

## Impettes sweep is sweet

In this season marking the full arrival of a youth movement, the sweeping of a North Piedmont Middle School Conference series sweep was sweet to the taste for Mooresville Middle School's girls softball team earlier this week.

The Lady Imps, with just one player back off last year's team and relying heavily on an influx of first-year seventh-grade team members, denied that youthful appearance with a 23-0 swamping past fellow league foe and at-home Kannapolis Middle Tuesday afternoon.

The win was the Impettes' third against a NPMSC opponent this season. The first was also over K-Town in the two teams' first meeting late last month.

For the visitors, starting pitcher Rachel Drawdy was aided in the field by a tight defense that posted its first shutout this season. That play in the field was spiced by several double plays and a rare triple play.

On that latter, third baseman Ashton Monzi snared a line drive with the base loaded on no outs. She stepped on third to nab that runner for the second out and then threw to a covering Bridget Neill at second for the third.

It was a close of a scoring threat allowed by Drawdy, who picked up her second win. In relief, southpaw Erin Poore worked the fourth and fifth innings in a game called after five frames due to a league run-ahead rule Poore ended the game with a strikeout.

At the plate, the Lady Imps were powered by catcher Ashley Bagwell. She clubbed a double and a triple to help pace the hitting attack. Neill also swatted a bases-loaded knock that cleared the bases and help set the stage for the highest run output of the season for the victors.

Lauren Martin slapped out a base hit, while Monzi, Leah Chase, Hannah Dooleen, Stephanie DeYoung and Shannon Lytle each also contributed to the winning effort at the plate. All members of the team saw on-field action and also had at least one plate appearance.

The MMS softball team, coached by Ann Clark, closes out its home segment of the regular season with a visit from Mt. Pleasant and the caps its season overall when visiting Concord, also an earlier-season victim, early next week.

## MWGA members engage in Catawba Tour outing

Members of the local Mooresville Women's Golf Association were among those helping Rock the Barn during a recent Catawba League Tour event.

Held at the Hickory area's Rock Barn Golf Club, select MWGA players joined those from across the Catawba League in the field, bringing home a total of 13 top three finishes in gross and/or net play and also harboring a player collecting an on-course event prize.

Among those top three featured four firsts, three coming in net play that took into account the handicaps of the individual players and the other taking place in gross play that used the out-

right score of the player in question.

Logging those nets firsts included Kathi Fox in the second flight, Jenny Butler in the fifth flight, and Roberta Leonelli in the sixth flight.

The lone gross gold medal came in the sixth flight, courtesy of Mary Mason.

Chalking up seconds included Gerri Sillman in net in the fourth flight, Sharon Pitkin in net in the sixth flight, and Gail Shook in gross in the eighth flight.

Following with thirds were JoAnn Massey in gross in the first flight, Libby Lefever in gross in the second flight, Sadie Daniels in

net in the fifth flight, Diane Hurlbut in gross in the sixth flight, and Marie Smith in gross in the eighth flight.

In addition to the stroke play event, on-course events took place in the form of closest-to-the-pin contests on select par three holes. From the MWGA, member Fox earned one of the distinctions, clubbing the shot landing closest to the intended target at the par-three third hole.

The MWGA competes in both the Catawba and Foothills League tours as well as conducts numerous events on their home Mooresville Municipal Golf Course.

## Devils win on field, lose on scoreboard

On the field, it looked as though Mooresville's soccer team won the battle against host and fellow first-year North Piedmont Conference foe North Iredell Wednesday night.

The Blue Devils lost the war.

Despite limiting the Raiders to without a shot on goal in the first half and allowed just four attempts total at their net all night, the Devils themselves failed to land a single of their own efforts and paid the price of a 2-0 defeat.

The outcome served as a devastating blow to the Devils in just their third NPC match, dropping to the 1-2 level within that field as part of a 7-4-1 overall record. With just two state playoff berths available within the NPC, the

Devils already have their backs against the wall in hopes of earning one with still the majority of the league season left to play.

After a scoreless first half in which the visiting Devils stayed on North Iredell's side of the field but couldn't land a strike, the hosts made the most of their first allowed shot on goal with an early second-half goal. It was the first of just four shots managed at the Mooresville net all night.

The Raiders, themselves making a bid as a league title contender, continued to deflect all of the Devils' charges, scoring the insurance goal with just over five minutes left to play. The game had four more close-range shots in the second

half, all without result.

Mooresville is back on the field and in NPC play when hosting Kannapolis Monday night.

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## Fall split brings Bronco team win streak to close

The way it turned out, Mooresville's all-star Fall Baseball League Bronco baseball team would have much rather spread out its run damage a little more over its two games last week.

After extending a season-long winning streak to five games with a 19-4 rambling past Cornelius II earlier in the week, the Broncos found themselves wishing they had saved some of those runs during a 4-2 loss at the hands of host East Lincoln.

With the split, Mooresville fields a 5-1 record as it heads into additional play this week.

In the loss at East Lincoln, the locals scratched for single runs each in the second and fifth innings, managing just four hits in the process. Collecting single hits each were Andrew Yacek, Adam Tonaus, Daniel Jones and Dominique Houston.

In the earlier romp past

Cornelius II that stretched the win streak, the team comprised of players eligible for the Mooresville Bronco League started fast, with four runs in the first inning, and maintained the pace with a single run in the second, another in the third, four in the fourth, three more in the fifth and closing with six in the seventh.

With the bat, clubbing two hits apiece featured Yacek, Andrew Simmons, Chris Beaver, and Jessie Esselman, the latter also driving home two runs. Contributing single clouts each were Billy Newton, Tonaus, C.C. Poston, and Cory McCrea.

The Bronco crew is back on the field this week, facing host Mallard Creek II before engaging in two-thirds of a three-game homestand when welcoming crews from Davidson II and Mallard Creek I on its home Magia Field.

## Golf

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cap net scores. By design, pins on each of the par-72 course's 18 greens will be placed in the toughest positions possible. Due to the recent damage inflicted at the par-three 12th hole, for which a \$500 reward has been offered for information on those responsible, a temporary green will be set up there until it is fixed.

Cost of participating in the afternoon affair is \$30 per team. Play will start around noon.

Any and all interested must have registered in advance and had no later than the Wednesday before play. It's possible that more spots could be available for those still wishing to participate.

The field is open to all players regardless of playing ability.

Also, MMGC staff mem-

bers want to remind MGA players of the regular weekly Wednesday evening play that continues to be held at the course. Format for play alternates between best-ball, captain's choice, alternating shot and scramble, with awards offered to those with the lowest net score. Teams can sign-up until 4 p.m. on the day of play.

Also, registration continues through the local course for the upcoming Iredell County Open Championship, deemed to declare the county's premier amateur player. Play will be held both at Mooresville Municipal, site of the final round and following awards ceremony, and Fox Den Country Club, which will host the first round. Play is set for Oct. 6-7, at a cost of \$100 per player.

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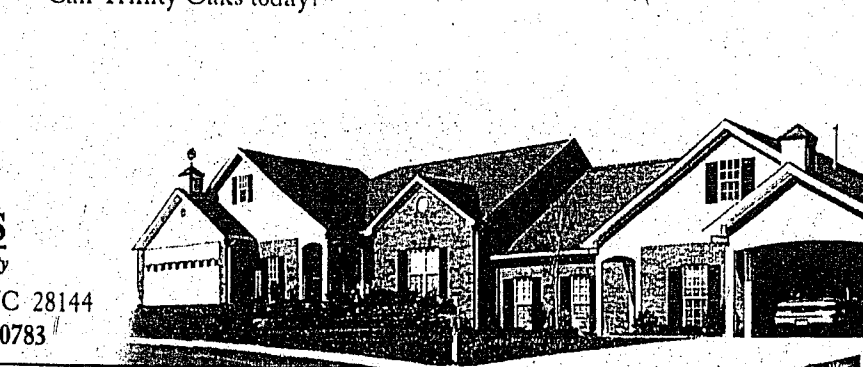
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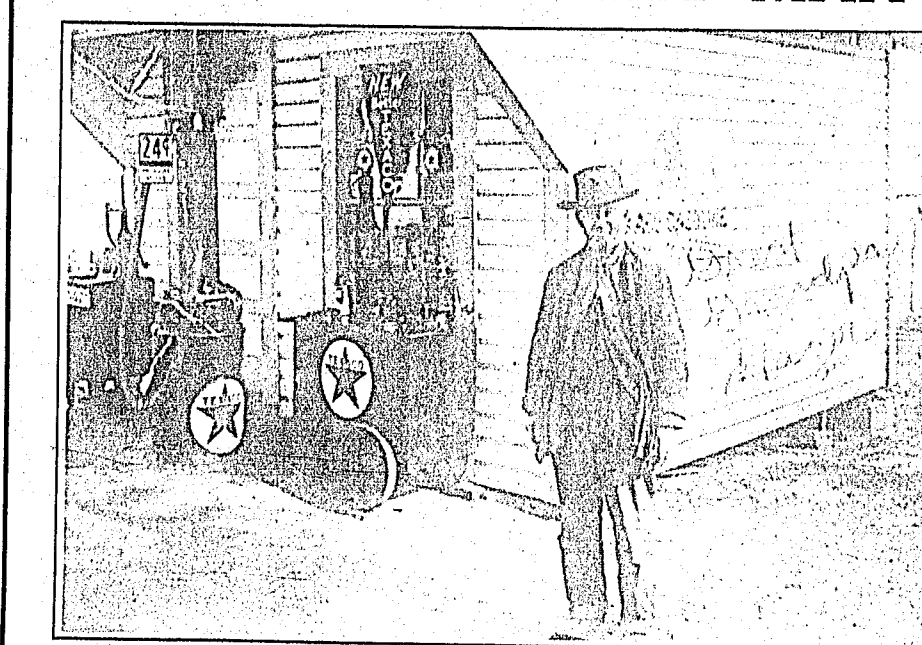
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## Mooresville Midget League Results

The Mooresville Midget Football League's Pee Wee entries remained mighty on the Southland Football League field last weekend.

Both the MMFL's Pee Wee Terminators and Warriors improved to the 2-0 mark for the season following a week-end spiced by contests taking place between fellow local organization members.

All six MMFL teams, three each at the Pee Wee and Midget playing levels, all staged their games on their home Mooresville Stadium field Saturday afternoon.

The Pee Wee Terminators made the most of limited offensive opportunities to escape with a 14-12 squeezing past Sherrills Ford to remain unbeaten, while the Pee Wee Warriors extended their number of scoreless games to two straight with a 12-0 blanking of the Pee Wee Hornets.

In the only other score reported, the Midget Warriors trimmed the Hornets, 6-0.

For the victorious Pee Wee Terminators, though they were limited to just 12 offensive plays to nearly 50 hiked by their guests, they made them count, as scout-

ster Zakari Johnston set sail of scoring jaunts of 64 and 53 yards in just three carries. It was the bullying work of runner Shalond Willis that accounted for the final winning points, it coming on a conversion run following Johnston's second scoring charge with under two minutes to play.

Both runners found room behind the blocking of Joey McAlpine, Demitree Adkins, A.C. Crosby and Darrin Torrence.

Defensively, Garrett Grother pounced on an onside kick, while Thomas Waugh topped all tacklers

with nine. Cameron Moreland, Cole Buchanan and Davonty Dixon all helped pad that unit's effort that stopped Sherrills Ford on both crucial conversion tries.

The Pee Wee Warriors used a second straight stout defensive stand to protect their unscored upon status in the meeting with their brother Hornets. The 2-0 Warriors have yet to give up any points this season.

Meanwhile, on offense, the eventual winners used a pair of touchdown runs from Jake Nussman to stand up as the difference.

To date, the lone loss suffered by any MMFL Pee Wee division team has been handed down by a fellow local group member.

In the only Midget division result reported, the Midget Warriors picked up their first win at the expense of the Hornets, winning by a 6-0 count here last weekend.

Damier Pitts logged the long scoring run in the game and for the Warriors. Also on offense, John Bergner, Kasey Young and Jordan Marsh helped boost that unit.

Defensively, the shutout that squared the winners' record at 1-1 was supported by the play of Dylan West, Travis Moffitt and Brandon Duff.

All six MMFL Southland Football League members are back in action this weekend, all but two of them back on their home field. Both the Pee Wee and Midget level Hornets and Terminators square off against each other in the Mooresville Stadium Saturday afternoon. Meanwhile, the two teams of Warriors will be in action that same afternoon on the East Lincoln High School field facing counterparts from Bessemer City.

## Mad Hatters peaking

At 4-0 and after allowing just two goals, the news gets even worse for opponents of the Iredell Regional Soccer League's Under-12 Classic Level Mad Hatters.

They seem to just now be hitting their stride.

The Hatters moved to the 4-0 mark for the fall season following late last week's 4-1 thumping of the Lake Norman Scorechers.

That decision comes on the heels of earlier wins by tallies of 8-1, 4-0, and 3-0.

In keeping that record unblemished, the Mad Hatters netted three goals in the first half and added the fourth blow in the second. Meanwhile, the defense limited the Scorechers to just the single scratch.

Taylor Blank opened the

scoring two minutes into play following a crossing pass from Jonathan Safely. Beck Williams then landed the next scoring punch, coming off a feed served up by Rolly Patterson.

Anthony Vega accounted for the final goal of the first half and the lone second-half strike, courtesy of assists provided by Safely and Travis Carter, respectively.

Defensively, keeper Kevin Rogers was joined by Wayne Pruitt, Bryant Brueckner and Scotty Warren in helping keep the Lake Norman opponents basically at bay.

This marks the Mad Hatters' first season of Classic play. They return to the field in more action this weekend.

## Storm has 1st-half thunder

The first 25 minutes of Sunday's U-10 Challenge soccer game represented the South Iredell Storm's best half of the season, despite an eventual 3-1 loss to the Park Sharon Hawks.

The Mooresville-based Storm, a new team in the Charlotte Challenge League,

roared to a 1-0 lead only 1 minute into the game when Matthew Brown fed Tyler Swan on a picture-perfect scoring play. The veteran Hawks of south Charlotte were held scoreless for the next 19 minutes, but eventually wore down the younger Storm (0-2).

## South Iredell Soccer Association

Here are more results from last weekend's action in the South Iredell Soccer Association:

**U-14**

**Pythons 5, Vipers 1**

The first half was all Pythons, with numerous shots on goal and scores by Tommy DiBernard and Samantha Sweet. Midfielders Chris Redmond and Larry Keeter did an outstanding job of pushing the ball up. The Vipers tightened things up by scoring in the first minute of the second half but the Pythons

responded with two goals by striker Ben Smith plus a second goal for Tommy DiBernard.

**SISA Legends 5, Mountain View 0**

First half goals by Corey Danenhower (2) with assists from Zack Bailey, Katie Farmer & Katherine Buehler got the Legends off to a fine start. Great ball control and extreme passing by mid fielders Caitlin Stahl, Kim Haddad, Austin McNeilly & Will Davis aided in the Legends attack. Second half goals a pair by Zack Bailey & another by Danenhower giving the Legends a 5-goal lead.

## Bulldogs finally get bitten, salvage split

The teeth were on the other side for the first time this Pony Fall Baseball League season for the Mooresville Bulldogs during a recent split of games.

Playing host to Huntersville No. 11 on the Moor Park diamond Saturday afternoon, the Bulldogs failed to get the big hit when they needed it to drop a 4-2 decision and suffer their first loss of the season in what was then four tries.

Earlier, the Bulldogs extended a season-long winning streak with a 10-5 drubbing of Davidson.

With the split, the Dogs hiked their record to the 4-1 mark overall.

The romp past Davidson, a trio of pitchers were backed by a combined 14-hit attack, among them a total of

three for extra bases. Chris Gardner started and allowed four hits with a strikeout. Danil VanWert followed with three innings of five-hit, two-strikeout work, while Doug Yacek faced two batters, fanning one.

At the plate, Gardner tripled in two runs and also scored twice, while Yacek, with two RBI, and Brian Mullins, who scored once, also joined by VanWert and Joseph Leback with two hits each. Joshua Wood, Jayson Orlandini, Adrian Rankin, Cory Johnson, Brian Dockery and Chris Craven all collected a base rap each.

The defeat came despite solid pitching from starter Johnson, who picked up four strikeouts and allowed two hits, and closer Yacek, who whiffed six while not allowing a run or hit.

Offensively, the hits the Bulldogs did manage came in the form of doubles each from Johnson and Gardner, the latter also driving in a run, while Mullins, who scored once, joined Wood and Tony Floyd with a base crack each.

Hampering their cause were the eight ground outs and five fly ball outs made with runners in scoring position.

The Bulldogs of the Pony Baseball League are back in fall season action this weekend, facing Cornelius No. 11 before meeting University City II.

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