

Blue Devils at home in pass league

Need a football fix? You got it tonight (Wednesday). That's when Moore'sville's short-roster Blue Devils will appear in a home Summer Passing League contest in the Moore'sville Stadium.

The Devils, one of a number of teams engaging in the passing league, will play host to Bandys in a pass-only affair that features a 6:30 p.m. start.

It's the fourth of five at-home appearances for the Devils. They will engage

in a final outing at home later this month.

Under passing league restrictions, there is no full contact allowed by the teams. Only passing plays are allowed.

On offense, teams put on the field only those players involved in pass plays, including quarterbacks, running backs, tight ends, wide receivers and other ends. On defense, only those players who are involved in defending pass plays, such as defensive backs and line-

backers, participate in plays.

Prospective members of teams' varsity and junior varsity teams compete.

Moore'sville will appear in its final Summer Passing League home engagement June 27 against Shelby. Early next week, the two teams' battling this evening will be back in action when squaring off on Bandys' home turf Monday evening.

There is no admission charge for viewing the passing league affairs.

Aces alive! Duo banks first holes-in-one

Holes-in-one remain very much alive and well on the local Moore'sville Municipal Golf Course.

With the past week, a pair of aces were nailed on separate par-three holes on the 18-hole public course. Each was the first career hole-in-one for the golfers responsible.

On the front side, Dave Gillock of Huntersville selected a four iron to cover the 122-yard, par-three fifth hole in a single shot. Serving

as a witness was playing partner Keith Stahl.

On the back, a little stronger club was needed to cover a little more yardage, as Davidson's Dave Hampton swung a seven-wood to complete the 165-yard single shot at the 12th hole. The one accountable for the ace in the hole was in a playing group along with witnesses Don Sell, Don Wallo and Jessie Davis.

Both aces were reported

by Moore'sville Municipal Golf Course staff members, who also salute the golfers for the rare feats.

Golf continues to be in full swing on the local muni as well, with the number of players participating in the regular weekly league play that started this month taking place on Wednesday evenings gradually increasing.

Players are free to sign up as individuals or as members

of two-player teams for play that takes place under a number of formats over the course of nine holes. Play gets underway around 5:30 p.m.

Additional events are also scheduled throughout the golf season. For more detail, call 704-663-2539.

Moors

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improving to the 4-2 mark with his second favorable pitching decision in a span of two games. He allowed the two runs on seven hits while striking out three and walking just two.

Frye's biggest offensive support came off the bat of shortstop Josh Haire, out of the Moore'sville program, who banged out three hits. Michael McClain of South Iredell and West Rowan's Justin Graham each paired base knocks. Contributing single cracks apiece featured South Iredell's Kyle Allison and Moore'sville's Michael Sandlin and Ronald Crum.

The previous evening and also at home, Post 66's quest for a season series sweep and spot alone atop the SD-Area III standings fell short against Rowan County despite a gallant late-game charge that trimmed all of a six-run deficit that stood entering the home half of the seventh only to watch a lone run tallied in the ninth stand up as the difference.

Though the Moors led just one, they also never refused to surrender, facing holes of 1-0 after the first inning, 7-2 coming to bat in the fourth, 10-5 through six and at 11-6 following the seventh-inning stretch. It was then when the home team fired up its bats, scoring twice in the seventh to cut into the spread and then coming all the way back courtesy of a five-run eighth that forged a 12-11 tie.

Rowan, protecting a half-game lead coming in, manufactured a run in the top of the ninth and survived a scoreless bottom of the inning to log the one-run win and square the season series between the two rivals at a win apiece.

Moore'sville's Haire was saddled with the pitching loss, falling to 2-2 for the season, after coming on in relief and working one out past three innings, giving up three runs on eight hits with four strikeouts. South Iredell product Chris Mills started and tolled five innings, surrendering 10 runs on 11 hits with two whiffs. Seth Graham, also of South Iredell, hurled one out shy of a full inning to complete the mound duties.

Both Graham, Seth and Justin, joined McClain in whacking out three hits each to

champion the hitting corps. Justin Graham, who also tripled, finished with four runs batted in. Sandlin paired hits, one of them a hanging home run driving in two runs, as did Mills and Haire. Crum and fellow Moore'sville product Tyler Lackey teamed with South Iredell's Tim Fitzpatrick to collect a hit each, the latter's a pinch-hit single that drove in the tying run in the eighth.

Venturing to Surry County Thursday night for an agreed-upon, seven-inning affair wrapping up the non-league calendar for both entries, a nine-run outburst combined between the fourth and fifth frames for the guests overcome a seven-run burst by the home team in the second, enabling the former to escape with the 13-12 verdict in a contest pushed into one additional inning.

Moore'sville scored first with two runs in the first but faced an 8-2 hole through two complete innings. Post 66 started its comeback with five runs in the fifth and added four in the fifth, during which Surry tried to keep pace with a run in the fourth and two in the fifth. A single additional run by the home team in the seventh forged a 12-11 tie before the guests pulled the winning run in their half of the eighth.

Frye toiled an out shy of two innings to log the win, allowing a run on two hits with a strikeout. Brandon Neill of Moore'sville pitched the eighth for the save, allowing a hit. Moore'sville product Ryan Smith started but failed to get out of the second, allowing eight runs on four hits with four fans, while Todd Nichols also of Moore'sville gave up five hits and three runs while working three and two-thirds innings.

Justin Graham and Seth Graham pecked out three hits apiece, while McClain slapped out two. Crum, Sandlin, Mills, Neill, Haire, Fitzpatrick and Moore'sville's Daniel Sherrill all pitched in with a base knock each.

Moore'sville headed into this week slated to close out the regular-season with a trip to Kannapolis to make up a contest earlier postponed by rain. The Moors will then await word of their final league placement and prepare for the start of the SD-Area III playoffs that are scheduled to start Friday night on the home fields of the higher-seeded entries.

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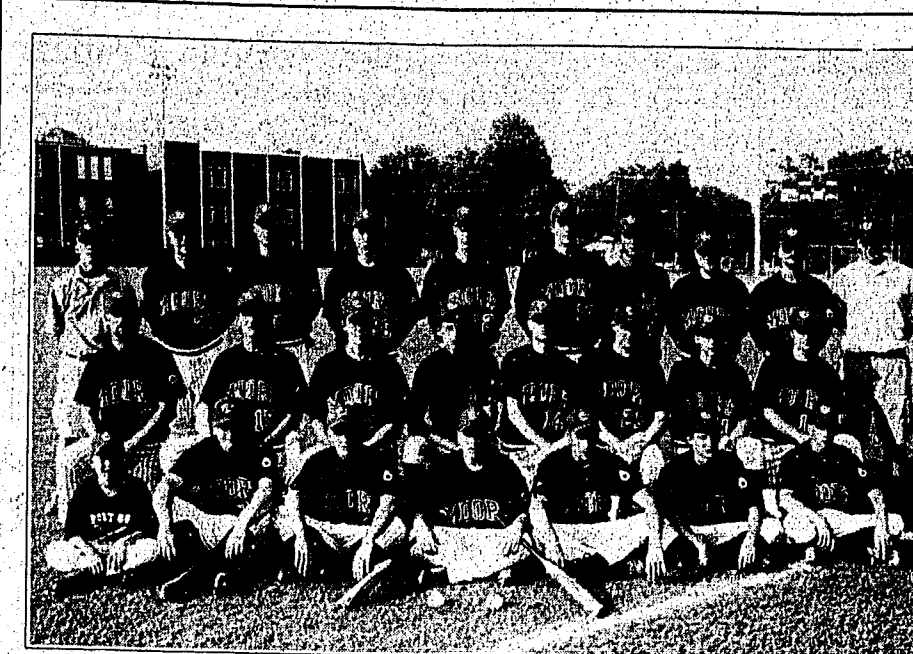
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Faces behind names on field, off for Moore'sville's Moors

A program just doesn't do a team justice. It's just words. Here, then are faces to put with those names on the playing and coaching roster for this season's Moore'sville American Legion baseball Moors. The Gresham-Baker Post 66 crew closes out regular-season play this week and heads into the postseason with hopes of making that segment of the season last as long as possible. It does so this spring thanks to contributions provided by programs at Moore'sville, South Iredell and West Rowan high schools. Team members are, seated from left, bat boy Jake Smith, Todd Nichols, Brandon Neill, Nathaniel Barker, Ronald Crum, Travis Short, and Justin Graham. Kneeling, from left: assistant coach Nick Sluts, Ryan Smith, Michael McClain, Brent Frye, Chris Mills, Brett Holder, Josh Haire, and Seth Graham. Standing, from left, assistant coach Jonathan Seaford, head coach Whitey Meadows, Michael Sandlin, Daniel Sherrill, Kyle Allison, Tim Fitzpatrick, Darrin Jones, assistant coach Josh Graham, assistant coach Junior Johnson, and assistant coach Clark Benfield.

Alexander stands out on track

Just as was the case during most of her season, Moore'sville's Shalonda Alexander stands alone when it comes to earning All-Iredell County honors.

Alexander is the only member of Moore'sville's girls and boys track team to earn all-county recognition following the official announcement of that attention late last week.

It figures. Alexander was the only member of either Senior High track and field team to also earn the right to advance into the state 3A class championship meet. She did so with her qualifying effort during the regionals in the high jump. It was the same event in which she emerged as the Western Poothills Conference's female champion.

Alexander is joined as an all-county team member by one member each of South Iredell's girls and boys teams. Reaching the state finals was a criteria in earning all-county status.

From the Lady Vikes, track star Kendra Martin receives the county-wide nod, while off the boys team, it's field specialist Willie Sturgis who hoists the lone Viking flag.

Members of the Statesville Senior High boys and girls team dominate the list of county honorees that also includes each from North Iredell and West Iredell. Runners from Statesville each were named respective boys and girls county track athletes of the year. Announcement of the All-Iredell track team was made official by the Statesville Record & Landmark.

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his mark with the Vikings. He was an effort worthy of making him the only rising junior to be selected all-county.

Also from South Iredell receiving county-wide notoriety in baseball is catcher Austin Hill, who batted .320 and was good at throwing out seven out of every 10 runners attempting to steal a base.

Rising junior Michael McClain has already established himself as the offensive leader of the Moors, a trend he started during his

sophomore season with the Vikings. It was an effort worthy of making him the only rising junior to be selected all-county.

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In addition to Moore'sville and South Iredell, players named from Statesville, West Iredell and North Iredell round out the all-Iredell baseball team.

Announcement of those players receiving all-county recognition was made by the Statesville Record & Landmark on votes cast by Iredell County coaches and the publication's sports staff.

Reunion

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Among the players present, and the first one to come onto the field, was the head coach's son, Donnie Meadows, Jr. Others to follow suit included Butch Nantz, Tommy Rinehardt, Dennis Caldwell, Craig Overcash, Alan Lineberger, Pressley Cashion, Donnie Belk and Bobby Triplett. A host of other members of that '71 team were also contacted but, due to prior commitments, were unable to attend.

Nearly all the invited former players remained on site during most of the game, one in which the Moors additionally celebrated their presence by pounding out an 8-2 triumph over fellow Southern Division of Area III foe South Rowan that was used to solidify their bid for a top-four, regular-season finish and accompanying homefield advantage for the opening round of the division playoffs that get underway later this week.

Moore'sville's Moors headed into this week tabbed to close out the regular season at Kannapolis and will await word of final positions and pairings for the first-round post-season series that are scheduled to begin Friday night.

MRD offers programs

The Moore'sville Recreation Department will offer a summer playground program for children ages 6 to 13. The cost is \$30 per week, plus a \$10 registration fee.

The program will be held from June 18 to 22, June 25 to 29, July 9 to 13, and July 16 to 20. The sessions will be held from 12 to 5 p.m., and participants must bring their own snack.

Children must be pre-registered. No registration will be taken over the phone.

The recreation department is offering swim lessons for children ages 6 and older. The lessons will be conducted from June 18 to 28, July 9 to 19, and July 23 to August 2. Cost is \$30 per person. The swim team also meets on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with practices twice weekly.

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