

Week of Monday, July 22, 2024

The best-laid plans sometimes go awry and that was the case on Monday as some much-needed rainfall resulted in the cancellation of the scheduled non-conference Clayton League match-up between the Henderson County Older Sluggers and the Upstate SC 68+ team.

Although the rain has continued to fall periodically, it did not deter the show from going on Wednesday, July 24th, as the mixed 60+ squad hosted the Burnsville Bears at Jackson Park. We need to give a shout out to the grounds crew at Henderson County Parks and Rec. for prepping the field and making it playable for the game. The mixed 60+ Sluggers coached by Bud Bonnema were sponsored this week by **Outshine Physical Therapy and Sports Performance LLC**. Our on-the-scene reporter John Musser reported that the crowd was lightly populated. In game one, the Sluggers sported a 0.581 team batting average recording 25 hits in 43 at-bats as they rolled over the Bears 16-4. Dwight Moore was the winning pitcher. Leading the way at the plate with perfect days were Steve Strusowski and Bud Bonnema each with 4-4 outings that included a pair of doubles. Helping out were Tom Welbourn (2-3 with a triple), Joe Fishleigh (3-4), and Dwight Moore (2-3).

Game two proved to be a nip-and-tuck affair that went to extra innings before the Sluggers were able to prevail by a score of 8-7. The team batting average for Henderson County dropped to 0.556 and no one was perfect at the plate. However, offensive contributions came from Don Chambers (3-4), Bud Bonnema (3-4 with a double), Roger Helm (2-3 with a triple and a walk), Joe Fishleigh (2-3), and Gary Ayers (2-3). Don Chambers picked up the win on the mound. With the pair of wins the mixed 60+ team ran their record to 12-2 on the year. A big thank you goes out to Rachel Kane for keeping the scorebook. She could be the only person in the league who has not made an error this year. Also, kudos to our on-the-scene reporter John Musser for furnishing the details for this report. John's report was two pages long and is currently being developed into a two-act comedy that will be appearing soon at a theater near you.

Next week's schedule has two teams in action although once again the weatherman could intervene based upon the current forecast. On Monday, the Henderson County Older Sluggers will travel to Tyger, Georgia to play three five-inning games against the North Georgia Patriots in Clayton League action. On Wednesday, the mixed 70+ Sluggers will make the trek to Sandy Andrews Memorial Park in Marion, NC to battle the High Country 70+ team from Boone.

The Henderson County Senior Softball League is always looking for new players aged 50 and older (35 and older for ladies). Regular league games are normally played on Monday and Friday mornings at 9:30 on fields 8 and 9 at Jackson Park in Hendersonville. For additional information call 828-260-2130 or go to Henderson County Senior Softball at <https://hcssoftball.com>.