

SD-7 Teams Are Ready To Engage In League Play

Is the Southern District VII Conference ready to enter league play?

Reddens Pads Softball Lead

Reddens Chiropractic Center is sitting even more comfortably in first place after a pair of wins last week within the Men's Open Fall Softball League.

Reddens, protecting its status as the circuit's only undefeated team, ran its winning streak to nine games last week and put three games between it and the second place crew in the win column alone.

Reddens carries an untarnished 9-0 mark into this week's action, which actually got underway Monday night.

Three more teams sit those three games behind the league-leaders in the win column, as Custom Products, Corner Store, and Wades Kooker Sales all have six wins each.

The difference between those three comes in the loss column, where Custom has one blemish compared to the two each having been suffered by the Corner Store and Wades.

The only other team with as few as two defeats is Kenny's Boat Landing, which has five wins to go along with its two setbacks.

Also sitting at the five-win level are Ritchies Foam, which carried a 5-3 record into this week's play.

Only one other team rests among

Boy, is it ever. Last weekend, the final one prior to full-scale, conference-wide action.

SD-7 Devils Ranked In State Poll

When it comes to football, the Southern District VII Conference is one of a place to be.

Two of the SD-7's eight members, both of them sporting the Devil nickname, appear in the rankings of the top 10 2A teams from across the state, according to the most recent Associated Press poll.

Maiden's Blue Devils are ranked third heading into this week's action, while Newton-Conover is ranked ninth.

Maiden, a third-place finisher in the final standings last year, is also the prohibitive favorite to capture the league's championship banner this season.

The unbeaten Blue Devils are also currently ranked first in the Charlotte Observer's Sweet 16 poll.

As for Newton-Conover, it is the reigning conference champion, and the undefeated Red Devils join Maiden in sporting a perfect 3-0 record entering this week's action.

Maiden and Newton-Conover, who each advanced into postseason play a year ago, are both members of Mooreville's conference.

Senior High will open its SD-7 slate by hosting Maiden. Mooreville's Blue Devils will play at Newton-Conover Oct. 9.

Both teams, the only local ones mentioned in the statewide AP survey of top prep squads, are preparing to engage in conference games this weekend, with Maiden calling on Mooreville and Newton-Conover hosting Bunker Hill.

Whiteville, which was ranked second in the season's initial state 2A poll, and Abbeville, which was third, both also remain undefeated to fill the poll's top two spots ahead of Maiden.

In between Maiden and Newton-Conover, who will meet in a game that could decide the league title Oct. 23 on the home field of the latter, sit, in order, Thomasville, Wallace Ryan-Hill, Fuquay-Varina, Lexington, and Edenton Holmes.

Handelman wraps up the top 10 list but may fall after losing last weekend.

Lexington, reigning 2A state champion, opened the season as the top-ranked team but plummeted to sixth after losing its second game.

Though finishing third in the overall balloting, Maiden was the recipient of three first-place votes, more than any other team except top-ranked Whiteville, with five.

activity, the 2A SD-7 racked up a 5-1 overall showing, doing so while its two most successful teams this season observed their open dates.

As a result, the eight league members take a combined, 17-7 record into this week's play, which opens a span of seven consecutive Fridays that will house intra-league play.

Two of last week's winners, West Lincoln and Bandy, thrilled the home fans with those victories, with the remaining three victors, Mooreville, Bessemer City and Bunker Hill, all did so on foreign turf.

The lone victim was Cherryville, which was defeated at home.

This week, all but two SD-7 entrants kick off their conference seasons, as that pair not doing so

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A pair of forfeits marred last week's play, as one each was turned in by Wades and Brintons.

Beneficiaries of the give-me wins were Custom Products and Ben-Ryan, respectively.

League players combined to slap eight home runs last week, one of them only the league's third to clear the Moor Park fences.

That bash belonged to Wades' Todd Burris, who joined brother Baxter and Lane's Rick Graham as the league's only crushers to clear the 310-foot green monster barrier.

Others with an inside-the-park home run to their credit during last week's play included Ritchie's Johnfor Torrence, Corner Store's Ray Windsor, Custom's Marty Overcash, Wades' Jeff Wyatt, Reddens' Rodney Wilhelm, and F&B's Scott Robbins and Watson Graham.

Games within the Fall Softball League, which is conducted through the Mooreville Recreation Department, take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, with all the action unfolding on the Moor Park diamond.

have already engaged in one league game each.

A pair of unbeaten teams when Bunker Hill, at 3-0 overall and 0-0 in league, met last week's Newton-Conover, the host team, in a game that saw the host Trojans boot the guesting Tigers of F.T. Ford, 9-6.

The win helped Bandy's mark to 3-0 overall.

Mooreville's Blue Devils garnered their first road victory of the season, as the guests collected four turnovers from host and favored West Rowan to win the game, 15-0.

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West Lincoln was involved in perhaps the weekend's wildest battle, as the Rebels, winless entering the affair, survived, 35-34, in overtime against intra-county rival and visiting East Lincoln. West stopped a two-game losing skid with the win, and it takes a 1-2 record into this week's game at Ford.

Bessemer City also pocketed its first triumph of the four-week season, as the Jacks traveled across the state line and collected a 17-14 victory over Chesnee, S.C. The Yellow Jackets seek to further improve on their 1-2 record when hosting Cherryville 1-2 for the season.

All of this week's action features 8 p.m. kickoffs Friday.

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The seminar, conducted with assistance from North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission personnel, will begin at 10 a.m.

It will cater specifically to youngsters six through 18 years of age.

There is no charge for the seminar.

Lunch will also be furnished by the SPWC.

Activities will include a water safety course, decoy placement, waterfowl identification, duck calling instruction, retriever demonstration, and skeet shooting.

Interested participants may write for more information on the club to P.O. Box 625, Mooreville.

The SPWC is also planning to hold a licensed retriever field test Oct. 17-18, under the regulations of the North American Hunting Retriever Association.

The test will be held at a site adjacent to Duke Power's Marshall Steam Station near Terrell.

Four classes of test will be offered, including Beginner, Started, Intermediate, and Senior.

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For more information, contact Journey or Mike Parker, the latter at 688-7877 evenings.

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