



So much was at stake in the crucial game with Enka on August 28 that an air of tenseness prevailed through the nine innings. With a victory, Ecusta stood a good chance of overtaking the leading Rayonites, but it just wasn't our day and Enka went home with a 5-3 decision

Above, Rex Randall, Enka pitcher, gets the well-known victory ride from his teammates. He was undefeated in league competition this year in eight games. Below, Randall moves fast to cover first and nips Ray Byrd in a close play. (Photos courtesy E. C. Moore, Enka Voice)

RAY BYRD'S .410 AVERAGE LEADS

Even though our Ecusta baseballers did not win the pennant in the WNC Industrial League this year, the season did provide some extraordinary achievements.

(1) Ray Byrd, popular, hard-working catcher, definitely proved that life begins at 40. He batted an amazing .410 to lead the league—and as fans here know, the league is studded with men who have played a high class of professional baseball, which adds all the more credit to Ray's performance.

(2) The team as a whole pounded the agate at

a .345 clip and had seven regulars batting over .300 for the season.

(3) Grover Suttles, our ace pitcher, built up a won and lost record of 14-2 for the season.

(4) The team had a record of 17 wins and four defeats in league play—a record that equalled the performance of the 1941 championship team.

All in all, it was an interesting season, chock full of good games and offering fans an excellent brand of baseball. Clean sportsmanship prevailed at all games and all Ecustans are proud of the splendid manner in which our team always conducted itself.