### AC Loses 8-2. Wins 2-1

# Wade Johnson 'Rescues' AC Batters With 4-Hitter

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Atlantic Christian College managed only four hits — all singles — in its doubleheader with St. Andrews here Tuesday, but fortunately Wade Johnson was around to prove that a good right arm is worth more than a hot afternoon at the plate.

After St Andrews bombed AC's Ronnie Johnson and Dee Glover for 10 hits and nine walks in winning the opener 8-2. Wade came back with a nifty four - hit. 2-1 victory in the second game to earn the Bulldogs a twin bill split and their first baseball victory of the season.

#### Two Hitters

St. Andrews, a team which looks better than its 2-10 record, must have thought the Bulldogs left their hitting bats in the dugout as the Knights received two-hit pitching in both games. In fact, right-hander Stu Dodson was working on a no-hitter in the opener until AC cracked back-to-back singles in the sixth inning.

In the second game, Gary Miller and Mike Peters combined for a two-hitter, but Wade Johnson's own mound heroics offset their effort.

"I can't feel too badly." sighed AC's Coach Jim Pfohl. "Getting only four hits in two games and winning one of them isn't bad."

#### Pitching Praised

Pfohl praised the pitching of W. Johnson, but he wasn't upset with R Johnson's effort either.

"Ronnie was simply throwing the ball too high." said Pfohl, "and I think a major reason for that was because the mound didn't have enough slope. It's a new mound and this is the first time (anyone's pitched on it."

Obviously, Ronnie and Glover, a Black Creek native who

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pitched two and two-thirds innings in relief, managed to get the mound in shape. Nothing seemed to bother W. Johnson.

#### Unearned Run

The only run off the quickthrowing right - hander came in the first inning and it was unearned. He settled down and allowed only three well - spaced hits the rest of the way.

AC. which scored in the fourth inning on Dennis Hedgepeth's single after Vic Camechis had walked, didn't get the clincher until the sixth inning. Again Camechis walked — for the third time in the game. The little second baseman then

stole second and raced home when Ronnie Pace singled to right

Concerning his ream's hitting — or lack or hitting — Pfohl said. "We're going to break loose and hit somebody to death The fellows aren't hitting that poorly. Strikeouts are rare and most of the time we're hitting the ball well, but nothing is dropping in for hits."

Thursday would be a good time for AC's bats to come alive as the Bulldogs, now 1-3, travel to Buies Creek to play Campbell in a nonconference game."