Coke and Pepsi take LTHL wins

Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola were the winners in Jaycee Little Tar Heel League action Friday night at Dalrymple Park.

In the first game, Coke scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take a 6-4 win over Twin City.

Coke scored three runs in the first inning to take a 3-0 lead. Jeffrey Batchelor led off with a walk, but Tim Levick popped up. Greg McIver and Scott Fowler then hit back-to-back home runs to account for the scoring.

Twin City came up with two runs in the second to make the score 3-2. Fred VonCanon walked and Tim Easterling doubled. Robin Williams then doubled to score both runs. They tied the score 3-3 in the top of the fourth, as Keller Norman walked, went to second on an error, and scored on a base hit by Mike Elliott.

Coke took a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the inning, as Scott Fowler reached base on a throwing error, went to second on a fielder's choice, stole third, and scored on a throwing error by the catcher. Twin City tied the score in the top of the sixth on a base hit by Mike Elliott after two walks.

The soft drink boys came right back in the bottom of the inning to win the game. With one out, Greg McIver singled and then Scott Fowler slammed a towering home run over the left field fence.

Greg McIver, Scott Fowler and Kenny Johnson each had two hits to pace the winning attack, while Marvin Taylor and Terry Collins each got one hit. For the losers, Mike Elliott had two hits, and Robin Williams, Barry Crump, and Tim Easterling each added one.

In the second game, Pepsi Cola jumped out to a big lead and then had to score a run in the seventh inning to take a 12-11 win over Roberts Company.

Roberts Company scored three runs in the second inning to take a 3-0 lead. Rodney Jones had a two-run homer and Roderick Waddell got a run scoring double in the inning.

Pepsi came right back with five runs in the third inning to take a 5-3 lead. They used five base hits and three errors to score the runs. Randy Harden, Ricky Palmer, Mickey Phillips, Brian Robinson, and Jim Love all had base hits in the inning.

Roberts scored one run in the bottom of the third on a singled by Reggie Petty and a double by Rodney Jones to make the score 5-4, but Pepsi came up with two runs in the top of the fourth. They used an error and doubles by Jim Love and Henry Graham to score the runs.

Pepsi scored one run in the top of the fifth on a walk to Lee Hollis and a double by Randy Harden. Roberts came right back with a run in the bottom of the inning.

Pepsi scored three runs in the top of the sixth on a three-run homer by Henry Graham to take an 11-6 lead, but Roberts scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie the score. They used three walks, two hit batters, three errors, and one hit to score the runs. The only hit in the inning was a grand slam homer by Rodney Jones.

Pepsi pushed across the winning run in the top of the seventh. Ryan Palmer reached base on an error by the shortstop, went to second on a passed ball, moved to third on a ground out, and came in to score on a sacrifice fly by Randy Harden.

Henry Graham, Randy Harden, and Jim Love all had three hits to pace the winning attack. Mickey Phillips added two hits, while Brian Robinson and Ricky Palmer each had one. For the losers, Rodney Jones had three hits, while Roderick Waddell, Mark Maddox, Reggie Petty, Tony Cheek, and Tim Wyatt each added one.

Coke tops Roberts in Jaycee opener

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Coca Cola exploded for 12 runs in the last two innings to take a 13-5 win over Roberts Company in the opening game of the Jaycee Little Tar Heel League at Dalrymple Park Monday night.

The games was played following opening ceremonies for the league. Jaycee League president Ricky Wilkie welcomed the players and spectators and then Jimmy Gaines of the Recreation Department introduced the players and coaches. Reverend Gilbert McDowell gave the invocation and then Wilkie threw out the first pitch.

Roberts Company scored five runs in the bottom of the second inning to take a 5-0 lead. Rodney Jones walked, Kenneth Phillips singled and John Larson singled to load the bases. Three walks and base hits by Roderick Waddell and Tony Cheek scored the runs.

The score was still 5-0 until Coca Cola came up with six runs in the bottom of the fifth. David Gladden and Jeffrey Batchelor got base hits and Tim Lovick doubled to score Gladden. Greg McIver then hit a three-run homer to make the score 5-4. Scott Fowler and Bert McDowell singled and Reid Conway was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Fowler scored on a ground out and McDowell scored on a sacrifice fly.

Coke tallied seven more runs in the sixth to make the final score 13-5. The soft drink boys used six hits, two walks, and three Roberts Company errors to score the runs.

Coke pounded out 15 hits in taking the wit. Tim Lovick and Scott Fowler each had three hits to pace the winning attack. Jeffrey Batchelor, Greg McIver, Berl McDowell, and David Gladden each added two hits, while Marvin Taylor had one.

Roberts Company collected six hits for the night, with Roderick Waddell, Mark Maddox, Tony Cheek, Kenneth Phillips, John Larson, and Bobby Bowers each getting one hit.

David Gladden, who came on in relief of Scott Fowler, was the winning pitcher. He gave up only one hit in the three innings that he worked. Rodney Jones was the losing pitcher.

Action resumes in the league Wednesday night, with two games being played at Dalrymple Park. Heins plays Twin City and Roberts Company plays Long Meadow.

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