhat at the plate.

Fleming threw out 50 to 60 percent of all base runners attempting to steal this season compared to a 25 to 30 percent ratio as a freshman. However, his batting av-

erage dropped to .315 after hitting at a .380 clip in his first varsity season.

"Brian had a good year and is one of the reasons why we were a better defensive team this season," said West Brunswick coach Mike Alderson. "The teams in the Waccamaw Conference know what kind of arm he has behind the plate."

"Bryan will continue to improve in his last two years at West Brunswick. With a stronger bat, he will definitely be a major college prospect and one of the top catchers in eastern North Carolina."

Walker and McBride are another pair of Scorpion seniors who recently signed college grants to continue their baseball career.

Walker inked with UNC-Asheville of the Big South Conference earlier this month and McBride joined McDowell by selecting UNC-Wilmington.

McBride led the Scorpions in hitting (.535) getting 23 hits in 43 plate appearances. He also drove in 20 runs, scored 12 times and banded out four doubles.

The senior was just as strong on the mound where he hurled 19.2 innings, giving up 14 hits while compiling a 2.55 ERA.

Walker led the North Brunswick mound staff with a 1.10 ERA while striking out 80 in 76.1 innings pitched. He allowed 38 hits and walked 43.

Swain has been the top pitcher at South Brunswick the last two years and compiled a 6-4 record in his senior season this spring. He hurled 85.2 innings and struck out 70 with an impressive 1.64 ERA. Swain also yielded 62 hits and walked 37 batters.

Monroe has been named to the all-county team as an infielder for the second straight year after having hit at a .319 average as a senior. Monroe, a shortstop, also had three doubles, two triples and a home run in helping the Cougars to a 12-9 overall finish.

Phillips, who played second base for the Cougars, hit at a .281 pace while also collecting five doubles.

Also named to the all-county team for the second time in the last three years was West Brunswick designated hitter Alton Johnson.

The senior led the team in hitting with a .478 average. Johnson was named to the all-county team (third base) as a sophomore after leading the team in hitting (.383).

"Alton is just a pure hitter," said Alderson. "He has been in the baseball program four years here and sees the ball well and makes use of the entire field. He understands situational hitting and knows how to move

1991 ALL-BRUNSWICK COUNTY BASEBALL TEAM

Player	School
PITCHERS	
George Daniels	West Brunswick
Chris McBride	North Brunswick
David McDowell	North Brunswick
Shawn Swain	South Brunswick
Chris Walker	North Brunswick
INFELDERS	
Tommy Clark	North Brunswick
Chris McBride	North Brunswick
Jeron Monroe	South Brunswick
Scott Phillips	South Brunswick
CATCHER	
Bryan Fleming	West Brunswick
OUTFIELDERS	
Aldwin Lance	West Brunswick
David McDowell	North Brunswick
DESIGNATED HITTER	
Alton Johnson	West Brunswick
UTILITY PLAYER (infield, pitching)	
Brian Alderson	West Brunswick
PLAYER OF THE YEAR	
David McDowell	North Brunswick
COACH OF THE YEAR	
Keith Moore	North Brunswick

people around the bases." "He is a rare talent in that he is a power threat but hits for a good average at the same time. We will really miss him."

Rounding out the All-BC infield was North Brunswick second baseman Tommy Clark who led the Scorpions in runs scored (28). Clark also had a .318 batting average while collecting 21 hits and stealing 14 bases.

Completing the all-county outfield was West Brunswick's Aldwin Lance.

The junior centerfielder improved drastically from a year ago according to Alderson.

"Aldwin's batting average (.320) this year is up

tremendously from last season (.222). He has also reduced his number of strike-outs while increasing his on-base percentage."

Lance ranked third on the Trojan team in total hits this spring.

"His defense, arm strength and ability to get on base make him a complete player," added Alderson. "He can really create problems for the opposition when he gets on base. Aldwin also had the game-winning hit in the Friday's playoff game against C.B. Aycock."

West Brunswick's George Daniels rounded out the all-county pitching staff.

The junior compiled a 6-2 record while hitting .333 before his untimely death two weeks ago in an auto accident.

"George was our top pitcher at the time and when he was on the mound, he really made us strong defensively."

"All the guys on defense had lots of confidence in George's ability to throw the ball over the plate even though he didn't strike out a lot of people."

George never got rattled in pressure situations. He may not have had the most talent and the greatest speed but he had a positive attitude. He was a class—a real coach's dream," added Alderson.

Named to the All-BC team as a utility player was West Brunswick junior Brian Alderson, perhaps the Trojans (13-9-1) most versatile performer.

Brian, son of coach Mike Alderson, teamed with Daniels as the Trojans' chief pitching rotation while also playing shortstop when not on the mound.

He received the golden glove award at the West Brunswick sports awards last week for his defensive ability and also improved his pitching record to 6-3 with last Wednesday's 3-1, playoff-opening win over Clayton.

"Brian has really pulled through for us in the big games this spring," said Alderson. "He pitched a 4-0 shutout against South Brunswick in the final game of the regular season that put us in the state playoffs."

"He also shut down Clayton for eight innings in out playoff opener and came on to pitch to the last three batters in the second-round win over Aycock last Friday."

"Brian doesn't throw with a lot of velocity but keeps batters guessing. This makes him an effective pitcher. His key to winning has been to limit his number of walks, throw strikes and stay ahead in the count."



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SPORTING SCENE

Playing Against Soviet Nationals Was Special

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick basketball standout Ricky Daniels got some pretty rough treatment last Wednesday playing against the Soviet Union Junior National cage team in Raleigh. But so did the rest of the state's prep all-stars that comprised a North Carolina Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team that faced the touring Russian team.

"It was a good experience but was pretty rough. There was a lot of pushing and shoving going on," said Daniels, who recently signed a grant to play at Anderson (S.C.) Junior College. "This will help me later on in my career."

Daniels, a 6-foot-6 guard, scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds in the Soviets' 104-89 win at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State University campus.

Included in Daniels' points was a three-point goal early in the second half that got the North Carolina squad within 53-50.

"I thought we did a great job considering we had only a couple of practices prior to the game. It was a great challenge," said Daniels.

Raleigh Broughton's Marshall Hamilton served as coach of the North Carolina team that also included Acme-Delco's John Jacques who signed with Georgetown University during the recently-completed prep season.

Jacques scored five points, had two assists and collected three rebounds in 20 minutes of playing time.

Gamer's Donald Williams, a University of North Carolina signee, led the local prep team with 22 points.

The game was one of 10 that the Soviet team will be playing against similar all-star squads while touring the United States.

County Baseball Teams All Winners

For the first time in quite a while, possibly for the first time ever, all three Brunswick County prep baseball teams finished with winning records.

West Brunswick was 13-9-1 prior to Tuesday's third-round state playoff game against Whiteville.

North Brunswick, which landed its second straight state playoff berth this spring, finished the season 13-10.

South Brunswick ended its season at 12-9, and lost a chance at the playoffs with a 4-0 defeat to West Brunswick in the final game of the regular season.

The three winning programs will provide plenty of talent and experience to Brunswick County's two American Legion teams that begin play this week—Post 68 in Leland and first-year Post 445 in Town Creek.

Ocean View, Supply/Mount Olive And Zion Win In Church League

Ocean View Baptist, Supply/Mount Olive Baptist and Zion Baptist were all winners Monday night in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

Ocean View nipped Friendship Baptist 9-8 in nine innings while Supply/Mount Olive edged New Britian Baptist 10-9. Zion was also a 17-9 winner over Camp Methodist.

Last Friday's games were rained out and will be rescheduled at a later date.

League play continues tonight (Thursday) with three makeup games scheduled for Waccamaw Park-Shallotte First Baptist vs. Camp Methodist at 7 p.m., Shallotte First Baptist vs. New Britian at 8 p.m. and Ocean View vs. Supply/Mount Olive at 9 p.m.

Regular season play resumes Friday with three more contests—Camp Methodist vs. Shallotte First Baptist at 7 p.m., Longwood Baptist vs. Calvary Baptist at 8 p.m. and Ocean View vs. Letties Grove Pentecostal at 9 p.m.

Monday's games have Ocean View facing Longwood at 7 p.m., New Britian battling Zion at 8 p.m. and Supply/Mount Olive meeting

Friendship at 9 p.m.

Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League Standings as of Wednesday, May 29

Team	W	L
Supply/Mount Olive Baptist	8	0
Ocean View Baptist	6	1
Longwood Baptist	4	3
New Britian Baptist	4	3
Friendship Baptist	4	4
Zion Baptist	3	4
Calvary Baptist	3	5
Shallotte First Baptist	2	4
Camp Methodist	1	6
Letties Grove Pentecostal	1	6

Opening soon... Body House Gym



Main Street, Shallotte, in former Red & White Plaza, across from Sizzling Sirloin

Fuquay-Varina Upends North Brunswick In Baseball Playoffs

The prep baseball season came to an abrupt halt for North Brunswick last Tuesday in a 2-0 loss to host Fuquay-Varina in the opening round of the state 2-A playoffs.

The Scorpions, runnersup in the Waccamaw Conference, got a sixth, eight-strike out pitching performance from loser Chris McBride but it was the North Brunswick bats that were silenced during opportune scoring chances.

"We had lots of scoring opportunities with runners on base but our big bats just couldn't come across," said North Brunswick coach Keith

Moore. "If we played the game over, I would want the scoring opportunities to fall exactly where they did."

"We had runners in scoring position with our best hitters at the plate. What more could a coach hope for? We just couldn't cash in," added Moore.

The loss ended North Brunswick's season at 13-10 while Fuquay-Varina improved to 16-8 after finishing 10-3 in the Capital Area Conference.

Winning pitcher Mike Williams gave up five hits, struck out four

and walked two while going the distance to lead Fuquay-Varina.

The Tigers scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to gain the win.

T. J. Hilliard scored the first Fuquay-Varina run after a one-out single, stealing second and coming home on Drew Davenport's RBI-single.

Ricky Manriquez came home for the second Tiger run with one out in the sixth after being hit by McBride, taking second on a fielder's choice and scoring on Williams' double.

North Brunswick threatened in

the first, third and fifth innings but failed to score.

Tommy Clark was stranded at second base after David McDowell struck out to end the first inning.

The Scorpions put runners on second and third base with one out in the third frame only to have McBride strike out and McDowell fly out to end the inning.

McBride's sacrifice put two Scorpion runners in scoring position in the fifth but McDowell's ground out ended the inning.

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