

ACC Boosts District 29 Hopes With Win

s As Bulldogs Surprise Norman, Pembroke, 7-0

Formichella in the eighth.

Pembroke State ignited the Bulldogs' endeavors against Norman with four miscues which led to four unearned markers. But, in addition to the seven hits, ACC batters made solid contact all night. Sophomore catcher Donnie Koontz and electrifying centerfielder Mike Harrison led the way with a pair of hits each. Sophomore first baseman Will Flowers singled against Norman and doubled off Formichella.

Arthur was blessed with an unexpected one-run cushion in the opening frame. The fleet Harrison legged out an infield hit. The senior flyhawk stole second and raced to third on a passed ball. Norman, slightly shaken, uncorked a wild pitch

which allowed Harrison to score.

Pembroke State had its chances in the early going and, when it did not capitalize, Arthur got tougher in the middle innings with a blazing fastball and dipping curve.

Koontz also contributed defensively by cutting down runners attempting to steal in both the second and third innings.

In the first, Tim Hawkes walked with one out and Randy Leford singled him to third with two down. However, Arthur retired Wayne Sisco on a pop fly to second base. Mike Johnson singled to open the second but his courtesy runner was thrown out. The next batter walked before Arthur retired the next two batters.

Then, with two down in the fourth, Arthur yielded a walk and single in succession but got Rick Rickman to bounce into a force play. The Bulldogs' lefty then did not yield another hit until Wayne Pyrtle singled with two out in the eighth. ACC's defense, which did not commit an error until the eighth, bailed Arthur out of this jam with a brilliantly-turned double play.

By then, Arthur was coasting on a 5-0 cushion. ACC tagged Norman for three unearned runs in the fifth. Koontz doubled with one out and Sherwood Driver reached on an error. Flowers' infield hit filled the sacks.

Harrison bounced into a force play but the Braves' shortstop rushed his throw in attempts to double off Harrison and two

Bulldogs scored on the wild relay. Pat Williams then singled home Harrison.

ACC could do little wrong and got to Norman for another run in the seventh on a walk to Flowers, a single by Harrison and a line drive sacrifice fly by Chuck Finklea.

That was enough for Norman but not for the Bulldogs. They got to Formichella for two runs in the eighth with Driver executing the suicide squeeze and Flowers doubling home the final run.

Now the big issue was Arthur's shutout bid. It was placed in dire jeopardy in the ninth. Sisco led off with a single and Johnson was safe when Arthur threw wildly after fielding his routine bouncer back to the mound.

But, Arthur was not ready to forfeit his shutout ambitions though needing a diving catch by centerfielder Harrison of James

Jordan's bloop for the first out. However, that was just the break Arthur needed as he retired Tom Arrington on a foul pop to Koontz and whiffed Mike Welborn.

The perfect climax to a perfect evening.

PEMBROKE STATE (6)

	AB	R	H	RBI
Callahan, 3b-2b	4	0	0	0
Hawkes, rf	3	0	0	0
Pyrtle, lb	4	0	2	0
Leford, lf	4	0	1	0
Sisco, dh	4	0	1	0
Johnson, c	2	0	1	0
Oxendine, cf	2	0	1	0
Jordan, cf	1	0	0	0
Rickman, ss	3	0	0	0
Arrington, ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Swift, 2b	2	0	0	0
Welborn, ph-ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	0	6	0

ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN (7)

	AB	R	H	RBI
Harrison, cf	4	2	2	1
Williams, 2b	4	0	1	1
Finklea, dh	3	0	0	1
L. Moser, lf	4	0	0	0
H. Moser, ss	3	1	0	0
Winstead, rf	4	0	1	0
Koontz, c	3	2	0	0
Driver, 3b	3	1	0	1
Flowers, lb	3	1	2	1
Totals	31	7	8	5

Score by innings:
Pembroke State 000 000 000—0
Atlantic Christian 100 030 12x—7

E — Rickman 3, Norman, Formichella, Jordan, H. Moser, Arthur.
DP — Pembroke State, Atlantic Christian. LOB — Pembroke State 9, Atlantic Christian 4. 2B — Koontz. SB — Harrison, Finklea. S — Driver. SF — Finklea.

IP H R ER BB SO
Norman (L, 5-3) 7 7 5 1 1 9
Formichella 1 1 2 0 0 0
D. Arthur (W, 1-1) 9 6 0 0 4 8
WP — Norman, D. Arthur. PB — Johnson. HBP — H. Moser (Formichella).