



Lions Donate To Post 445

The Southport Lions Club gave \$500 to the Brunswick Shores American Legion Post 445 baseball team prior to last week's home opener at South Brunswick. On hand for the presentation were the club president, W. Murray Page (right), and treasurer Charles Sunder (left). Accepting the check is Post 445 Athletic Officer Danny Gore, along with coaches Mike Alderson and Jack Brown.

Brunswick Shores Legion Team Topples Post 10

BY DOUG RUTTER

Brunswick Shores Post 445 rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth for a thrilling 12-11 win over Wilmington Post 10 Saturday night in American Legion baseball.

Scott Gore, who had two doubles and three RBI on the night, drove in Mike Clewis and Mike Sellers with two outs in the ninth for the winning runs.

Bryan Fleming also had two hits and five RBI for Brunswick Shores. He belted a two-run home run to left field in the seventh inning.

Clewis also had two hits for Post 445, while reliever Brett Tabor was the winning pitcher.

Both teams committed three errors in the game and scored more runs than they had hits. Post 10 scored its 11 runs on just six hits, while Brunswick Shores had 10 hits in the game.

After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, Post 445 scored five runs in the bottom half of the frame and added two more in the second to take a commanding 7-1 lead.

Post 10 rallied in the third, however, scoring five runs to trim the margin to 7-6. Wilmington added two more runs in the fourth to reclaim the lead, 8-7.

Both teams plated two runs in the seventh inning to make the score 10-9. After Wilmington added a run in the top of the ninth, Brunswick Shores rallied in its last at-bat to stay undefeated in three games.

Burgaw Forfeits

Brunswick Shores picked up a 9-0 win in its home opener last Thursday night when Burgaw Post 165 forfeited the game.

Only eight Burgaw players showed up for the contest at South Brunswick High School. The teams played a five-inning exhibition game.

Brunswick Shores won the unofficial game 7-1, collecting five hits and taking advantage of five Burgaw errors.

With two outs in the first inning, Brunswick Shores got RBI singles from Clewis and Gore to take an early 2-0 lead.

Post 445 added four more in the second inning, scoring three runs on two infield errors and another on a fielder's choice.

Eric McMahan belted an RBI double in third inning to push across the final run. Joey Medlin scored after beating out an infield single.

Post 445 got strong pitching from two likely

sources and two other players who haven't seen mound action since the youth league.

Gore started the game and pitched two scoreless innings for Post 445. Tabor took over in the third and kept Burgaw off the scoreboard.

With the coaches wanting to save their pitchers, middle infielder Keane Bellamy took the mound in the fourth inning. Burgaw posted its only run of the game on a grandout after Bellamy had walked two hitters.

Fleming moved from his third base position to pitcher in the fifth to close out the game for Brunswick Shores.

Post 445 sported a 3-2 record in the Area II Eastern District following a doubleheader sweep by Brunswick County Post 68 Monday night in Leland. (See related story.)

Brunswick Shores was scheduled to return to action Wednesday night with a game against Winter Park at South Brunswick High School.

Post 445 plays at Bladenboro Friday night and travels to Winter Park on Saturday. The local club will host Whiteville and Warsaw next Tuesday and Wednesday nights at West Brunswick High School.

UNDEFEATED IN LEAGUE

Post 68 Sweeps Shores In American Legion Play

BY DOUG RUTTER

Brunswick County Post 68 got strong pitching and timely hitting as it swept a doubleheader from Brunswick Shores Post 445 Monday night in American Legion baseball action.

Post 68 won the opener 3-0 and came back to win the nightcap 7-3 in extra innings to improve to 7-0 in the Area II Eastern District and 7-1 overall with the victories at North Brunswick High School in Leland.

"We feel very fortunate to win these two," Post 68 Coach Ed Lewis said following the games. "It's a real plus for our season."

In the nightcap, Demetrius Bell and Jared McGee both hit two-run singles in the eighth inning to break up a 3-3 tie and give Post 68 a 7-3 victory.

Brunswick County Post 68 had taken a 3-0 in the first inning, before previously-unbeaten Brunswick Shores rallied to tie the game in the fourth.

Ed Lewis had a double and home run and Jim Sandy had a single and triple to lead Post 68.

Bryan Fleming, Mike Clewis and Marty Earwood each had an RBI for Brunswick Shores, which was held to five hits in the game.

Brian Alderson pitched eight strong innings in relief for Brunswick Shores after Post 68 knocked

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Post 68 Coach

out starter Brett Tabor in the opening frame.

Post 68's Chris McBride, a former North Brunswick star who now plays for UNC-Wilmington, struck out eight of the nine batters he faced over the last three innings to pick up the win.

"It's good to have someone like that," Lewis said. "We've had to face them in the past, and we're fortunate to have one now."

In the opener, winning pitcher Casey McBride and Mike Hewett combined on a two-hit shutout over Brunswick Shores.

Scott Gore pitched the entire game for Brunswick Shores Post 445, giving up only five hits.

Lewis had two of the hits, including a solo home run, and scored twice for Brunswick County. The McBride brothers, Casey and Chris, each added an RBI for Post 68.

Coach Lewis said one of the keys to his club's success so far this season has been veteran leadership from Chris McBride, Lewis, McGee and Danny Williams.

"The other key is we've got a bunch of guys willing to work hard and pay the price, and they work together as a unit," Lewis said Monday. "We've had tremendous support from this community and that's always a plus."

Post 68 On A Roll

In American Legion play last week, Post 68 picked up wins against Beaufort Post 99 and Warsaw Post 127.

On Saturday, Brunswick County

came from behind to beat Warsaw 7-4. Pitcher McGee struck out 10 in 8 2/3 innings.

Chris McBride struck out 14 batters as Brunswick County posted a 4-2 win over Beaufort last Thursday at North Brunswick.

Jeremy Child led Post 68 with two hits. McBride, Kelley Myers and Lewis each had RBI singles.

Brunswick County's only loss so far this season came in a non-league game against Cary Post 67.

Post 68 was scheduled to play Bladenboro Post 265 Tuesday night at East Bladen High School.

Brunswick County returns to action today (Thursday) with a home game against Whiteville and plays Friday night at Winter Park.

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COED SOFTBALL Oak Island Nips Supply

Oak Island edged Supply 11-10 Saturday in Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League play.

Town Creek also won a one-run game Saturday night, beating Faith 12-11 to pull into a three-way tie for fourth place.

In other games, Antioch was an 8-3 winner over Gospel Center and Shell Point stayed undefeated with a 5-1 victory over Soldier Bay.

The four games that were rained out May 30 were rained out again

last Friday. Three of them will be played this Friday, and the other has been slated for Saturday.

Coed Softball League Standings As Of June 18

| TEAM | WINS | LOSSES |
|---------------|------|--------|
| Shell Point | 8 | 0 |
| Antioch | 7 | 1 |
| Soldier Bay | 5 | 3 |
| Faith | 3 | 5 |
| Supply | 3 | 5 |
| Town Creek | 3 | 5 |
| Oak Island | 2 | 6 |
| Gospel Center | 2 | 6 |

IN CHURCH LEAGUE

Mount Olive Uspends Calvary

Mount Olive beat Calvary Baptist 8-7 last Thursday in a battle of north division leaders in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

The win put Mount Olive in first place in the division for three days, but Calvary regained the top spot following Monday night's games.

Calvary rebounded Monday to beat New Britton 21-12 to improve to 9-3 on the season.

Mount Olive lost its Monday night game to Shallotte First Baptist by a score of 16-13 to fall to 9-4.

In other league action, Lettles Grove picked up its third win of the year last Thursday as it upset Shallotte First Baptist 9-8.

Seaside Methodist picked up its second win of the season Monday night, beating Lettles Grove 22-10.

In the only other game last week, Emanuel Outreach blasted Soldier Bay 21-6 to improve to 7-5 on the

season. Friday night's games were rained out and will be made up July 14. The softball league has also rescheduled games that were washed out May 7, 8 and 29 and June 4.

Church Men's Softball League Standings As Of June 15

NORTH DIVISION

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Calvary Baptist | 9 | 3 |
| Mount Olive | 9 | 4 |
| Shallotte First | 8 | 5 |
| Supply Baptist | 6 | 6 |
| Camp Methodist | 5 | 7 |
| Lettles Grove | 3 | 9 |
| Seaside Methodist | 2 | 13 |

SOUTH DIVISION

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|------------------|------|--------|
| Friendship | 10 | 1 |
| Jennies Branch | 8 | 2 |
| Ocean View | 10 | 3 |
| Emanuel Outreach | 7 | 5 |
| Zion Baptist | 6 | 7 |
| New Britton | 2 | 10 |
| Soldier Bay | 1 | 11 |

Hours Are Hunters' Choice

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is asking hunters what hours they think dove hunting should be permitted this fall.

Under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service guidelines, the state agency is considering three options for mourning dove season.

The state will either allow hunting all day, allow it only in the afternoon or allow afternoon hunting only in the season's first segment and all day hunting during the other segments.

Federal biologists consider each option biologically sound, making the choice a matter of hunter preference, according to a state news release.

The wildlife commission is conducting a mail survey to get public input before it sets hours for the upcoming dove season.

Some hunters will receive a postage-paid card in the mail on which they can indicate their preference. Other sportsmen are invited to send a postcard or letter to the state agency.

Comments can be mailed to N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Wildlife Management Branch, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604-1188.

The commission is expected to make a decision on the mourning dove season hours at its July 22 meeting, the news release indicated.

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