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## ***Erwin knocks off Roberson in overtime to win first-ever North Carolina Passing League event***

*The host school topped a field of 19 teams to win first-ever NCPL event on Saturday, June 30*

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**ASHEVILLE, NC** – Erwin beat Roberson, 21-15, in overtime to win the first-ever North Carolina Passing League event at John G. Kerr Stadium in Asheville. After going 3-0 and scoring 101 points, Erwin earned the top-seed in the single-elimination championship round. Erwin won the title with wins over East Burke (19-8) in the quarterfinals and a 17-14 victory over Chase in the semifinals.

Roberson went 2-1 in pool play and knocked off Bunker Hill (25-6), Shelby (19-8), and Swain County (24-14) to advance to the championship game.

The North Carolina Passing League hosted 19 teams in the first-ever event with four out-of-area teams, joining 15 local schools. Those teams will compete against the western North Carolina teams in pool play, but will play a separate double-elimination round for an out-of-area title. Those out-of-area teams will be announced at a later date.

The North Carolina Passing League is a non-contact seven-on-seven high school football tournament that will feature teams from throughout the company's recruiting territory in western North Carolina. The NCPL will utilize Erwin's turf field and a secondary natural-grass playing surface to host as many as 49 games during the single-day event.

Each team will play three games in pool play to determine the seeding for the single-elimination championship round. The U.S. Army's title sponsorship of the NCPL ensures that teams will not be charged to participate in the event.

The NCPL is a traditional seven-on-seven non-contact passing league played on a shortened field with only passing plays from the line of scrimmage. The game features quarterbacks, wide receivers, running backs, and defensive backs, giving them an opportunity to sharpen their skills in a fun, competitive atmosphere.

All football-playing public and private high schools in the U.S. Army Asheville Recruiting Company are invited to participate in the NCPL. The recruiting territory includes the following counties in western North Carolina: Alexander; Avery; Buncombe; Caldwell; Catawba; Cherokee; Clay; Cleveland; Graham; Haywood; Henderson; Jackson; Macon; Madison; McDowell; Mitchell; Polk; Rutherford; Swain; Transylvania; Watauga; and Yancey.

High schools interested in participating should contact Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570 or via e-mail at [ncpl@TheSportsFlash.com](mailto:ncpl@TheSportsFlash.com) or Erwin head football coach Mike Sexton at (828) 215-8110. For additional information, please visit the official NCPL web site at

[www.TheSportsFlash.com/NCPL](http://www.TheSportsFlash.com/NCPL). At the site, visitors can learn about the latest regarding the NCPL, download the official rules of play, and registration forms.

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The United States Passing League (USPL) will manage the North Carolina Passing League for the U.S. Army Asheville Recruiting Company. Since 2010, the USPL has managed passing league campaigns in Maryland; North Carolina; Pennsylvania; and South Carolina. The USPL is a marketing platform managed by "The Sports Flash" (TSF) Radio Network. TSF Radio Network provides local, customized sports updates to 179 network affiliates in 13 different states while managing unique sports marketing campaigns for many organizations. For more information about the USPL, NCPL, or other marketing campaigns managed by TSF Radio Network, contact Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570.

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