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SPORTS

Ecusta Softballers
Finish
In First Place

All season long, the two top positions in the WNC Baseball League have been occupied by Enka and Ecusta and the only thing unfavorable for us about that set-up is that Enka has been on top and we have been in second place. Ecusta will have an opportunity to make some changes when the two powers clash at Camp Sapphire Saturday afternoon, August 28 at 3:30 p. m. Mark that date on your calendar as it will be one of the top attractions of the season.

It will be the third meeting of the clubs. Ecusta won the first battle, 13-11, and Enka took the second game by a tight 3-2 score. The game at Camp Sapphire on August 28 will be the rubber match and the biggest crowd of the season is expected.

Rain and polio cut into the scheduled games during the latter part of July and the first of August, but in the three games played through August 8, Ecusta was victorious in all of them. Ecusta was not pushed in any of the three tilts, beating Berkeley 12-4, Hazelwood 9-6, and Clearwater 12-6. Featuring the games was the continued smooth pitching of Grover Suttles and the hard hitting of his mates. Our men have had sharp batting eyes all season and opposing hurlers have felt the power of the Ecusta bats.

FOUR ECUSTANS ON WNC LOOP ALL-STAR TEAM

When and if the WNC League All-Star game is played, Ecusta will have four representatives in the contest—Rusty Carland, David Sams, Jack Alexander, and Grover Suttles. The game was originally scheduled for August 11 at McCormick Field in Asheville, but was postponed because of the polio situation in Asheville until August 31.

Standings at the completion of the regular schedule of the Transylvania Softball League showed our Ecusta team firmly entrenched in first place with a record of twelve wins and two losses. The Shaughnessy playoff between the four top clubs of the league is now in progress and Ecusta will be favored to come through victoriously, although stiff competition will come from teams like Kiwanis and American Legion.

Highlight of the month was the sterling pitching performance turned in by Jim Griffin against Kiwanis. In this crucial game, Jim came through with a 4-1 victory and fanned 10 Kiwanis batsmen. By winning this battle, Ecusta took over first place in the league and continued to hold it by whipping Hobby and Sport in a later battle, 9-1, and Brevard Hardware, 18-6. The lone defeat of the month came at the hands of American Legion by a 9-3 tally.

Four men from Ecusta were on the Brevard All-Star team which participated in the district tournament at Canton the week of August 9. These men were Ed Allen, Marshall Loftis, Jim Griffin and Fritz Merrell. Burder Teague, another Ecustan, was also on the squad, as a representative of the American Legion team.

ECUSTA SOFTBALLERS IN WNC TOURNAMENT

Our Ecusta softball team, fresh from their playoff triumph in the Transylvania Softball League, is entered in the WNC Invitational Softball Tournament which was scheduled to be played on the local softball field August 23-28. The locals were to play the Elks Club from Asheville Monday night at 7:45 and the winner of that game will mix with the winner of the Dave Steel - Blue Ridge game Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.