

Magic Rentals, Randy Marion Share Open Softball Title

Through it all, two survived. And those who Magic Rentals and Randy Marion Chevrolet—wind up sharing top honors within the Men's Open Softball League.

Final touches were applied to the regular season last week, one speeded by forfeits and highlighted by one of the eventual co-champions being forced to the limit before safely salvaging its half of the championship throne.

While Magic Rentals sat out the week after completing it 11-1 showing the previous week, Randy Marion escaped with a one-run triumph secured by the champions being forced to the limit before safely salvaging its half of the championship throne.

As a result, both Magic Rentals and Randy Marion finish as official league co-champs.

For tournament purposes this week, a tie had to be broken to determine seeds, with Randy Marion earning top honors. However, the league's top four final finishers all received early-round tournament byes.

Randy Marion joined the list of five different winners from last week's final flings, most of the games the result of regular-season delays caused by rain.

In addition to Randy Marion, which survived in the week's closest contest, other winners were Greenfield Market, MCCA, the Brew Dogs and Burlington.

Forfeits marred the final week's slate, as two games were awarded in forfeits and a third left two teams losers after neither fielded enough eligible players.

As a result, final regular-season placements and seedings for this week's tournament have been finalized.

Randy Marion and Magic Rentals, each one-beat, finished in a dead-heat for first, with Randy Marion earning the tourney's top seed as a result of its win over the fellow co-leaders in their only meeting.

Brinton's Bombers, which had concluded play the previous week, remained all alone in third place as a result of its final 9-3 ledger. Brinton's lost once each to the two co-champions to account for two of its three losses.

Greenfield Market used its forfeit-awarded win last week to fashion an 8-4 showing for the season, good enough for outright honors in fourth place.

Universal Maintenance, a loser in its only outing last week, dipped to 7-5 as a result and finished the season by itself in fifth.

Burlington, which won last week, the Hurricanes, who suffered a loss by forfeit, and Mooresville Ford, which did the same, all posted the same 6-8 marks to not only share the sixth slot but also wrap up the list of teams that managed to construct break-even or better seasons.

Lakeside Cable, which was idle last week, stayed at 5-7 to head the list of the league's second division finishers.

MCCA gathered in a win in its finale last week to move to 4-8 overall, followed in order, by both the Brew Dogs and NGK Ceramics, each checking in at 2-10, and Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, which finished 1-11.

All teams are eligible to compete in this week's double-elimination tournament, which was scheduled to get underway with its first three games Monday night.

Action is tabled to resume throughout this week before taking all of next week in honor of Independence Day.

In tuning up for postseason play, league players slapped out a total of six home runs last week, with two of them coming off the same player's bat in the same game.

Universal's Ed Isenhour pounded a pair of dingers to top the week's individual feats.

Isenhour's teammate, Gene Sherrill, joined Randy Marion's Rick Graham and Pudge Hager, and the Brew Dogs' Gary Elkin in banging a home run apiece.

Of those in that latter group, Elkin's shot was of the inside-the-park variety.

Last week's play brought a close to the regular season portion of play within the Men's

Open League, which is conducted through the Mooresville Recreation Department this week, all remaining postseason play will also be held on the Woods School field, site of all the league's regular-season play as well.

Like regular-season games, all tourney bouts will be held Monday through Thursday evenings.

Men's Open Softball League
Final Standings

RANDY MARION CHEVY	11-1
MAGIC RENTALS	11-1
Brinton's Bombers	8-4
Greenfield Market	8-4
Universal Maintenance	7-5
Burlington	6-8
Hurricanes	6-8
Mooresville Ford	6-8
Lakeside Cable	5-7
MCCA	4-8
Brew Dogs	2-10
NGK Ceramics	2-10
LNRMCC	1-11

Pirates Finish Unbeaten

There's no doubting the top team within the boys Mustang Baseball League.

The Pirates win the honors, hands down.

Picking up three wins during the final week of regular season play, the Pirates capped off a perfect campaign to finish with a sparkling, 14-0 record.

It gives the Pirates the only unbeaten record in the eight-team circuit and one of the few unbeaten slates in all of Mooresville's recreational level play this season.

The Pirates went out in style, too, picking up wins in each of their final three outings last week to sew up the Mustang league championship.

The Pirates were one of three teams to finish the season on such a high note, and the only one among the trio to win as many as three games.

The second-place finishing Braves captured wins in each of their final two contests to lock up the runner-up position, crafting a 10-4 record for the year.

The Yankees also sewed up a pair of final-week triumphs, victories that pushed the Yanks to the 6-8 mark overall and into a tie for fourth.

The Phillies were dealt a trio of consecutive defeats to win up at 8-6 for the season and all alone in third place and wrap up the list of teams managing to play above 500 for the season.

The Yankees are joined in fourth by the Astros, who lost twice in final week play, and the Athletics, who split decisions, all finishing at the same, 6-8 mark.

The Bandits twice denied wins last week, dipped to 5-9 as a result, while the Mets snapped a season-long winless drought to split final week offerings and fashion a 1-13 effort for the season.

While last week's play was marred by a single forfeit, it was

highlighted by the playing of four games settled by a pair of runs or less.

Three of them were decided by a single run, two of them involving the championship-finishing Pirates.

Individually, several players turned in peak performances with the bat last week.

Tops at the plate was the Braves' Jason Locoy, who collected a league-best three hits in a single game. The Pirates' Chip Belk provided some pressure by clubbing two hits in one game.

The Yankees' Chad Hunter and the Mets' Chris Sloop accounted for the league's last-week power supply as each ripped a home run to lead their teams to wins.

While last week's play brought the regular season portion of play to a close in the Mustang League, several players are extending

their seasons by serving on two all-star squads that will be representing the circuit in postseason tournament play later this month.

Both teams, one comprised of first-year players and the other made up of league veterans, engage in postseason play beginning this weekend in Spencer.

The Mustang League, conducted through the Mooresville Recreation Department, caters to boys born between Aug. 1, 1980 and July 31, 1982.

Mustang Baseball League
Final Standings

PIRATES	14-0
Braves	10-4
Phillies	8-6
Astros	6-8
Athletics	6-8
Yankees	6-8
Bandits	5-9
Mets	1-13

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Rotary President Installed June 20

Dr. Jim McNabb, right, was installed as president of the Mooresville Rotary Club June 20 at the club's dinner meeting at the Mooresville War Memorial building. At left, Roy Harris, outgoing president, congratulates McNabb as he is installed as president.



Politician, Woodsman Bob Jordan

Former Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan spoke to 150 members of the N.C. Forestry Association last week during the group's 50th anniversary celebration. Jordan, also president of Jordan Lumber and Supply, Inc., said that the group's efforts have been a major component in fostering North Carolina's heightened environmental awareness. The luncheon was held at Stumpy Creek Access Area on Lake Norman, which is managed by Crescent Resources, a Duke Power subsidiary. Duke Power started the state's first tree farm in 1939.

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Coddle Creek News Items

By MRS. L. M. KARRIKER

—The Rev. and Mrs. James Hunt and family were honored by the congregation Sunday morning for 10 years of service at Coddle Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. An engraved, silver pitcher was presented on behalf of the congregation. A reception followed the morning service in the fellowship hall.

—Sarah Karriker remains a patient in Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, but her condition is improving.

—Others who are ill include Stewart Rogers, Eva Craven, Louise Long, Barney Patterson, Rufus Brooks, Pressly Brawley, Crawford Graham and Murray Rogers.

—Vacation Bible school began Sunday. Classes are being held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon through Friday. A swim party is planned this evening at the War Memorial. Commencement will be during Sunday morning worship.

—Let the pastor know if you wish to attend a commissioning service for the Rev. James W. Fletcher as mission developer of the Brookside Church in Blowing Rock Sunday at 5 p.m. Our choir will participate.

—Rufus and Lena Brooks express appreciation to the congregation for care shown in caring for Rufus' illness and recuperation.

—The following children had perfect attendance at church school for the quarter: Lindsay Hunt, Amanda Johnston, Nolan Patterson, Matt Patterson, Jeffrey Martin, Graham Haynes, Blair Alexander, Andy Kerr, Stephen Myers, and Bobbie Sue Benton.

These children did not miss during May: Matt Kerr, Ryan Seaford, Jackie Brown, Garbriel Patterson, Daniel Sherrill, Jessica Haynes, Haley Myers and Jackie Brown.

—Phil and Gretchen Johnston visited Sunday with Morris, Lib, and Don Johnston and attended worship services at Coddle Creek.

—Rufus Brooks' brother from Ohio visited with him this weekend.

The men have a softball game Thursday at 9 p.m. against Broad Street United Methodist.

—The Junior Highs will have a car wash/sale at the church Saturday. The patronage of the public is appreciated.

—Call the church office if you want to attend the Laity in Action Conference at Bonclarken in Flat Rock July 5-6.

**Truck Stop
Now Under
Construction**

A.T. Williams Oil Co. is building a truck stop at the intersection of Interstate 77 and U.S. 21, some six miles north of Mooresville.

The station will have 7,000 square feet of floor space. It will have showers, a restaurant, eight diesel islands, plus a full line of convenience items for travelers.

The station, which is expected to open in August, will employ between 20 and 30 people.



Scooby Urges Summer Reading

Scooby Doo, a character created by Hanna-Barbera, visited the Mooresville Public Library last week, encouraging children to continue their hard work in the library's Summer Reading Program. More than 125 children came to the library to see Scooby Doo and to check out more books. Above, Scooby Doo and Marianne Ewart of Mooresville enjoy reading together.

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