

2022 North Carolina
American Legion
State Tournament

Campbell University
Tuesday, August 26 (Day 1)



Wilmington 4, Queen City 1

In the first inning Korbin Pettigrew scored for a 1-0 lead for Wilmington. An rbi double by Bennett McNeill made it 2-0 when Connor Kane scored in the bottom of the fourth. Then in the sixth inning, a pair of two-out walks led to Connor Marren's 2-rbi single and a 4-0 lead.

In their last at bat, Queen City started with a single by Russell Golembe who advanced to third on a 1-out double by Jayden Singleton. A Tyler Roarkes ground ball for the second out drove in Golembe for a 4-1 score and the inning continued when Collin Poole was hit by a pitch but Queen City was not able to get any closer.

Five players had single hits for each team. Ben Whitehurst pitched five and-a-third innings for the win while William Hanson worked four innings and took the loss.

Pitt County 5, Rowan County 2 (11 innings)

Pitt County's Cole Watkins drove in Perry Eveleth for an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning only for Rowan County take the lead on a two-run home run by Blake Hill in the bottom of the inning. That was the score when weather brought on a lengthy delay with one out and a Pitt runner on in the top of the seventh.

When play resumed, Watkins singled to join Grayson Myrick on the base paths and Andrew Wallen drove in Myrick on a sacrifice fly to tie the game 2-2 and, after holding Rowan scoreless in the bottom of the seventh, send the game to extra innings.

In the eleventh, a single by Cam Greenway and a walk for Elijal Bonner set Watkins up for his third hit of the game - a three-run home run - for the final runs of the game as Pitt held on for the day one win.

Cole Watkins was 3-for-5 with 4 rbi for Pitt County including a home run and a double. Rowan County got the homer from Blake Hill, a triple by Matthew Connolly and doubles by Cole Johnson and McCall Henderson. Dawson Ables got the win for Pitt County. Alex Hagler took the loss for Rowan.

Cherryville 6, Hope Mills 4

The third game of the day was scheduled for 4:30 but a nearly hour long weather delay in the 11 inning second game, followed by another delay before warm-ups between games, meant a start time of 7:11.

Scoreless until the fourth inning, Spencer Perez scored on a single by Caleb Shinn and Shinn scored on a groundout by Donovan Whitfield for a 2-0 Hope Mills lead in the top of the inning. Cherryville's first two batters in the bottom of the fourth reached on errors and Cole Irby and Ashton Pope both scored on hits by Landon Jenkins and William Blackburn to tie the game. Jenkins scored the go-ahead run when Reid Stroupe was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Caleb Holland drove in Jacob Patawaran to tie the game at 3-3 in the top of the sixth but Cherryville responded with three runs – Blackburn on a wild pitch, Stroupe on a sacrifice fly and Collin Robinson stole home.

Ethan Weinand scored the final run for Hope Mills on a wild pitch in the seventh.

Joseph Webb got the complete game win for Cherryville giving up four runs on six hits with one walk and eleven strikeouts.

Robert Spatorico was the second of three pitchers for Hope Mills and took the loss giving up three runs (1 er) on three hits in an inning and two-thirds.

Randolph County vs Fuquay-Varina

Robert Garner collected the win allowing four hits and a walk with six strikeouts before giving way to Tatum Marsh with one out in the seventh inning. Marsh walked one and struck out two in a game delayed until a 9:50 start.

Adam Cole had two hits, Tanner Marsh doubled with two rbi, Josh Meadows had a triple and Randolph County got single hits from Braylen Hayes and Blake Marsh.

Billy Waldron had two hits for Fuquay-Varina with single hits by Brock Wills and Mac Gillespie. Chase Chaplin pitched five innings and took the loss. Bryce Dail worked the final two innings in the game which ended at 11:58 pm.