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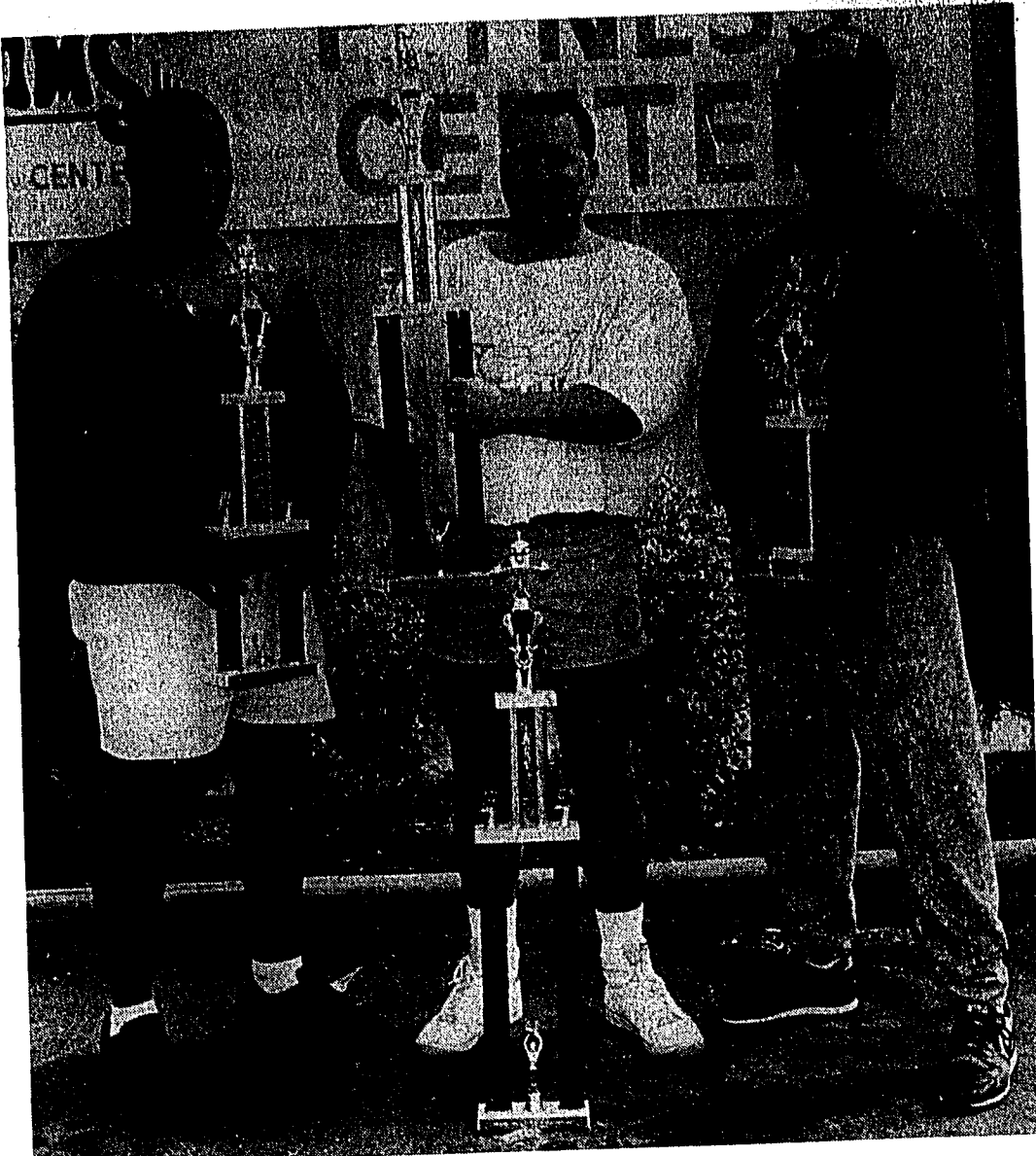
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### State Champions Pad Legion Of Doom's Weightlifters

Mooreville's Legion of Doom weightlifting team, representing Adams Health and Fitness Center, is making quite a name for itself in the sport. It merely enhanced that name at the North Carolina State Weightlifting Championships earlier this month. In it, the Doom fashioned a second-place finish in the team standings, boosted by the fielding of a pair of fashioned division state champions. Len Adams, center, is one of those state champs, topping weight-division state champs. Len Adams, center, is one of those state champs, topping weight-division state champs. Len Adams, center, is one of those state champs, topping weight-division state champs.

### Devils Find Habit Atop SD-7 Golf

This is becoming a habit Mooreville's golf team wouldn't mind keeping. For the second time in a week, the Devils fashioned the lowest stroke total in a Southern District Seven Conference golf meet as they continued their rejuvenated quest for the regular season championship. Beginning the week in fourth place, the Devils used a team-medalist winning 168 stroke total on Bunker Hill's home Rock Barn golf course Thursday afternoon to move into a virtual tie for third and creep to within 11 shots of the league's overall lead.

"We're making our move," agreed Preston Harris, Mooreville's head golf coach. "We began the year with hopes of competing. We put ourselves in a hole early, but we're climbing out of it. I think we'll be a team to reckon with before it's all over."

Mooreville won Thursday's match by a slim one stroke over host Bunker Hill, which had entered the match knotted with Newton-Conover for the league lead.

The Devils caught third-place positioner Chase, and moved to within five strokes of second-place Newton-Conover, with three league matches remaining.

The first of those, set to take place earlier this week, was postponed by heavy rain Monday. Chase finished third in Thursday's match, with a 172 stroke total, while Newton-Conover finished fourth, at 180, to fall out of a first-place tie.

Rounding out the field, in order, found Malden tied for fourth, with 180 strokes, followed by Bandys, with 185, Cherryville, with 186, and Bessemer City, with 195.

Following the match, Mooreville has piled up 669 strokes for the league season, placing it tied for third with Chase. Bunker Hill clung to its lead, with Newton-Conover second.

Only 11 strokes separate the top four teams. Mooreville made its move by using four scores all in the low 40's on a tough Rock Barn front nine spread Thursday.

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## Two-Week Layoff, Injuries Add To Softball Woes For Devilettes

One of those seasons continues for Mooreville's softball team. Ending a near two-week layoff period by returning to the diamond for three games in as many days last week, the Devilettes were slow in beginning and then hampered by the absence of two injured starters in the end. As a result, only the game in the middle proved successful, as the Lady Devils endured through a 1-2 showing.

Adding insult to injury, all three games took place against ladyfellow Southern District Seven Conference foes, dropping Mooreville's record below the break-even mark in league play and forcing the team to face long odds in their quest for one of the conference's three available postseason berths.

"It's going to be tough from here," assured Nancy Dilks, Mooreville's disgruntled by helpless coach. "We had hoped to return from the Easter break on a good note. But it's just not our season. You could tell we were a little rusty from not playing for nearly two weeks. And then we lost two starters against the best team in the league. It's been that kind of season for us."

The Devilettes ended a playless streak that ended with a second-straight victory back in late March with a visit to Malden last Tuesday evening.

The trip turned sour as the guests suffered a 7-2 defeat. At home to entertain second-division dweller Bessemer City Wednesday afternoon, Mooreville enjoyed the kind of day every team dreams about, with every starter and substitute pitching in to the 18-1, five-inning rout.

The momentum from that onesided win quickly evaporated from Thursday's game at league-leading and undefeated West Lincoln.

The hostesses took advantage of their visitors' shortcomings to protect their unbeaten status with a 7-3 triumph. Combined, the lone win sandwiched in between the two defeats pushed Mooreville's record against SD-7 opposition to the 3-4 level with a single game left in the league's opening half of the season. Overall, last week's performances put the Lady Devils at the 5-4 mark.

At West Lincoln Thursday, against a yet-to-be-beaten band of Lady Rebels, Mooreville entered the contest short-handed, minus two regular starters.

Despite the circumstances, Mooreville grabbed the initial lead with a run in the top half of the first.

Alas, it was a shortlived lead, as West bounced back to take as much as a 7-1 lead.

The Devilettes offense rolled heavily on the long ball, as both Tish McLaughlin and Amy Bentley smashed bases-empty home runs. The Lady Devils' third run came off a run-scoring single by Jennifer Rodgers.

With McLaughlin's bash, that gave her one home run in as many games, by far making her the team's leader in that category. It was Bentley's first four-base knock of the season.

At home Wednesday to entertain Bessemer City, whose Yellow Jackets reside at the opposite end of the standings from that of West Lincoln, the hostesses played like a team possessed with runs, racking up a season-high total of 18 of them while allowing but one.

Every member of the starting line-up, and every substitute, gathered in at least a base hit apiece, as everything that could go right did for the home team.

Leading the way at the plate were Mindy Newton and Linda Redfeather, who each did so with the collecting of three hits in four appearances, respectively. McLaughlin, in matching her average, clubbed a home run for one of her two hits.

In the game that marked the team's return to play following the extended break, it wasn't the kind of return the Devilettes pictured, as homestanding Malden's identically-named Lady Devils rang up the 7-2 win last Tuesday evening.

McLaughlin accounted for both runs when she lashed what was her seventh dinger of the year, this time with teammate Bentley on board in the third inning.

Mooreville entered this week's agenda with a couple of games on tap, both of them set to take place at home. The first of the bouts was to wrap up the Lady Devil's opening half of SD-7 play, and the second was to christen the second half.

Staying at home for the duration, the Devilettes were to entertain first Cherryville to kick off that season series, and then remain on their home Moor Park field for a battle against first-division member Newton-Conover tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon and close out that two-game, home-and-home set.

Mooreville beat Newton-Conover back in mid-March for its first league win.

Both contests this week feature 4:30 p.m. starts.



Bentley makes sure of her safe arrival at third with textbook, feet-first slide

### JV Devils Drop Two Decisions

It turned into an unwelcome return to the diamond for Mooreville Senior High's junior varsity baseball team last week.

Ending a nearly two-week idle period with a pair of games in as many afternoons, the jayvee Devils suffered a pair of defeats on their home field.

In a Southern District Seven Conference affair that ended the week, a pair of one-run innings wasn't enough to secure a win in a 3-2 loss to West Lincoln Thursday afternoon.

The previous afternoon, against non-league North Stanly, a five-run fifth inning by the guests spelled the difference in an 8-3 defeat of Mooreville.

In the conference game, the jayvees suffered their second straight league loss after spotting the Little Rebels three runs through the first three innings.

Mooreville cut into the lead with a single run in the bottom of the third, and crept to within a run with another tally in the last of the fifth, but that was as close as they could come.

Rod Bowers went the distance and endured the defeat.

At the plate, Chad Greene and Wayne Parris each delivered a pair of hits, while Brian Thompson, Steven Owens and Tremayne Patterson picked up a base hit each.

At home to face North Stanly Wednesday, Mooreville carried a 2-2 lead into the fifth only to watch as the guests erupted for five runs in the top half of the inning.

The hosts, meanwhile, were held in check after scoring two runs in the first inning, and adding a run in the fourth.

North Stanly, with former Mooreville varsity coach Mark Quinn at the controls, had tallied single runs in the first and third innings.

Matt Gulbreath started and absorbed the loss, with Bowers hurrying in relief.

Patterson, Owens, Bowers, Greene, Thompson and Kelly Frye each picked up a base hit.

The jayvees were to conclude a three-game homestand Monday by hosting Bandys, but that game was postponed by rain and will be made up as part of a varsity-jayvee doubleheader April 23.

The Little Blue Devils of head coach T.C. Rankin resume regular-scheduled play with a trip to Malden tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

### Short End Of Baseball Bat Slaps Vikings With Defeats

The baseball bat wasn't kind to South Iredell last week.

The Vikings wound up on its short end twice in as many appearances last week to suffer consecutive defeats, the latter in their initial Foothills Athletic Conference appearance of the season.

The Vikings were hammered by homestanding North Surry, 16-5, in their weather-delayed FAC opener Friday night.

Two days earlier, and again on the road, South Iredell fell into a similar fate in suffering an 11-2 knockdown by host South Caldwell.

The onesided defeats lowers the Vikings' record to the 4-7 level overall while providing them with a disappointing, 0-1 start in league play.

At North Surry Friday, the Vikings started as much as an 11-0 deficit at one point and cut the lead inside double-digits just once, at 11-2.

North Surry answered the challenge by ringing up as much as a 13-run cushion before the guests carved it to as few as 10 once before finishing as 11-run victors.

North Surry, playing in its second league game, jumped on top quick and followed a three-run first with an eight-run second inning to command an 11-0 budge at that point.

South Iredell scored its final three runs in the third inning when Mike Cummings, the lone South player to pair hits, smacked a bases-loaded double, plating three runs.

From there, the Vikes were held intact, managing just a single runner in the final two innings.

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