

RUTHERFORD WEEKLY SPORTS



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Post 423 Under .500 at the Break

With all of Post 423's players back following East Rutherford's bid for another baseball state title, Rutherford County was hoping for nothing worse than a 5-6 mark before the break. Instead, they split the final four games of last week and sit 4-7 on the season.

Cameron Wilkins tossed a two-hitter from the mound and Rutherford County got it's first shutout of the season, winning 10-0 in seven innings, last Tuesday.

Ben Morris led the team with three hits and three RBI in the win. Nick Houser pushed two runs across and Danny Fraga had two hits and an RBI. Dylan Parris, Dylan Hipp, and Jared Allen all had an RBI each in the contest.

The following night, Rutherford County was shutout for the first time all season by Asheville. Dale Innes struckout 16 Post 423 batters and won 3-0.

Mark McFarland and Jared Allen led Post 423 with a homer each and account for a combined six hits in the 13-9 win against Hendersonville on Thursday.

On Friday, it was time to take a swing at powerhouse, Cherryville. Post 423 was up 4-1 in the late innings, but a couple of untimely fielding errors allowed Bobby Reynolds Cherryville club back into things. Eventually, Cherryville took a 5-4 win at McNair Field.

Rutherford County will get back to diamond with three league games left Tuesday the 21st at Cherryville.

They will finish the regular season at McNair against Burke and Caldwell on Weds and Friday of that week. They also have two games to make up as well during that period because weather postponed those contests.

The Forest City Owls stand at 6-6 so far this season. After starting out 1-3, they have won five of their last eight games.

In Gaston County, former Chase Trojan, Tyler White

is playing well for the Gastonia Grizzlies, the Owls close Coastal Plain League rival. White is hitting .378 in 12 games so far this season. On top of that, the rising junior at Western Carolina University has 17 hits, five doubles and eight RBI this summer.

One of my favorite times of the year comes up this weekend, the college world series. Five of the eight teams in are from the Atlantic Coast or Southeastern Conference.

From the ACC, North Carolina advance by beating the always tough Cardinals of Stanford in two games during the Super Regionals. Virginia downed U-C Urvine in three games to represent the ACC.

Florida, Vanderbilt and the defending champs, South Carolina all come from the SEC.

*California and Texas are the other two that are definitely going to Omaha this weekend. Florida Sate, who could have been the third team from the ACC, lost at home to Texas A&M on Monday to end the season.

It's hard to believe that with all the talent the Miami Heat had this season, that they lost in the NBA finals. After making things look easy for most of the playoffs, Lebron James and Dwayne Wade couldn't deliver at the end of 2011's quest for championship. The Heat collapsed defensively in two games, but Dirk Nowitzki was unstoppable in the clutch. Nowitzki hit incredibly tough shots throughout the series and averaged 26 points before Dallas went onto collect it's first NBA title. It's official, Dallas Maverick owner, Mark Cuban will never shut up after this happened.

Maybe even more odd to believe, the Braves have won six games in a row. While they have the group to make some noise this season, the-never-know-what-you-are-going-to-get-Braves have come alive lately. They lead the wildcard race and are two games back of the National League East leading Phillies. Mind you, there are still 80-plus games left in the season.

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