Keowee senior softball team wins 2 of 3 games

Staff Repots

GWINNETT, Ga. — Lake Keowee's senior softball team played three teams on Saturday in a round robin competition in Gwinnett, Ga., and took two of three games.

Keowee (3-3) opened the competition strong in game one against the Augusta (Ga.) Triumphs, leading 16-5 going into the seventh before scoring 11 seventh inning runs for a runaway 27-5 win. Roger Jackson went 4-of-4 in the opening game of the day for Keowee.

Keowee stayed hot in its second outing against the Georgia Nuggets, opening the game with three consecutive home runs from Gene Fehler, John Wagner and Dennis Bausman before taking an 11-9 lead going into the fourth inning.

But in a game shortened to six innings due to a time limit, the Nuggets scored nine unanswered runs for the 18-11 victory.

The final game of the day proved to be the closest, as Keowee beat the Georgia Classics by a score of 12-8 in five innings in a game that was again shortened by a time limit.

Keowee's infield turned a pair of double plays in the win, giving them eight on the day in 17 innings in the field.

For the afternoon, Keowee was led by the power punch of Wagner (9-of-11, a double, three home runs and nine RBIs) and Bruce Letner (7-of-9, four triples, a home run and seven RBIs.)

Also leading the way for Keowee were Willie Galarza (8-of-11 with two triples), Larry Gabe (7-of-9 with two triples), Fehler (7-of-11 with two doubles and a home run), Jim Lamarand (6-of-8 with a sacrifice fly, a double, a triple and a home run), while Ray Nault and Joel Allan each had six hits.

Don Borth added a home run for Keowee, while Bill Shimel had double and a triple.

Keowee will be in action again on Thursday, when it will host a doubleheader against Hendersonville, N.C. at Nettles Park in Clemson.