



PLAYING TONIGHT in the first game of the Little Tar Heel League Area Tournament at Dalrymple Park will be Sanford and Lee County. The Sanford team is pictured on the left. On the front row, from left to right, are Reggie Petty, Ronnie Weaver, David Gladden, alternate

Jeffrey Batchelor, alternate Mike McCracken and Anthony Palmer. On the middle row are coach Rex McLeod, Van Gibson, Terry Collins, Randy Harden, Roderick Waddell, Barry Crump, Bert McDowell and coach Doug Johnson. On the back row are Ronnie Kelly, Mark

## LTHL area tournament gets started tonight

Sanford and Lee County square off in the first game of the Little Tar Heel League Area Tournament at Dalrymple Park tonight at 6:30. Siler City meets Chatham County in the second game.

The Jaycee League All-Stars from Sanford are the defending state champions and have won the area tournament the last eight years in a row. The last time that Sanford didn't win the area tournament was in 1966.

Despite the fact that the Lee County All-Stars have never beaten the Sanford team, tonight's game shapes up as a good one. Lee County should have one of its better teams in recent years.

The winners of tonight's two

games will play for the area championship Friday night at 7:00. The area winner will advance to the district tournament next week.

Starting on the mound for Sanford tonight will be right hander David Gladden. The rest of the probable starting lineup will see Bert McDowell behind the plate, Anthony Palmer at first base, Roderick Waddell on second, Mike Elliott at shortstop, Reggie Petty on third, Barry Crump in left, Mark McDuffie in center and Randy Harden in right.

Other members of the Sanford team are Van Gibson, Mark Maddox, John Larson, Ronnie Kelly, Mike Stewart, Ronnie Weaver and Terry Collins. The

alternates are Jeffrey Batchelor and Mike McCracken. The coaches of the Sanford team are Rex McLeod and Doug Johnson.

The hopes of the Lee County team will ride on the strong right arm of Ronnie McNeill. McNeill is a hard thrower, who is capable of beating anybody if he is right.

The rest of the starting lineup will see Junior Phillips behind the plate, Kenny McNeill at first base, Tony Sharpe on second, Barry Sprouse at shortstop, Mike Womack on third, Jerry Womack in left field, Mark Walker in center and Phillip Wicker in right.

The other members of the team are Sam Womack, Eddie Seagroves, Billy Jenkins, Cameron Sharpe, Carl Yarbrough, Darryl Watson, and Tony Buchanan. The alternates are Randy Daniels and T. J. Charlson. The coaches of the Lee County team are John Womack, Travis Phillips and Jimmy Wilder.

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