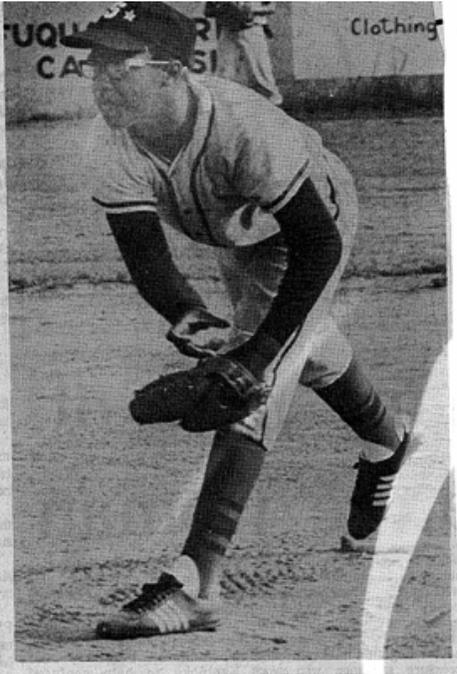
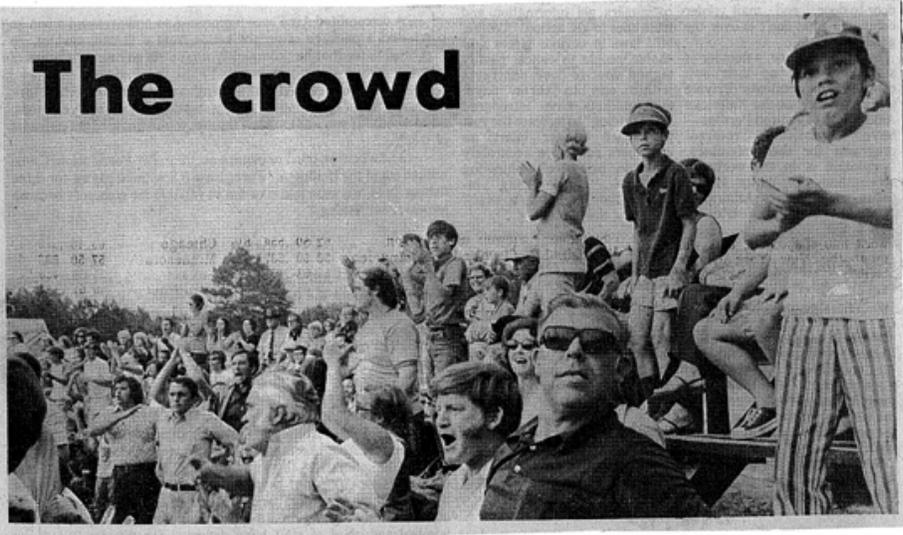


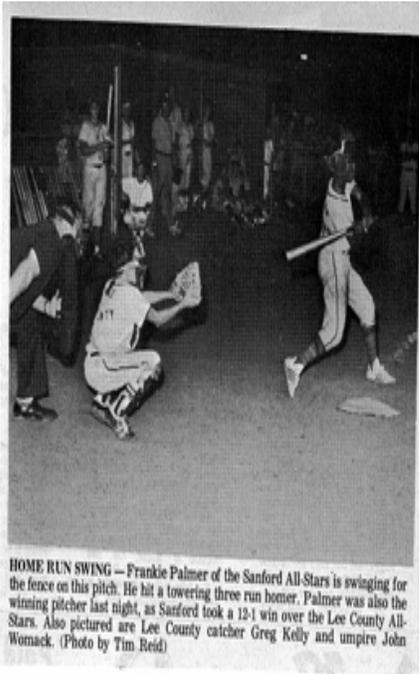


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HOME RUN SWING — Frankie Palmer of the Sanford All Stars is swinging for the fence on this pitch. He hit a towering three run homer. Palmer was also the winning pitcher last night, as Sanford took a 12-1 win over the Lee County All Stars. Also pictured are Lee County catcher Greg Kelly and umpire John Womack. (Photo by Tim Reid)

**STATE TOUR-
NAMENT** — All of the above action took place in the Little Tar Heel League State Tournament at Fuquay last night. In the left picture, Sanford batters Jay Holder, Terry Eads, and Ricky Harrison take cuts at the ball. In the upper right photo, Sanford coaches Doug Johnson and Mack Spivey ponder the next move. In the middle left shot, Washington pitcher Mike Mitchell and Sanford hurler Frankie Palmer dwarf the other players. And in the bottom left photo, the crowd roars their approval, as Sanford takes a 6-0 win to advance to the semi-finals of the tournament. (All photos by Jimmy Haire)

Blank Washington 6-0

Sanford All-Stars advance to state semifinals

The Sanford Little Tar Heel League All-Stars rode the strong right arm of Frankie Palmer to a 6-0 win over Washington last night in the opening round of the state tournament at Fuquay.

Palmer pitched a one-hitter, struck out thirteen batters, and didn't allow a Washington runner to reach third base. Palmer was in complete control all the way. He permitted Washington only six base runners during the game. He gave up one hit, walked one, hit two batters, and two runners reached base on errors.

Washington's only hit was a wrong field single by Moore in the fourth inning. That was the only ball that Washington got out of the infield all night. Palmer mixed a blazing fast ball with a

sharp breaking curve to keep the Washington batters off-stride.

For the first two innings, it looked as if Palmer and Washington pitcher Mitchell were going to trade strikeouts all night. Each pitcher had five strikeouts in the first two innings. Mitchell threw harder than anyone Sanford has faced this year. He was a mighty big little leaguer. He looked as if he could start at halfback for most high school teams in the state.

Sanford got to the big right hander for two runs in the third inning. Greg Oldham led off the inning with a walk. Terry Eads went down swinging for the first out, but Presley Wicker followed with a walk to put runners on first and second. Frankie Palmer then

drilled a single to right field to score both runs. Mitchell then got Craig Ellis and Ricky Harrison on strikes to retire the sides.

The way Palmer was pitching, Sanford had enough runs, but they added four more in the fourth. Joe Miller led off the inning with a line drive single up the middle. Jay Holder followed with another single, to put runners on first and second. Mark Winstead drew a base on balls to load the bases with no outs. Greg Oldham went down on strikes for the first out.

Terry Eads then singled up the middle to score Miller and Holder, making the score 4-0. Presley Wicker followed with a walk to reload the bases. Mitchell then got Palmer on a swinging

third strike, and a sigh of relief was heard from the Washington fans. Dennis Vick pinch hit for Craig Ellis, and lined one off the top of the left center field fence for a double to score Winstead and Eads, making the score 6-0.

Sanford outhit the losers 5-1. Frankie Palmer had a single and two runs batted in. Terry Eads knocked in two more with a single, and Dennis Vick accounted for the last two with a double. Joe Miller and Jay Holder each added a single to the attack.

Sanford plays in the semifinals tonight. They play Concord at 6:00. In the second game tonight, Wilmington will meet Massey Hill. In other first round action, Massey Hill edged Fuquay 4-3, Concord topped White Oaks 6-3, and Wilmington beat Greensboro 6-2.

Sanford coaches Doug Johnson and Mack Spivey said they were very pleased with the play of the Sanford team last night. They have seen Concord play, and feel that they have a good team. Greg Oldham will start on the mound for Sanford tonight. The rest of the lineup will see Presley Wicker behind the plate, Frankie Palmer on first, Ricky Harrison at second, Terry Eads on short, James Melver at third, Joe Miller in left, Mark Winstead in center, and Craig Ellis in right. The other members of the team are Dennis Vick, Jay Holder, Jamie McGuire, Ken Ellis, Peter Mace, Ernie Galloway, and Charles Hooker.

Sanford has proved themselves to be one of the top four little league teams in the state. Come on out to the game at Fuquay tonight. Let's help them to prove that they're number one.

One local team wins

Eli Whitney, Southern Alamance, and the Sanford All-Stars took wins in the second round of the Teen Girls Invitational Softball Tournament last night at the Optimist Park.

In the first game, the Sanford American Legion blew an 8-0 lead and lost to Eli Whitney by a score of 12-11. After two innings of play, the Legion led 8-0 and the game looked like a runaway. Eli Whitney caught fire, and scored three runs in the third, two in the fifth, four in the sixth, and three in the seventh. The Legion added one run each in the fourth, sixth, and seventh innings. The Legion outhit the winners 22-14, but were plagued by errors all night.

Riley led Eli Whitney with four singles, and Small added three. James had a double and single,

and Braxton and Murray each added two singles. Pat McCauley and Lyn Brown each had a double and three singles to pace the Legion. Dawn Nicholson and B. J. Gaster each had three singles, and Karen Key, Pam Bain, and Sue Mason each added two hits. Brooks and Chester each added one hit. James was the winning pitcher, and Mason took the loss.

Southern Alamance beat Massey Hill 14-8 in the second game. Southern Alamance pounded out twenty-one hits to take the win. Lashley led the way with four, and Matthews and Hodgins each added three. Perry, Wicker, Cummings, Morin, and Blalock each added two. Pat Livingston led Massey Hill with a double and a towering home run. Lee, Bolton, Degalis, and Person

each added two hits.

The Sanford All-Stars bounced back from a Monday night defeat to top Saxapahaw 20-11 last night in the nightcap. Sanford outhit the losers 30-15. Linda Maddox swung the big bat for the winners, as she collected five singles. Susan Spivey had four singles, and Martha Wilkie had a triple and three singles. Tandy Wilkie had a home run, a triple, and a single, and Christie McNeill, Roxy Symes, and Connie Hall each added three hits. Trudy Sherman had two hits, and Sharon Seagroves, Kitty Windham, and Theresa Morris each added one hit to round out the attack. Boggs led Saxapahaw with four hits, and Stafford added three. Foust and Reich each added two hits to the attack.

The Sanford Little Tar Heel League All-Stars used a last inning home run by Ricky Harrison to take a 3-2 win over Southern Durham for the District championship last night at Dalrymple Park.

Sanford now advances to the state tournament, which will be played at Fuquay next week. Sanford will play Tuesday night at 6:00. Their opponent is not known at this time.

Last night marked the sixth straight year that Sanford has won the district championship. They will now be seeking their sixth state championship. They won the state title in 1959, 1962, 1968, 1969, and 1970.

Last night's game was a pitching duel between Sanford's Frankie Palmer and Southern Durham's Mike Michael. Both teams also played tough defense. Sanford did not commit an error, and Southern Durham was guilty of only one miscue.

Southern Durham jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Leadoff batter Stuart Hill reached base on an infield single, and went to second on a passed ball. He came in to score on a double by Richard Reynolds. Palmer then retired the next three batters on a pop up and two strike outs.

Neither team could score in the second inning. Jay Holder singled and went to second on a passed ball for Sanford in the top of the inning. He died there, as Mark Winstead went down on strikes. Palmer struck out the side in the bottom of the inning.

Greg Oldham grounded out for the first out in the top of the third. Terry Eads then singled up the middle, but he was forced at second on Presley Wicker's grounder. Frankie Palmer then unloaded a towering homer to right center to give Sanford a 2-1 lead.

Southern Durham bounced right back to tie the score in the bottom of the inning. With two outs, Richard Reynolds doubled. He moved to third on a passed ball and came in to score on a

first baseman Jay Holder for the first out. Palmer then took over, and got the last two batters on strikes to end the game.

Southern Durham outhit Sanford 6-5. Homers were responsible for all three Sanford runs — Palmer getting two runs batted in with his blast in the first inning, and Harrison accounting for the other with his game winner in the sixth. Terry Eads, Presley Wicker, and Jay Holder each added a single to the winning attack. Richard Reynolds

was a thorn in Sanford's side all night. He had three hits in three times at bat, knocked in the first Southern Durham run, and scored the second. Stuart Hill, Mike Michael, and Jeff Reynolds had the other hits.

Frankie Palmer pitched a fine game. He mixed up his pitches well, and pitched his way out of a couple of tight spots. The big right hander struck out twelve, and didn't walk a batter. Michael struck out seven and walked two.

Sanford coaches Doug Johnson and Mack Spivey said that they felt it was a team victory all the way, and that each member of the team contributed to the win.

The members of the team are Terry Eads, Craig Ellis, Ken Ellis, Ernie Galloway, Ricky Harrison, Jay Holder, Charles Hooker, Peter Mace, Jamie McGuire, James McIver, Joe Miller, Greg Oldham, Frankie Palmer, Dennis Vick, Presley Wicker, and Mark Winstead.

Sanford went down in order in the fourth, but Southern Durham threatened to score in the bottom of the inning. Jeff Reynolds led off the inning with a double. Rick Ackrey then grounded to second baseman Ricky Harrison. Harrison made a perfect throw to Terry Eads at third to get Reynolds for the first out. Palmer then got the next two batters on strikes to end the inning.

Neither team could score in the fifth inning. In the top of the inning, Presley Wicker beat out an infield single, but Michael got the next two Sanford hitters on strikes to end the inning.

Southern Durham threatened once again in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Hill was hit by a pitch and Reynolds singled to put runners on first and second. Shortstop Greg Oldham went in the hole to field Michael's grounder, and forced Hill at third. Palmer then got Pate on strikes for the third out.

The game went into the sixth inning with the score tied 2-2, but it didn't stay that way long. Ricky Harrison led off the inning with a home run to right center field, and the partisan Sanford crowd went wild. Michael got the side out without any more damage, but it was a little too late.

Sanford needed three outs for their sixth straight district championship and it didn't take