

2022 North Carolina
American Legion
State Tournament

Campbell University
Friday, August 29 (Semi-finals)



Queen City 6, Randolph County 1

In the program's first ever appearance in the State Championship Tournament, Queen City jumped in front early and advanced to championship Saturday with the semi-final win over Randolph County.

Thomas Jones and Aiden Christmas scored on a double by Owen Williams who later scored on a double by Jayden Singleton for a first inning 3-0 lead for the Mustangs.

Queen City added two more runs in the second inning when Jones doubled in William Santucci and later scored on a wild pitch.

Randolph County had opportunities but didn't push across a run until Braylen Hayes scored on a ground out by Trey Way in the bottom of the sixth.

The Mustangs scored in the top of the seventh when Russell Golembe crossed the plate on a passed ball.

William Hanson got the complete game win for Queen City with one run on four hits, three walks, a hit batter and three strikeouts.

Blake Marsh pitched into the second inning and took the loss. Tatum Marsh and Braylen Hayes followed on the mound for Randolph County.

Wilmington 14, Fuquay-Varina 4 (6 innings)

Wilmington scored in all six innings but put the game out of reach by scoring half of their total in the third.

Two walks and a single in the bottom of the first inning set up Wilmington to score twice with Coleton Norris and Bennett McNeill scoring on ground balls by the next two batters. Post 10 added a third run in the second when Connor Marren scored on an error.

Fuquay-Varina got right back in the game with three runs of their own in the top of the third. Four straight hits to start the inning, including a double by Chanley Hegeman and a triple by Bryce Willis which drove in Regan Bernard and Hegeman were followed by a Mac Gillespie hit that scored Willis and the game was tied 3-3.

That didn't last long however, as Wilmington batters coaxed three walks to load the bases with no outs in the bottom of the third. Post 116 pitching seemed to recover with two straight outs but the third out proved to be elusive. Wilmington batters drew three more walks, a Jason Culley single and a double by Logan Ponnett to total seven runs in the inning and take a 10-3 lead to the fourth.

Wilmington added single runs in the fourth (passed ball) and fifth (wild pitch) while Fuquay-Varina scored a run in the fifth on a Michael Venditti sacrifice fly for a 12-4 score going to the sixth.

Post 10 ended the game in the bottom of the sixth inning by the ten-run rule when Jaxson Croom scored on a one-out single by Logan Ponnett and Ponnett scored on a two-out triple by Spencer Nolan.

Ponnett was 3-for-3 at the plate with a double, four rbi, three runs and two walks. Six other Wilmington batters had one hit apiece.

Fuquay-Varina recorded eight hits with two each by Hegeman, Willis, Gillespie and Bernard.

Tanner Collins pitched the complete game win for Wilmington allowing four runs on eight hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

Starter Joseph Taylor took the loss for Post 116 giving up eight runs (7 er) on two hits with seven walks and three strikeouts. Bryce Dail and Andon Swartz also saw time on the mound.