

Elite Baseball Camp Looks To Live Up To Its Name Next Week

What's in a name? The Elite Sports Summer Baseball Camp hopes to provide an answer here next week.

Elite Sports Consultants, Inc., of Charlotte, has placed Mooresville on its list of towns to serve as the host of a week-long baseball camp in this its first year of providing such festivities.

Elite Sports has spared no expense to see to it that its camp lives up to its name.

"Instructors at the camp will consist of an 'Elite Team' second to none," beamed Jeff Clutter, marketing manager for Elite Sports, late last week. "Children between the ages of six and 15 years old will be professionally instructed on every aspect of the game, by some of the game's best."

Elite Sports kicked off its

season of sponsoring baseball camps with its first one earlier this month in Morganton. Participation, according to Clutter, was a huge success.

Mooresville is listed among the sites to serve as a host for a camp in this organization's first summer of staging such events.

The camp here is being held in conjunction with the Mooresville Recreation Department, which will provide two area fields for camp activities.

The Elite Camp will be held at both Liberty Park and Moor Park, each site catering to different age groups.

At Liberty Park, camp festivities will be geared to players between six and 12 years of age. At Moor Park, players between 13-15 years of age will be attempt-

ing to gain the camp's self-promoting "competitive edge."

At both sites, camp activities will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., beginning Monday morning and continuing through the following Friday afternoon.

Participants are encouraged to arrive at their respective sites between 8-8:30 a.m. each day.

Daily camp activities will conclude promptly at 3 p.m.

However, hour-long free parents and coaches clinics will be available after each day's schedule of events Monday through Thursday afternoons.

The cost of the week's camp is \$95 per participant. The camp is open to boys and girls.

The fee includes professional instruction, camp video tapes (if available), guest speakers, camp T-shirts, and individual camper evaluations and reports.

Medical and liability insurance is also provided.

Pre-registration is required for the Mooresville camp. The deadline to register is Friday.

Participants may assure acceptance with a non-refundable deposit of \$40. The balance is due on or before the first day of camp.

Brochures have been available at area youth baseball parks and at the recreation department of the city for the past month.

Early registration is being held through this week. Those registering late will be accepted through Monday's first day of camp activities.

Campers are asked to bring a sack lunch and change for drink and snacks during breaks. Gatorade will be provided.

Participants also must bring

personal gear such as baseball cleats, sneakers, workout attire, fielders' gloves and bats, if desired.

Elite Sports has lined up a trained field of instructors for next week's five-day run here.

Headlining the cast is 10-year major league veteran Sammy Stewart, who pitched in three World Series championships with the Baltimore Orioles.

Stewart is currently a coach at UNC-Asheville.

Another key figure scheduled to make his Mooresville appearance throughout the week is Butch Garcia, an eight-year professional veteran who has played for the Cleveland Indians and Chicago Cubs.

Garcia, who sat out this season with an injury but has been invited to the New York Yankees' training camp next spring, has spent his last two seasons with the Charlotte Knights, a class AA organization of the Cubs.

Other players include Scott Muscat, a three-year veteran and a top draft pick for the Milwaukee Brewers; and Barry Shifflett and Frank Kowalski, who both made big impressions with the Toronto Blue Jays organization.

Instructors will also be comprised of college and high school coaches. Among them, Chris Marlen of the UNC baseball team.

Elite Sports is dedicated to the total athletic development of today's youth in all areas of sport. The baseball camp is made up of the best qualified personnel, to assist with teaching of fundamentals, mechanics, conditioning, team skills, mental preparation and sportsmanship.

The organization specializes in every form of consultation through instructional camps, academies, clinics, individual instruction, seminars, and promotion and sponsorship of tournaments and events.

The Elite commitment offers young people the opportunity to develop athletically and learn the values of participation in sport.

The Elite Sports Baseball Camp is the first to take place in Mooresville.

If successful, others are scheduled to follow.

Passing League Returns

Cardinals, Brewers Tops

Mooresville Senior High will once again participate in an off-season football passing league this summer.

The Blue Devils initiated ties with a passing league last year, using the organized activity to work on both their passing offense and defense.

Senior High will be among a host of schools taking part in a similar activity this summer.

While Mooresville appeared only once at home last year, two home passing league dates have been scheduled for this month alone.

Mooresville will be the host team for a pair of evening games last week, as it features four teams in action under a round-robin format both nights.

On June 20, Mooresville will play host to Kannapolis, West Charlotte and Charlotte Olympic.

The following Tuesday evening, visiting teams will represent K-Town, Olympic and Thomasville.

Thomasville's Bulldogs eliminated the Devils in last year's third round of the state high school 2A playoffs.

Under the passing league format, teams are restricted in contact. There is no tackling allowed on defense.

Only passing is allowed on offense.

Each team consists of a quarterback, running backs and receivers on offense, and defensive backs on defense.

At the field, two games will be taking place at opposite ends of the field. Each team will play the other three in the round-robin format.

There is no admission fee for viewing the games, which get underway at 6:30 p.m.

The games here will be held at the Mooresville Stadium.

The passing league is an avenue a growing number of high school teams are selecting as a way to better prepare themselves for the upcoming regular football season this fall.

The Cardinals and Brewers are now riding the fast horses in the Mooresville Pony Baseball League.

That's so as both teams bagged wins over fellow local league members to remain tied among the top two teams in the league's record books heading into this week's play.

The Brewers padded their season's record with two more wins, while the Cardinals won once, as each entered this week's play with the same 6-1 showings against local teams.

The five Mooresville teams engaged in Pony League action this spring also play against teams from the North Mecklenburg area but keep standings among themselves based on how they perform against one another.

As a result, the Cards and Brewers share top local bragging honors with those same records.

They also constitute the only local squads playing above the .500 mark.

The Phillies, who split decisions last week, are the next closest thing, standing at 3-5 prior to this week's slate.

The Pirates suffered a loss to fall to 2-5, while the Yankees were dealt two losses to dip to the 1-6 mark.

The top two teams combined for three wins last week against no defeats and turned in two of the league's top run-scoring efforts.

The Cards paced all teams by erupting for a season-best 27 runs in one game.

Individually, the Cardinals' Derrick Stutts and Brewers' Jimmy Morris shared top hitting honors, each doing so by cracking out as many as four hits in a single game.

Honorable mention attention was earned by the Brewers' fly tagger, who was among two players to gather in as many as

three hits in a single game and was the lone league member to club a home run in helping lead his team to two victories.

Hoop Day Scheduled Monday

Monday won't be Monday after all.

Call it Hoop Day.

Monday will be the day of the first annual Mooresville Ford-Davidson College Hoop Day.

Boys and girls between the ages of eight and 18 will convene on the Mooresville Senior High campus for a day of basketball activities co-sponsored by Mooresville Ford and Davidson College.

Members of the Wildcats' basketball coaching staff will be on and to direct the festivities.

Activities are scheduled to take place between 9:30 a.m. and noon in the Senior High gym.

Activities will include instruction on all the basic skills of the game as well as various contests.

There is no participation fee, but all those interested must pre-register by Friday through the Mooresville Recreation Department.

The event marks the first collaboration of this type in Mooresville between a local-based business and Davidson College.

If successful, the attraction may become a regular feature in Mooresville.

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Pee-Wee Twosome Still Tied

There's little margin for error among the leaders within the boys and girls Pee-Wee Baseball League.

The Pirates and Cardinals each matched one another with two wins in as many outings apiece and projected equal shares of the top spot within the 10-team circuit last week.

Both squads did so to enhance league co-bast records of 8-1, earning each a share of first-place honors.

They were among a group of three teams that enjoyed a perfect showing in league action last week.

The third was the Yankees,

which won their only scheduled game to stay in the title hunt by improving their record to 7-3 overall.

The Athletics were among the league's best teams, appearing in three games, but won just one of them to dip to fourth place, at 5-4, and wrap up the list of teams playing at or above .500.

Three second-division teams all share the league's same rung as the Phillies, Bandits and Cubs all carried identical, 4-5 marks into this week's action still looking to salvage winning seasons.

Rounding out the rankings find the Mets next in line, at 3-6, followed by the Braves, at 2-7, and the Astros, at 0-9.

The Cards and Pirates shared league honors by matching one another with two wins against no defeats.

Individually, the league's top honors fell upon the Pirates' Nick Rhoton, who sped around the base paths to finish with three home runs in a single game.

Others earning honorable mention status included the Bandits' Chad Byers and Tressing Young, and the Braves' Jason Swing, all as a result of clubbing a pair of homers each during the course of a single contest.

Play in the Pee-Wee League is conducted through the Mooresville Recreation Department.

Games, all of which take place at Edgemoor Park, are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The original schedule called for regular season play to conclude this week, but an addition to the slate has been posted by the sponsoring recreation department.

As a result, league action will continue through June 21.

Brewers Hang On In T-Ball

One more week.

That's the hope of the Brewers within the boys and girls T-Ball Baseball League.

For if they can keep up their pace for another week, it's those Brewers who will reign supreme within the youth baseball circuit.

The Brewers added another victim last week to shoot to 7-0 overall and protect their undefeated record.

It's one of only two undented records in the league, keeping the Brewers as the league's top-ranked squad.

They were to carry their perfect mark into this the final regularly-season week of play.

There's hardly time — or room — for celebration, though.

The Mets also won their only game last week to push their mark to 6-0 and sit just a half game back of the front-runners.

And then there's the Athletics, who also won last week to stay in contention with a 6-1 mark prior to this the final week of play.

The Cubs fell from the ranks of the once-beaten with a loss last week, one that knocked them to the 5-2 level.

For the Yankees, last week was a lost one, indeed, as they suffered two losses to drop back to the break-even mark, at 4-4.

Heading up the list of teams below the .500 mark are the Astros, who made the week's largest push by winning both their games to improve to 3-5.

Rounding out the standings finds the Pirates next in line, at 2-4, followed by the Phillies, at 1-7.

Play in the T-Ball League is conducted through the Mooresville Recreation Department.

Games, all of which are played at Edgemoor Park, take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturdays.

Regular-season play in the T-Ball League is set to conclude with play tomorrow (Thursday) night.

T-Ball League Standings

Brewers	7-0
Mets	6-0
Athletics	6-1
Cubs	5-2
Yankees	4-4
Astros	3-5
Pirates	2-4
Phillies	1-7
Dodgers	0-9
Braves	0-9

Bronco Pack Stays Bunched

They can't win for losing in the boys Bronco Baseball League.

Games that could have separated the haves from the have-nots last week instead jumbled the league standings even more as the Bronco League heads into the deciding stretch portion of its regular season.

Four of the league's five teams sporting break-even or better seasons all split decisions last week to keep the rankings close.

The list of fallen included the league-leading Cubs, who suffered their second loss of the season to fall to 8-2, still good enough to hold onto the league's top spot.

But just barely, as the Phillies and Yankees each also endured through 1-1 weeks of play to remain tied for second, both fielding identical, 7-3 marks.

As for the Astros, their hopes of making up ground were stymied by also splitting decisions, keeping their mark at the .500 level by taking a 5-5 record into this week's play.

That left room for the Braves, and they wound up making the week's largest move, winning a circuit-high two games to match the Astros in a fourth-place tie, also at 5-5 overall entering this week's play.

The second division of teams made some noise, too, as two of those three clubs collected at least a win each.

Among them was the Brewers, who snapped a season-long losing skid to glove their first win of the

campaign in splitting issues.

The Dodgers fell twice, to slip below .500 at 4-6, while the Mets, at 3-7, joined the Brewers, at 1-9, at netting both a victory and defeat.

While teams, except for the Braves, struggled, individuals headed up for the stretch run.

Paving the way among exploits at the plate was among exploits the league-high four hits in one game and joined a list of players in clubbing a home run.

Others in the dinger-hitting circle included Dustin Bumgarner of the Yankees, David Neill of the Astros, and Saleem Alexander of the Brewers.

The Cubs' Jeff Spence, the Met's Bart Jones, and the Astros' Joey Church all picked up as many as three hits in a single game to round out the player performances.

Play in the boys Bronco Baseball League is conducted through the Mooresville Recreation Department.

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