

Albemarle girls claim state Babe Ruth championship

First-year league could win its way to World Series

They traditionally sit in opposing dug-outs, but when they gathered on the same bench, the outcome was a state championship.

Players from Camden, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties were on the roster of the first 16-to-18 Years Old Albemarle District 1 Babe Ruth Fast-Pitch Softball All-Star Team. Together, the team members won the state tournament with a 4-1 record, fighting both talented opponents and blistering heat over

four days.

The championship came to the Albemarle on July 19 when the district team topped Pitt County, 2-0, in a pitchers' dual. Dare's Katy Jo Haywood threw the win. Perquimans' Kim Stallings and Gates County's Angie Bennett banged out key hits.

The tournament started with Albemarle's 10-4 win over Southern Wayne with Pasquotank's Holly Temple on the mound. Leading the game's hit parade were Bennett, Stallings, Rachel White (Pasquotank), Mindy Meiggs (Camden), and Mindy Roberson (Perquimans).

Game 2 brought Haywood's first tourney victory, an 8-3 win over Pitt. White, Haywood, April Owens

(Perquimans), Sarah Alexander (Dare) and Martha Lake (Dare) led the offense.

Albemarle blanked Wilson County 4-0 on the arm of Dare's Mary Lee in game 3. Camden's Laura Forehand was tough in relief. Leading hitters were Lake, Meiggs, Roberson, Temple and Casey Riddick (Gates).

The only undefeated team left in the double elimination tournament by championship day, the Albemarle fell 6-3 to Pitt in Sunday's opener. White, Forehand, Lake and Kathy Gullett (Dare) had hits.

The loss set up the championship game, and District 1 pulled off the win.

Team coaches were Doug Temple, Robin Forehand, Ross Thornton and Edgar Roberson.



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The All-Star team from the newly-organized 16 to 18-Year Old Albemarle District Babe Ruth Fast-Pitch Softball League won the state tournament in Wilson County earlier this month. Team members are (left to right, kneeling) coach Robin Forehand, coach Ross Thornton, April Owens, Casey Riddick, Kim Stallings, Rachel White, Mary Lee Martha Lake, (back) coach Edgar Roberson, Mindy Roberson, Holly Temple, Katy Jo Haywood, Laura Forehand, Mindy Meiggs, Angie Bennett, Sarah Alexander, Kay Gullett and head coach Doug Temple.

The team advanced to Asheville to the Southeast Regional Tournament. Solid performances there could send the squad to the World Series.

Perquimans All-Stars



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The Perquimans County 14-year-old Babe Ruth Baseball All-Star team (left) participated in the District Tournament hosted by Dare County earlier this month. Members of the team were (left to right, front) Andrew Almodova, Monte Tunnell, Justin Roberson, (second row) Austin Winslow, Teddy Eley, Dustin Eaves, Delton Stallings, Adam Ambrose, (third row) Jim Layden, Shelton Stallings, Robbie Reed, Peter Eure, Jason Wolfgang, and (back) coaches Danny Stallings and Christopher Gregory. Also on the team was Johnny Vaughan and coaches Guy Webb and Troy Higgins.



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The Perquimans Babe Ruth 9 and 10-Year Old Babe Ruth Fast-Pitch Softball All-Star team played well in the District 1 tournament in Camden and the EAC tournament in Ayden earlier this month. Team members included (left to right, kneeling) Caitlin Shotwell, Brittany Jacot, Ashley Moore, Candace Nixon, Ashley Bengel, (standing) coach Chris Perry, Jenna Lassiter, Courtney Lane, Brittany Perry, Sarah Nixon, Kelli Ward, Rachel Newbern, and manager Bill Newbern. Also on the team were Brittany Lane, coach Dean Lane and scorekeeper Brenda Lassiter.

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