



PLAY BALL!



Top Photo: Fritz Merrell, manager of our Ecusta baseball team shakes hands with Mark Ferguson, manager of the Beacon Mills team, prior to their opening game of the Industrial League's 1953 season. Looking on are: Base Umpire Harden, Mr. L. F. Dixon, Gil Coan of the Washington Senators, and Plate Umpire Bob Andrews. Lower photo: Mr. Dixon tosses in the first pitch of the season's opener. An onlooker reported that Mr. Dixon's pitch was a very fast, high out-curve.

ECUSTA WINS AS BASEBALL SEASON OPENS

Ecusta picked up single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to defeat Beacon Mills 2-1 as both teams opened their Industrial League baseball seasons on April 15. The game was limited to seven innings by agreement.

Beacon could solve the slants of Bill Byrd for only three hits while Ecusta reached Bill Anders for five. Anders fanned nine and Byrd whiffed eight.

Ecusta scored in the fourth when Tiger singled Johnson home from second. The winning run in the fifth was the result of bunched singles by Byrd, Drake, Miller and Johnson.

Gary Carter's double scored Anders to give Beacon its only run. Carter got two of the three Beacon hits.

BEACON				ECUSTA					
ab	r	h	a	ab	r	h	a		
Carter 2b	3	0	2	3	Drake lf	3	0	1	0
Burnett 3b	3	0	0	0	Miller rf	3	0	1	0
Bailey rf	3	0	0	0	Johnson 3b	2	1	1	0
Duncan c	3	0	0	1	Tiger cf	2	0	1	0
Ferguson cf	3	0	1	0	Bryson 2b	3	0	0	1
Fox ss	3	0	0	0	Banks 1b	3	0	0	0
Harper 1b	3	0	0	0	Compton ss	3	0	0	2
T. Stewart lf	2	0	0	0	Brank c	3	0	0	1
Anders p	2	1	0	3	Byrd p	2	1	1	0
TOTALS	25	1	3	7	TOTALS	24	2	5	4

BEACON	000	001	0-1
ECUSTA	000	110	0-2

E: Compton 2, Fox, Johnson; RBI: Tiger, Johnson, Carter; 2B: Carter; DP: Compton, Bryson to Banks. Left: Ecusta 6, Beacon 3. BB: Off Anders 2; SO: By Byrd 8, Anders 9; ER: Off Anders 1. Winner: Byrd. Loser: Anders. U: Andrews, Hardin.

W.N.C. INDUSTRIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE 1953 SCHEDULE

APRIL 29

Enka at Beacon	4:00
Ecusta at Berkeley	4:00

MAY 2

Beacon at Enka	2:30
Berkeley at Ecusta	3:30

MAY 6

Ecusta at Beacon	4:00
Berkeley at Enka	3:30

MAY 9

Beacon at Ecusta	3:30
*Enka at Berkeley	8:00

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MAY 13

Beacon at Berkeley	4:00
Enka at Ecusta	4:00

MAY 16

Berkeley at Beacon	3:00
Ecusta at Enka	3:00

MAY 20

Beacon at Enka	3:30
Berkeley at Ecusta	4:00