

ECUSTA DROPS TO FOURTH PLACE

Our Ecusta baseballers dropped to fourth place in the W. N. C. League standings in the past five weeks as they only won four of ten games played. However the team has been playing a commendable brand of baseball as the scores indicate, with two of the last four contests lost being decided by the margin of two runs each while in the other two each were decided by one run.

After losing contests to Clearwater, Beacon and Berkeley on June 24, 28 and July 1, respectively our team bounced back in the win column by winning a double header over the Tryon club on July 4, before a record crowd of some 2,000.

Grover Frisbee pitched six hit ball to win the opening game 8 to 2 and big Jim Kilpatrick turned in a superb 2 hit pitching performance to annex the night cap by the score of 5 to 0.

On Tuesday, July 8, Grover Frisbee and Bill Trull of Enka staged a pitchers duel which Enka won by the score of two runs, which the Rayonites made in the opening inning of the game.

In the Clearwater encounter on Friday, July 11, the Clearwater Indians capitalized on a 4 run big seventh inning to defeat our team by the score of 4 to 3. On Tuesday, July 15, Ecusta dropped another close game to the Beacon Blanketeers by the score of 5 to 4.

However Ecusta fans who were lucky enough to be present, were treated to one of the best played games of the season by our Ecusta team on Saturday night, July 19, as our baseballers upset the league leading Berkeley team by a score of 2 to 0, at the Berkeley park. Our team jumped on Duncan for three hits and two runs in the first inning to lead the game all the way, After this it was a pitcher's duel between Frisbee and Duncan with Frisbee turning in a five hit one run performance while his teammates rapped out nine hits for two runs to gain the victory.

On Saturday, July 26, Ecusta continued to win, by defeating Enka 2 to 1. Grover Frisbee gave Enka one hit.

Our Ecusta team has seven important games between August 2 and 23, when the 1952 season comes to a close. Four of these contests will be home games and we want to urge all Ecustans and friends to come out and support the team which will be striving to maintain a berth among the



Top photo: Shown here is Ecusta's popular catcher Donald Brank, who is rated as one of the hardest working catchers in the W. N. C. League.

Bottom photo: Shown here is Ecusta's big righthanded pitcher, Jim Kilpatrick, who turned in a 2 hit 5 to 0 shutout performance over Tryon on Friday, July 4.



top four teams of the league in order to be eligible to play in the post season play-off series.

The post season series will be held between the top four clubs of the league at the close of the season.