

### South Iredell's Lords Of The Basketball Hardwood

South Iredell bestowed its appreciation for a job well done on these selected members of its varsity and junior varsity boys basketball team at the school's recent winter sports awards ceremony. The honored players, and their honors, are, from left: Dana Davis, co-most improved; Matt Gallyon, co-most improved; Touissant Clark, co-most valuable; Patrick Chambers, junior varsity MVP; and Kevin Bryant, varsity co-MVP.

### South Iredell Rolls Into Baseball Tourney

What a time for a roll.

South Iredell's varsity baseball team picked a perfect time to get it going last week, picking up two straight victories in as many afternoons and ride the wave into this week's Metrolina Easter Baseball Invitational.

The Vikings rode solid pitching and a stout defensive effort to a 2-1 downing of visiting East Lincoln Thursday afternoon.

One afternoon earlier, and also at home, South Iredell whacked out a 7-2 triumph over North Mecklenburg.

The back-to-back wins, accounting for the Vikings' longest winning streak to date this season, pushed their record to the break-even mark, at 3-3 overall, under first-year head coach Bobby Deal entering the holiday attraction.

At home Thursday to host East Lincoln, the hosts rode the complete game, three-hit pitching of lefthander Matt McConnell and made the most of timely defensive stops to squeeze past the visiting Mustangs.

McConnell earned his first win of the season by going the distance and allowing the lone run

on just the three hits, striking out one and walking none.

In their pitcher's support, the Vikings scored both their runs in the last of the third, after East has broke the scoring ice by crossing the plate its only time in the top of the inning.

The Vikings finished the game with five hits and did not commit a defensive blunder.

In the third inning, and facing a one-run deficit, the Vikings put together their winning rally beginning with a single by Alex Sprinkle.

After a hit batter put runners on first and second, Randall Mayberry slapped a single to load the bases. Tracy Shinn brought one run home with a sacrifice fly, and the second scored on a single by Mike Cummings.

Cummings finished as the Vikes' leader offensively, with a pair of hits in as many official plate appearances.

Against North Mecklenburg the previous afternoon, Shinn worked through four innings of no-hit ball to collect his second pitching victory of the season.

Shinn was relieved by Ryan Douglas, who gave up all three North Meck hits and both runs.

South finished the game with seven hits and made the most of five North Meck errors.

The Vikes tallied a run in the first, two in the second, another run in the third and followed with three runs in the fourth to take a 7-0 lead.

The winners evenly spread their damage, with six different players accounting for the seven hits. Mayberry paired safeties for the victors.

On the heels of the week's sweep past non-conference foes, South Iredell geared up for participation in this week's Metrolina Easter Invitational.

South Iredell joins a field comprised of host West Mecklenburg, Harding, Myers Park, South Mecklenburg, Davie County, Richmond County and Marysville, Ohio.

The Vikes were tabbed to make their tournament debut Tuesday afternoon against Myers Park.

A win there will pit the Vikings against either West Meck or Marysville today (Wednesday). Consolation and tournament finals are set to take place tomorrow (Thursday).

All games are being staged at West Meck High School.

### Devilletes Secure Happy Holidays With Win

It's a happy Easter indeed for the first-year members of Mooresville Senior High's first-year girls soccer team.

For the Devilletes, after an expected 0-3 start, gathered in not only their first win of the new season, but the program's initial victory ever, with a balanced, 4-1 downing of visiting Davie County last week.

The late Tuesday evening decision came in the team's final pre-Easter outing, securing a happy holiday break extending nearly two weeks.

The victory, in which the hostesses evenly distributed their damage with a pair of goals in each half, came in the fourth of Mooresville's string of five straight home matches that have served to christen the school's inaugural girls-only soccer team season.

Mooresville, with veteran boys soccer team coach Steve Stith at the helm, entered last week's match saddled with a 0-3 record, an expected mark considering its position.

In this the team's first year of operation, Mooresville, with conference affiliation still a year away, had been forced to find its opponents as an independent.

This means that the Lady Devillets have suited up and faced a number of programs well-respected and experienced in girls soccer statewide.

As a result, Mooresville dropped three straight contests, to Charlotte Latin, Providence Day and Charlotte Country Day, respectively, by a combined, 16-3 tally.

In those bouts, the Devilletes felt privileged just to scratch, much less emerge a winner. All three schools have fielded girls soccer teams for a number of years.

Of the three, Latin entered the season ranked eighth in the state.

Under last week, Mooresville ran up against a Divie County squad also just establishing its roots in the sport.

Like Senior High, Davie County is in the midst of its first-ever

girls soccer team season.

In the battle of infant programs, it was the hostesses who gathered in the upper hand, and with it their first-ever win.

Boosted by a pair of goals from freshman Amber Cohen, the Lady Devillets snared the welcome and historic triumph.

Leslie Alexander and Jessica Gross each added a goal for the winners.

Mooresville evenly celebrated its winning ways, piling up two goals each in both the first and second halves while never trailing to snap the three-match losing skid and pocket the earmarking win.

Fitting the results, Mooresville followed it by having nearly two weeks to enjoy it.

The Devilletes gloved the win in their final pre-holiday appearance, one that came just a match away from marking the halfway point of the initial season.

### Rowdies Rolling In NCYSA

The Iredell Rowdies are on a roll in North Carolina Youth Soccer Association play.

The Rowdies recorded a pair of shutout wins in Lumberton over the past Easter weekend to improve their spring record to the sparkling, 11-0-1 level.

The Rowdies did so with shutouts past first the Scotland Scots, by a 4-0 count, and then with a blistering, 7-0 shelling of the Lumberjacks.

Against the Scots, the Iredell squad scored two goals each in both the first and second halves and rode a stingy defensive display to post the 4-0 win.

In the first half, Charles Crooks assisted Will Pennell for the opening goal, while Mike Westmoreland tallied the match's second score unassisted.

In the second half, James Pope assisted Paul Murdock for the first score of the second period, while Westmoreland scratched for his second goal of the match off a feed from James Murdock.

The Rowdies completed their weekend sweep in convincing fashion against the Lumberjacks, filling the net with two goals in the first half before turning the affair into a rout with five second-half scores.

Pope set the table on both first-half scores, assisting Pennell and Westmoreland once each.

Mooresville enjoyed all the rest of last week, and all of this post-Easter week, away from the field before returning to play early next week.

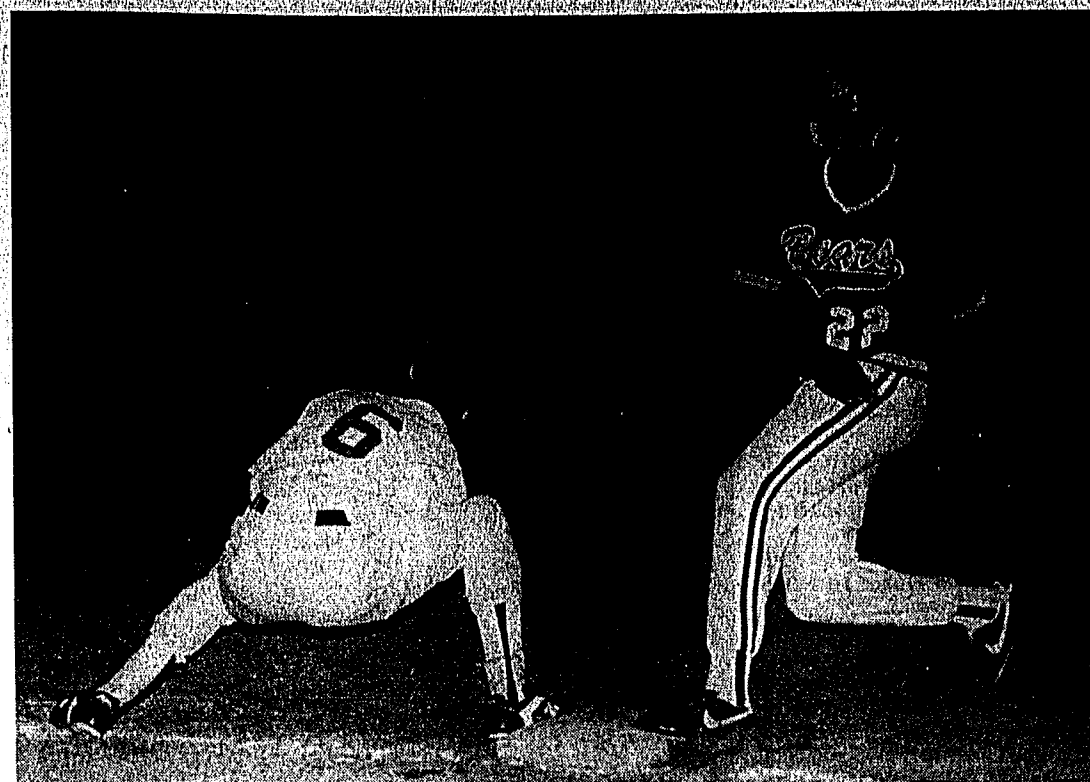
The Devilletes and their hiatus Monday evening when they stage their next-to-the-last home match of the year by entertaining Charlotte Christian.

The match set to take place on the Mooresville Stadium facility, features a 5 p.m. starting time.

It will also serve to kick off a busy week back for the Lady Devillets.

Immediately after hosting Christian Monday, the girls turn right around and travel to meet Country Day Tuesday, thus wrapping up that home-and-home series.

Then, in what will be the team's third match in a four-day span, Mooresville completes the home portion of its slate by hosting North Mecklenburg the following Thursday afternoon.



Fielding pick-off throw, Patterson keeps opponent close to home at first

### Mooresville Finds A Groove With Pair Of Pre-Easter Wins

Mooresville Senior High's baseball team found a winning groove just in time for the Easter holidays.

Engaging in first a Southern District Seven Conference and then a non-league battle on back-to-back nights last week to wrap up the pre-holiday portion of their regular schedule, the Blue Devils wound up winners in both to run their winning streak to three straight.

The Devils concluded the spree under the Senior High diamond lights Thursday, appearing in the second of a day-night doubleheader after the school's junior varsity team had opened play earlier in a conference game, by battling back from a 3-0 deficit after four innings and using a rare triple play to ignite their towards a 7-3 conquest of visiting West Rowan.

One night earlier, in a game that carried more weight, the hosts preserved the undefeated status of their pitching ace, riding his two-hit performance to a 6-1 thrashing of visiting conference foe Bunker Hill.

Combined, the two wins improved Mooresville's record to the 4-2 level overall and hiked the squad's winning streak to three games.

Mooresville hoped to use momentum gained from the consecutive-night wins to its advantage when competing in the annual Kannapolis Easter Invitational baseball tournament during the holiday.

"We played well," quipped Joe Pinyan, who after serving duty as Mooresville's junior varsity has stepped into his first season as the varsity mentor this spring.

"We got some good pitching, and we came through with some clutch hits with men in scoring position. Plus, that triple play against West Rowan really got us going."

The rarity, the first Pinyan recalls since he arrived at Mooresville four years ago, came as Mooresville was starting at a 3-0 deficit in the top of the fifth Thursday night, and with the visitors threatening to add to their lead.

With runners on first and second with no outs, West attempted to move both runners with a bunt.

The ball was popped up well short of the mound, but Mooresville pitcher Ricky Greene, called on in relief, made a diving catch for the first out. He then threw to first baseman Daron Patterson to nail the first runner, and he, in return tossed the ball to shortstop T.J. Goswick, covering second, for

the third out on the play.

Acting on that play, the Devils came in to take the lead in the bottom of the inning with five runs. Two runs shots by Patterson and Roy Frye helped ignite the rally.

The hosts tallied their final two runs in the sixth.

West Rowan had reached starter Patterson for two runs in the third inning and one in the fourth before Greene came on in relief in the fifth. Greene picked up the win, his first, by holding West hitless for three frames. Patterson was charged with all three runs while allowing as many hits.

Patterson helped make up for his shortcomings on the mound with a pair of singles and a fifth-inning double, driving home three runs.

Otis Cowan added a double, while Frye and Greene each delivered a base hit and drove home two runs each. Decomba Conner also played a teammate.

At home Wednesday to wind up pre-Easter conference play by hosting Bunker Hill, Mooresville rested its case on the pitching of senior ace Frye.

It was no contest.

Frye, in notching his third win in the league and for the season, limited the Bears to just a pair of hits, both allowed in the fourth, and struck out nine, proving his worth as a returning all-conference hurler.

In his defense, the Devils scored at least a run in three different innings and never trailed. Mooresville marched across a pair of runs in the first inning, added another in the third, and finished by tacking on three more in the fifth.

Bunker Hill's Jones scratch came in the top half of the fourth. Centerfielder Conner had a field day against Bunker Hill pitching, finishing with three hits, including a pair of doubles.

Frye doubled up on hits, one of his a ground-rule double, while Cowan and Greene each added a base hit. Frye and Cowan each finished with two runs batted in.

Cowan drilled a two-run, two-out single in the first inning to account for both runs. Conner then opened the third with his first double and pranced home on a Frye base knock.

In the fifth, Conner belted his second double and scored when Nathan White's grounder was booted. Frye brought White home on his ground-rule double, and Greene then plated Frye with a base hit.

The action was the last for Mooresville prior to its participation Easter weekend in the annual Kannapolis Easter

Tournament.

The Blue Devils resume regular-season play next Tuesday night with a home game against Maiden.

### Blue Devils Deal Three In Victory

Baseball is a game filled with

three. Three strikes make an out. Three outs make a half-inning. Three bases fill the infield. Three outfielders roam the

field. But Thursday night, in what was termed the turning point of their game, Mooresville's Blue Devils cooked up a three that is considered a rarity in the sport.

Trailing 3-0 to visiting West Rowan at the time, and with the lead after putting runners on first and second with no outs in the top half of the fifth inning, the Devils conjured up the magic of a triple play, a most uncommon combination of three in a game filled with the number.

Off a single pitch offered by relief pitcher Ricky Greene, Mooresville got itself out of a run-threatening situation by clearing the bases and used the momentum it created to fire off a five-run rally in the bottom of the frame that sent the hosts to an eventual, 7-3 triumph.

"It's the first one I've seen since I've been coaching," summed up Joe Pinyan, Mooresville's first-year varsity coach who served the previous four years as the school's jayvee coach. "We needed something like that to get us going. You don't have them too often in baseball. You remember it when you see it."

West Rowan put its first two batters of the inning on base, prompting Pinyan to replace his starting pitcher, Daron Patterson, with Greene.

The first batter Greene faced attempted to move the runners with a bunt. The ball was popped up well short of the mound off to the first-base side. Greene made a diving catch of the ball for the first out.

With the runners moving on the pitch, neither had time to react and return to their respective bases.

Greene wheeled and threw to first baseman Patterson for the second out. Patterson then tossed the ball to shortstop T.J. Goswick, who was covering second, for the third out on the play.

### Blue Devil Golfers Are Over Par

Beating par is the primary objective in golf.

So far, in Southern District Seven Conference play, par has proven the better of Mooresville's Blue Devils.

Entering the season with high hopes, and with a pair of returning all-conference players, the Devils continue to hover among the top four but also continue to lag behind the clubhouse leaders. The same proved true in the final, pre-Easter conference match last Thursday afternoon.

Fielding but one player shooting a nine-hole round in the 30's, the Devils crafted a third-place finish among the eight teams attending and remained in third place in the league's overall stroke standings.

The match took place on host Bessemer City's home Crowders Mountain golf course Thursday.

Mooresville finished the nine-hole affair with 170 combined strokes among its lowest four scores, nine strokes off the team medalist pace set by current frontrunner Newton-Conover.

N-C, boosted by two of its players checking in under par, constructed a half-round total of 161 strokes, with Bunker Hill placing second with 163 strokes.

Finishing behind Mooresville, in order, was Chase, with 171 strokes, Maiden and host Bessemer City, both with 182, and Cherryville and Bandys, both with 183.

"We're in a little bit of trouble," confirmed Pat Harris, Mooresville's head golf coach, as his team entered a 11-day break from play. "We've got a couple of guys who are losing strokes here and there, and that's hurting us. We've still got a lot of conference play ahead of us, so maybe we can turn things around a little bit."

Senior High's effort last week was keyed by the 68-over par 39 posted by freshman first-year player Butch Farrington. It was the third time this season that

Farrington has topped the team in scoring.

Others whose scores were also used to reach the team total were Jason Young, who fired a 43, Jason Slagle, who checked in with a 44, and Matt Ray, who also shot a 44. David Wilson also finished nine holes with a score of 44.

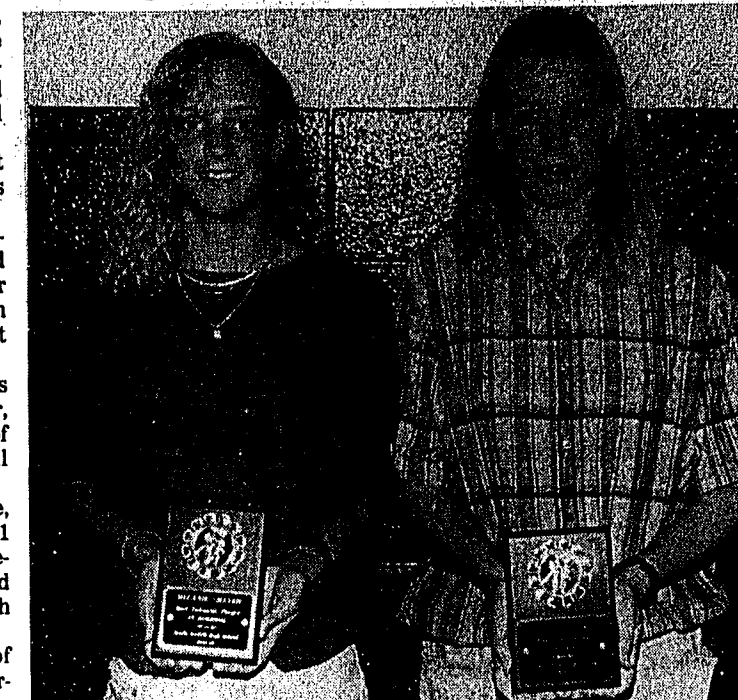
Newton-Conover teammates Jonathan Teague and Nathan Zimmerman, along with Paul Carpenter of Bunker Hill, all shared individual medalist rights with identical scores of 35 strokes.

Following an extended holiday

break, Mooresville and the rest of the SD-7 resumed golf action Monday when the Blue Devils played host to their only league match.

Senior High will welcome the other teams to its home Mooresville Municipal Golf Course Monday for a match scheduled to get underway around 3 p.m.

Players from all eight teams will tackle the front side of the Devils' home course, which plays to a par of 36 measuring just under 3,000 yards from the white tees.



### Vikettes' JV VIPs

South Iredell High School recognized the VIPs of its girls junior varsity basketball team at the second of its tri-annual sports awards ceremony recently. Varsity and junior varsity athletes involved in winter sports gathered at the school to be so honored. Those awarded, and their awards, off the girls jayvee team are, from left, Melanie Shaver, most valuable; and Leah Williams, most improved. Anna May was also tabbed as a most improved player, while Paula Chap-pel was presented with a MVP plaque.

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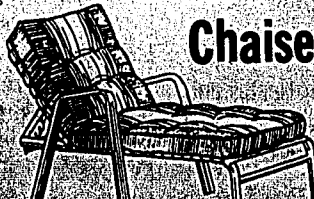
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