Legion Standings Finalized

It's official!

The nine teams aligned within the Southern Division of Area III in North Carolina's American Legion baseball family officially found out where they stood upon the completion of the regular-season portion of the season late last week.

It was good news for some, especially the eight members who on the merit of their performances qualified for inclusion in the division's postseason tournament.

It was bad news for others, particularly the one team that missed out on the in-league playoffs.

For the record, Mocksville-Davie fashioned the SD-Area III's top overall effort, piecing together a 13-3 mark against league opponents to dethrone Mooresville's Post 66 as regular-season champions.

As a result, Mocksville-Davie entered the first-round of the league's best-of-five playoff series as the SD-Area III's top seed.

Second-place and second-seed honors belonged to Rowan County, after it earned the runner-up tag following a 12-4 showing against league foes.

North Wilkesboro wound up alone in third-place, with a 9-7 mark, before a long jam involving three teams emerged in fourth.

Defending champion Mooresville joined Kannapolis and Stanly County in constructing break-even, 8-8 ledgers against same-league opponents.

As a result, the tie had to be broken to determine seeds for postseason play.

In the tiebreaking procedure, Stanly County earned fourth place, followed by Mooresville and K-Town.

Another tie emerged in seventh place after both Lexington and Concord wrapped up their seasons in the same, 5-11 fashions.

In the draw, Lexington placed seventh, with Concord eighth.

That left league newcomer Statesville, whose legion program was revived after several seasons of hiatus, to fill the number nine slot, doing so with a 4-12 regular-season showing.

As a result of placing ninth, Statesville finished as the odd team out in the battle for spots available entering league postseason play.

In the playoffs that got underway last week, Mocksville-Davie faced Concord, Rowan batted Lexington, Mooresville met Stanly County and North Wilkesboro battled Kannapolis.

Early this week, Mocksville-Davie and Rowan had both eliminated their opponents with three-game series sweeps, placing each into second-round action tabled to get underway the middle of this week.

The remaining two series entered this week with survivors yet to be determined.

Mocksville-Davie was awaiting the winner of the Mooresville-Stanly County series to resume play, while Rowan rested before facing the North Wilkesboro-Kannapolis winner in the league's second round.

Second-round series have to begin by tonight (Wednesday) with the higher-seeded team enjoying the homefield edge in the best-of-five series that features games being played every night at alternating sites.

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Every major holiday, something happens to blunt the joyous atmosphere. Keep this in mind this Independence Day.

We're fortunate to have Lake Norman right here in our backyard. Sometimes, however, we misuse the luxury. July Fourth is, more times than not, one of those times.

Many folks live on the lake. And yet, come holidays like the one we'll be observing later this week, just as many probably wish they didn't. Throughout the day beginning Thursday and continuing throughout the weekend, wakes from a never-ending supply of all sizes of boats will lap onto the shoreline like waves at the beach. As a result, mud from the lake's bottom will be constantly churned, giving the water a murky appearance from ankle to waist-high deep, and beyond.

The water itself won't be worth swimming in. Somehow, as the mud is washed to the surface, it serves to heat the water, giving it a bath-tub effect. And who wants to take a bath during a holiday?

But these are side effects of the joyous occasion, one that helps us officially ring in the arrival of summer a couple of weeks late. In our celebration, some usually go overboard. We take chances, and we wind up paying the price.

Part of the menu for Fourth of July celebrations consists of alcoholic beverages — beer to most of us. As on the highways, drinking and driving also doesn't mix on the waterway. Yet, we'll all see it. And some of us will do it. These are the things that lead to tragedy.

Lake Norman is the site of one of the holiday's most interest-packed festivities. It takes the form of a huge fireworks display the night of the Fourth. Spectators gather both by land and by sea. They begin gathering in the early afternoon hours, all wanting to get the best views possible of the show. For most those attending the show, it represents the capping of a full day of celebrating. This means those who may have celebrated too long and too hard.

You may recall last year, several boating accidents took place after the fireworks show. This makes sense, seeing as how, once it's over, it's pitch-dark then. Just a little waver in the decision-making process is all it takes for the wrong move to be made.

For the sake of yourself, and others, please, take it free and easy this Fourth.

Camping Under An Infield Fly: I see by reports that movers and shakers are finally thinking about renewing the in-state football rivalry between N.C. State University and East Carolina. Well, it's about time.

The neighborhood fued was terminated following a rowdy victory celebration by ECU students at the end of the 1987 meeting between the Wolfpack and Pirates. The two teams haven't met on the gridiron since.

And with good reason. While a victory celebration was worthwhile, the manner in which it was conducted was not. In the proceedings, a security guard caught in the rush suffered a serious injury. Many others were also hurt, and damage was done to the football field. It was a case of too much, too quick for the eleated ECU faithful.

When the decision was initially made to cancel the series, it was met with open arms. At the time, the two needed time to soothe ill feelings towards one another. But the time has come for the rivalry to be renewed. It looks at though that may be the case soon.

Hopefully, other schools in the state will take notice. College football has become big business. Often, in the shuffle, fans of teams pay the price. Admittedly, ECU's status as an independent in football hurts its drawing power. But its status as a traditional football power should be enough to keep the Pirates on the schedule of several larger North Carolina schools.

Die-hard fans of State, North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke argue that those four provide enough in-state competition, not to mention the fact that games between them count in the conference standings. And now, with the addition of Florida State, the ACC increases its membership to nine teams, automatically giving each school eight league games, once the Seminoles are worked into all teams' schedules.

To those who may not know better, it might seem that the state's larger schools are dodging in-state programs like the one at ECU due to the fear factor — afraid that one of the smaller schools might secure a victory. There was a time, not too long ago, according to this one-time ECU student, when the Pirates played each of the Big Four on a regular basis. This was about the time when East Carolina fared well against all but Florida teams.

ECU may not have the program it had back then. But it's still a worthy opponent. And many fans would rather their team lose an opponent from another time zone and gain one natural rival. If the ECU-N.C. State fued can be refueled, it could start a welcome trend.

Pivoting On A Double Play: Add this to a list of sports-related attractions Mooresville should feature: An invitational American Legion baeball tournament.

I saw by the paper where Mocksville-Davie, this summer's regular-season champion of the Southern District of Area III — dethroning our Moors in the process — found the time during a recent weekend to serve as the host for a round-robin affair featuring teams from several states. It served to provide the Mocksville team with a taste of the kind of competition it could meet later down the Legion postseason road.

From all accounts, it was a modest success, made even more so by the fact that the home team captured its intitial crown. Wouldn't it be great if Mooresville could host a similar attraction?

Oh, sure, in just over a month's time, Post 66 fills its slate with a schedule of right around 20 games, more if you count the playoffs. So there might be some who say the team needs no more. Baloney. Crafty veteran mentor Whitey Meadows has said more than once that you always get more out of playing than practicing.

I honestly feel a tournament of this nature would go over well in these parts. We see our Moors play teams in their division twice each during regular play, and more come the playoffs. Perhaps we get our fill of each. We'd like to see different teams, from time to time. This type of an attraction would meet those needs.

Just a thought.

Driving Through The Fairway: One of what should be a most unneccesary rule in local golf tournaments is what most of these same tournaments make it a point to include. So go figure.

Area tournament organizers usually make their players aware of a standing sandbagging rule. It is there in an attempt to thwart efforts at winning in a backhanded way. The game of golf itself is such that there should be no such need, but yet, invariably, it's always there.

Under the sandbagging rule, teams are limited by the number of strokes they can improve their score from the first day of play to the second. Ideally, you want the players to go out and shoot their best possible score every time. Unfortunately, this doesn't always happen.

Few teams get snared by the sandbagging nets, probably because they know it's there. So that's why one of the most unneccesary of local golf tournament rules is always necessary. Go figure.

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GREGORY HARRISON: A HAPPY FAMILY MAN

GREGORY HARRISON

by Seli Groves

"The Family Man" is back on CBS this summer. The series, which stars Gregory Harrison as a firefighter raising a family of three sons and a daughter in a single parent household, first aired last season. It ran for a while, and then went off the schedule, but stayed in production. Now, if all the omens are right, there's a very good chance you will be seeing "The Family Man" on the summer CBS' slate this fall, or as a mid season replacement.

"It was very strange, all this time, making a series that wasn't airing," Gregory Harrison said. "In a way, we were a kind of mystery show. No one seemed to know when we'd be coming back."

As for any adjustments in the format this time out, Harrison said: "Nothing has really changed. Everyone was very happy that I think we had. The only change was a very subtle, and I believe are for the better. It's what would happen in the course of a season for any new show where the writers and the actors work things out and everyone and everything starts to synchronize. We all get to know what everyone is about and how to make it all mesh a little better and how to get things to gel that didn't quite work before."

Gregory Harrison felt it was remarkable that the show's original airing got any kind of reusable results at all.

"They aired it at Saturday night at eight o'clock, and the show that won that time slot, and which has since been cancelled, beat us by just a hair, coming in at about 69th for the week. So there were very few people watching anything that night. But they did a lot of demographics, and tested the show in several markets over the season and found that those who saw it really liked it. That's why very high in all test areas. That's why the network kept the show going and that's why they're putting us on the air this summer and," he drew a breath, "that's why I think they're likely to put us on the air right slot on — but this time in the right night. Hopefully, the right night/timing. Hopefully, the get a good audience will like us as much as the test audiences did and they'll continue to watch us."

Harrison is very much the "family man" in his own life. The last time I talked to him, the show had just debuted and his wife was pregnant with their third child. He's now the doting daddy of three daughters, Emma, 5; Lily, 2; and the baby, Kate.

"And," said Harrison, "we'll soon be adopting a boy."

Harrison laughed. "With three sisters, he'll be either incredibly tormented, or incredibly spoiled. I'm not sure which. I suppose spoiled is more likely, though.

"On the show I have three sons and one daughter, and dealing with the guys has been a helpful experience; it's sort of prepared me for what it'll be like to have a boy in the house after three girls."

Gregory had another series on CBS called "True Detective Man" hiatus is. They don't see that it's a day-to-day, one-foot-in-front-of-the-other program. They don't know what you really go through when you're in one of these programs. They just look at you and say — "Hey, look at him; he's got a cool job. He dresses cool. He's got lots of money." And, what the people in the biz don't know is that it's a very difficult job, and one that doesn't want anyone thinking it does.

"You know, when you're talking to kids, they don't know or understand what the process of recovery really