

Vick Hits Two More, Gay Has Two,

Wilson And Such Homer Also

Such Has No-Hitter,

Jaycees Hit 6 Homers

The Sanford Jaycee League All-Star team continued its hitting explosion and pitching whitewash last night in defeating Washington 12-0 to reach the finals of the state Little T ar Heel League Tournament in Hickory.

The locals will play for the championship against Dallas tonight at 7:30.

Junior Such, David Vick, P. J. Gay and Johnny Wilson did most of the damage in last night's win.

Such pitched a five-inning no-hitter, striking out 13 of the 15 men he faced, and hit a two-run homer. Vick hit two two-run homers to add to the two he hit Wednesday night. Gay also blasted two round-trippers, and Wilson hit his fifth homer in this year's playoff competition. Monty Austin was 2 for 3 with the bat.

The Sanford stars have now outscored their two Hickory opponents 25-0. Pitchers Vick and Such have allowed one hit and struckout 28 batters in 11 innings of pitching. Perhaps most unbelievable of all, the team has hit nine homers in two games.

The winners wasted no time in jumping out to a lead. P. J. Gay singled and Vick homered before the game was more than a few minutes old. The two runs proved to be more than needed, but the Sanford sluggers were far from through.

In the second inning, Gay and Wilson hit two-run homers. In the third, Gay hit another. In the fourth, Vick hit his second two-run shot and Such added his two-run blast. Singles by pinch-hitters Melvin McLeod and Ronnie Boggs added the final run.

Meanwhile, Such was striking out the first 13 batters he faced. Three men reached base on him in the last inning, but two were thrown out trying to steal and the side was retired before the Sanford scoreless string could be broken.

Pitchers are allowed to pitch 12 innings in the state tournament, so it is a good bet that David Vick will get the nod again tonight.





SANFORD JAYCEE LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

1968

Vick Pitches,

HERALD, SANFORD, N. C., THURS., AUG. 15, 1968 —

Hits Jaycees To Win

As it turned out, David Vick could have beaten the Fayetteville All - Star team all by himself last night.

The young Jaycee star staged a tremendous hitting and pitching show in Hickory to lead the Sanford All - Star team to an 8 - 0 win in the first round of the Little Tar Heel League state finals.

The locals will play a second-round game tonight in Hickory against a foe that the Herald has been unable to find out at press time.

All that Vick did in last night's game was 1. pitch a one - hitter, striking out 15; 2. hit two homeruns in three at bats, one a grand slam; 3. drive in six of the Sanford runs.

Sanford slugger Johnny Wilson also hit a homer, immediately following Vick's bases-clearing smash in the fifth inning.

The Sanford team played errorless ball on the few (4) balls that Vick allowed the Fayetteville batters to hit at all.

The winners scored their runs on heavy hitting, although errors by the losers started two rallies, including the five-run outburst in the fifth.

The first run was scored in the second inning when Junior Such reached base on an error by the Fayetteville second baseman and scored on a double by Monty Austin and a single by Jim Atkinson.

Two more tallies were added in the third when Donnie Oldham got on on a fielder's choice and Vick knocked him in with his first round-tripper.

In the fifth, Pat Stewart reached base on an error, P. J. Gay doubled, Donnie Oldham singled and Vick drove them all home with his second homer of the night. Wilson followed with his four - bagger, his fourth in playoff competition this year.

The lone Fayetteville hit was a single by Mark Ralledge in the fifth inning. Vick allowed one other base runner, on a walk in the second.

Jaycee All-Stars Beat

Dallas For State Title

David Vick, the Sanford Jaycee All-Stars' fireballing left-hander, pitched his second one-hitter in three days, struckout 14 batters, and slugged his fifth homer of the tourney to lead his team to a 3-1 victory over Dallas and the Little Tar Heel State championship last night in Hickory.

Johnny Wilson hit his third homer of the tournament, one in each game, with Vick on base in the fourth inning to give the locals their margin of victory.

The lone Dallas hit was a long homer by pitcher Jimmy Thornburg in the fifth.

Last night's game was a battle of unscared youngsters. Neither Sanford nor Dallas had given up a run in their two previous tourney games.

Both teams stayed that way until the fourth inning, as Vick and Thornburg locked in a pitchers' dual. Neither pitcher gave up a hit until the fourth, when Vick singled and Wilson followed with his homer.

Thornburg retaliated in the fifth with his blast, but Vick came right back with his homer in the sixth.

Jr. Such also had a good night with the bat, getting two hits including a double. Sandy Wicker picked up the other hit, a single in the fifth. Sanford's total of six hits proved to be plenty since two of them were round-trippers.

The Sanford team put on a hitting and pitching show which may never be equaled in Little League play.

For the three days, the champions' record shows two hits and one run given up by pitchers David Vick and Junior Such. The two combined for 42 strikeouts in 17 innings of pitching. Vick had 29 in his 12 innings and Such had 13 in his five.

On the hitting side, the team hit an amazing total of 11 homers. Vick hit five, Wilson had three, P. J. Gay had two and Such had one. Vick had six hits in ten at-bats for a tourney average of .600. His earned run average for the two six-inning games he hurled was 0.50.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1968

Battle For Little League Title Tonight

Dallas, Sanford In Finals

By RANDY SAIN

Dallas Optimist and the Sanford All-Stars will battle for the Little League State championship tonight after breezing through the semifinal round with little difficulty Thursday night at Kiwanis Park.

Sanford slammed six home runs and Junior Such threw an abbreviated no-hitter, due to the score, to clobber Washington, 12-0, in five innings. Dallas collected only three hits, but cashed in on them to whip Greensboro, 6-0.

In the opening game, Dallas used sharp base running and played heads up defense to edge the tough Greensboro squad. Dallas picked up a pair of runs in the first frame, added three tallies in the third inning and a single run in the fifth.

Brent Hoyle opened up the first for Dallas with a walk. After two quick outs and a wild pitch, Hoyle was on second. Jimmy Thornburg followed with a single, scoring Hoyle. Thornburg advanced to second on the throw to the plate, took third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball.

Leadoff Man Walks

Aaron Pasour walked in the third to lead off for Dallas and Greensboro hurler Mike Elks issued a walk to Gary Edlson and hit Jeff Withers with a pitch. Elks walked Thornburg, forcing in Pasour, and Jerry Ratchford followed with a single, scoring Edlson and Withers.

Relief pitcher Jerry Cook served up a home run ball to Thornburg, who blasted the pitch over the lights in center-field for the final Dallas score. Withers went the distance for

Dallas, allowing five hits, fanning two and issuing only one walk. Elks absorbed the loss for Greensboro.

Such fanned the first 13 batters he faced, but ran into a wild streak in the fifth, walking two and hitting a batter, but catcher Pat Stewart preserved the whitewash and no-hitter. Stewart tagged one Washington runner out trying to steal home and threw one out trying to take second to end the game.

Five-Run Fourth

Sanford picked up two runs in the opening frame, added four tallies in the second inning, a lone run in the third and five runs in the fourth inning.

David Vick slammed a one-out, two-run homer in the opening frame after P. J. Gay singled. Gay followed in the second frame with a home run after Stewart singled and Johnny Wilson smashed the third home run of the game behind Donnie Oldham, who had reached base on an error.

Gay rapped his second round-tripper of the game in the third inning. Vick slammed his fourth homer of the series in the fourth

inning. Wilson walked and pitcher Such got in on the act by rapping the final homer of the night. Monty Austin reached base on an error, Steve Atkinson singled and Melvin McLoud doubled, scoring Austin and Atkinson.

Such whiffed 13 batters and walked two in picking up the victory. Starter Hal Nickols suffered the loss for Washington.

Neither Dallas nor Sanford has allowed a run in the tournament thus far. Both teams will be throwing their ace hurlers, Jimmy Thornburg of Dallas and David Vick of Sanford. The game is scheduled at seven o'clock.

FIRST GAME

Score by innings:

Greensboro 000 000-0 5 2

Dallas 203 01x-6 3 0

Elks (L), Cook (3) and Staley; Withers and Culberson.

SECOND GAME

Score by innings:

Washington 000 00-0 0 0

Sanford 241 5x-12 13 0

Nickols (L), Akin (2), Moore (4) and Akin, Modlin (2); Such and Stewart.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1968

Vick Hurls One-Hitter, Hits 2 Homers Sanford Routs Fayetteville

By RANDY SAIN

Sanford hurler, David Vick, fired a one-hitter and belted two home runs, one a grand slam, to lead his team over Fayetteville, 8-0, while Washington rallied in the final inning to edge Asheboro, 5-4, in the Little League state tournament Wednesday night at Kiwanis Park.

Vick and his teammates halted Fayetteville's chances to advance to the semifinals in the second inning and added a pair of insurance runs in the third and broke the game open in the fifth frame with five runs.

The lanky righthander allowed only two baserunners, on a single and a base on balls, while fanning a tournament high of 15. Vick whiffed seven straight Fayetteville batters in one string.

In the top of the second frame, Junior Such collected a single after the first out and Monty Austin followed with a double, placing runners on first and third. Jim Akinson punched a single to rightfield, permitting Such to score what proved to be the winning run.

Homers With Man On

P. J. Gay started the Sanford uprising in the third with a walk but was forced out at second by Donnie Oldham. Vick strolled to bat and slammed a home run over the centerfield fence to up the lead to 3-0.

Pat Stewart reached base on an error to lead off the fifth for Sanford. Gay slashed a single to place runners on first and second before Oldham filled the bases with a fielder's choice. Vick belted the first pitch for

a grand slam homer.

Fayetteville removed starter Mike Maxson and put in Richard Strong. Johnny Wilson greeted Strong with a home run down the rightfield line.

Vick collected two home runs and six runs batted in and Such managed two singles to pace Sanford at the plate. Mark Ralledge broke up Vick's bid for a no-hitter in the fifth with a single.

Two-Run Sixth

In a nip and tuck battle, Washington picked up two runs in the top of the sixth to squeeze by Asheboro, District I champions.

Asheboro jumped to a 2-0 lead in the second and Washington cut in to 2-1 in the third and went ahead by one in the fourth before Asheboro added two in the fifth and took a temporary lead of 4-3 before Washington's final surge.

In the second frame, Ricky Bonkemeyer led off for Asheboro with a double off the fence. After a quick out, Mike Mize reached first on an error with Bonkemeyer moving to third. Mize stole second and Grayland Brown singled allowing Bonkemeyer and Mize to score.

Doug Akin led off with a home run for Washington in the third to chop the Asheboro lead in half.

Pitcher Dennis Modlin reached first on an error to open the fourth for Washington. Wayne Watkins followed with a double scoring Modlin. Watkins stole third and scored on an error by

the Asheboro second baseman.

Score Two Runs

Gerald Lamb reached first on an error for Asheboro in the fifth and Len Barnes doubled to place runners on second and third before Bonkemeyer singled to right, scoring Lamb and Barnes.

Modlin led off with a single in the sixth for Washington and Watkins followed with a single placing runners on first and second. Donnie Haddock moved the runners up with a grounder down the first base line and Joel Moore rapped a single to left scoring Modlin and Watkins.

Watkins collected three hits and Modlin added two safeties to pace the Washington hitters. Barnes and Bonkemeyer pounded out two hits to lead Asheboro.

Modlin went the distance for Washington, while Jeff Davis absorbed the loss.

Dallas faces Greensboro in the six o'clock contest and Sanford meets Washington at eight o'clock in tonight's semifinal round.

FIRST GAME

Score by innings:
Sanford 012 050-880
Fayetteville 000 000-011
Vick and Stewart; Maxson (L), Strong (5) and Phinney.

SECOND GAME

Score by innings:
Washington 001 202-573
Asheboro 020 020-473
Modlin and Akin; Davis and Barnes.