

# Long's Team Wins First Little League All-Star Game

## Hamilton's All-Stars Suffer 5-0 Defeat

The first Little League All-Star game to be played in Boone was held at College Field Monday afternoon before a crowd of approximately 200. Gary Long's All-Stars defeated "Radar" Hamilton's team by a score of 5-0.

Jimmy Deal and Bucky Suddreth pitched the Long All-Stars to the seventh inning victory with nine strikeouts and only five walks. Terry Beech and Lee Yates were the losing pitchers although between the two they managed to rack up 12 strikeouts and only two walks.

The lone extra base hit in the game was a double by Jimmy Deal in the second inning. He drove in two runs with a mammoth drive into right center-field.

The two teams of 15 boys each were selected by the coaches of the various teams in the Little League, organized only this season. The selection was made on the basis of ability, sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and age level. At least three boys came from each of the nine teams in the league. An extra boy from the first and second place teams (at the end of the season's play) were placed on the All-Star squads.

Broadcast over local radio station WATA, the game began at 4:02 and lasted an hour and 32 minutes. According to league director Jerry Daniels, the 77 degree temperature and cloudy skies provided "perfect" baseball weather.

The nine teams in the Little League finished the regular season in the following order: Blowing Rock I, Optimists, Jaycees, Watauga Savings, Lowe's, Blowing Rock II, Boone Drug, Northwestern Bank, and Wilcox Travel (Bamboo).

The All-Stars selected for the winning Gary Long team were David Hamilton, 13; Wayne Craig, 10; Bucky Suddreth, 12; and Mike Lentz, 11; all of Blowing Rock I;

Jimmy Deal, 12; Ronnie Reese, 12; Richard Storie, 12; and Claude Smith 19; all of the Jaycees; Jackie Lawrence, 13; Mike Norris, 10; and Buzz Hagaman, 8; of Watauga Savings.

George Hyler, 12; James Broyhill, 12; and Gary Jenkins, 12; of Blowing Rock II; and G. C. Trivette, 10, of Northwestern.

"Radar" Hamilton's team was composed of Harry Yates, 12; Mack Stroup and Lee Stroup, 13; and Gerald Brown, 11; of the Optimists; Lee Yates, 13; King Hill, 12; and Mark Richardson, 12; of Lowe's;

Larry Ford, 13; Virgil Greer, 12; and Randy Hart, 13; of Boone Drug; Donnie Miller, 9; and Gayle Scroggs, 9; of Northwestern Bank; and Sonny Cook, 11; Terry Beech, 12; and Eddie Trexler, 13; of Wilcox Travel (Bamboo).

Both Long and Hamilton are students at Appalachian State Teachers College.

**Score By Innings**  
Long's ..... 1 2 1 0 0 1 0—5  
Hamilton's ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0  
Umpires, Jerry Daniels and Everett Widener.

Following the first Little League All-Star game played Monday at College Field, league director Jerry Daniels stated that he and the coaches of the nine participating teams are "pleased with this year of Little League play."

He stated that he felt that the goals of having fun as well as learning more about the national pastime were accomplished.

"I would like to thank all of our sponsors," said the short man, a former athletic great at Appalachian State Teachers College. "I issue to them a challenge for like support in the future."

"Also I express my gratitude to the coaches, players, parents, and other volunteers who helped make this year a success."  
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LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS posed Monday afternoon at College Field, following the first All-Star game played in Boone. Gary Long's winning team is pictured on the front two rows. "Radar" Hamilton's team fills the third and fourth rows. The players and coaches are, first row (left to right), Coach Long, Buzz Hagaman, Mick Norris, Ronnie Reese, Jim Deal, Claude Smith, Richard Storey, and David Harmon. Second row, Jack Lawrence, G. C. Triplett, Mike Lentz, James

Broyhill, Gary Jenkins, George Hyler, and Wayne Craig. Third row, Don Miller, Lionel Turner, Lee Stroupe, Gerald Brown, Mack Stroupe, Harry Yates, Lee Yates, Terry Beach, Eddie Trexler, Gene Hill, Virgil Greer, and Coach Hamilton. Fourth row, Larry Ford, Randy Hart, Sonny Cook, and Gales Scroggs. Not pictured is Bucky Suddreth, the winning pitcher for the All-Star game.—Gaddy photos.

## Pony League Plans For 1963 Revealed By Optimist Official

Plans for the formation of a Pony League in Boone next year were revealed by David Spainhour, official of the Optimist Club, at the Little League All-Star game at College Field Monday afternoon.

Spainhour stated that such a league would include boys from ages 12 and a half years old to 15. "This would enable the larger boys to play in their own class," Spainhour said. "Too, it would protect the smaller boys (ages eight and nine) who now are playing against 12 year olds. The younger boys just don't have the coordination that the older boys have."

It was the Optimist Club that instigated plans this past year for the formation of the Little League program. Although unorganized baseball for the youth in Watauga county had been conducted during the past three years, it was not until this year that official, supervised baseball came to Boone.

Spainhour stated several weeks ago (Watauga Democrat, July 19) that the Optimist Club

had planned originally to have four or five teams of a dozen boys on each. Instead, the turnout was so great that seven teams of 15 boys had to be created. Two additional teams from Blowing Rock joined the league.

He said Monday that the support of civic groups and other interested persons was great enough to warrant the planning for an expanded program next year.

"We hope to be able to start the season much earlier next spring," he said.

The Pony League, if organized by next year, would more evenly distribute competition among the players, according to Spainhour. The young boys will play against the young boys; the older boys will play boys their own age, Spainhour said.

"This has been a wonderful first season," he added. "With continued support of the people of Boone, there is no reason why truly good baseball can not be brought to the youth of our community."

## "...All Was Gone But Silence, Memories"

There was an air of electrifying suspense at College Field Monday afternoon as two All-Star squads from the nine teams in the Little League came together in competition. The players, coaches, fans—even the umpires—came with the enthusiasm of a World Series sell-out crowd.

One small boy, obviously several years too young to be a Little Leaguer, practiced his "wind-up pitch" with his dad. With little brown shoes foot raised high in the air, the youngster would begin a throw which sometimes went straight to his father. Sometimes he missed. Once he even fell backwards. But always his pitch was followed by a smile.

Three teenage boys sat in the stands cheering wildly to

their buddies who "had made the All-Star squad."

One mother, whose pep-cry surpassed that of any cheerleader heard in the area within the last decade, kept her own "official" score card, between shouts of encouragement.

Bob Barnes and King Triplett, radio announcers for local station WATA, hovered in one section of the stands, broadcasting every move the players, coaches, and ump made.

One teenage spectator, clad only in bermudas, tried to woo the admiring glances of female spectators but even his flexed muscles could not draw the girls' attention away from the baseball diamond.

A baby in the third base line stands cried vehemently. One colored boy, about 15 years old,

hit a few flies into shallow right field for the benefit of Little League outfielders.

A manager, almost in panic, exclaimed to the plate umpire that the catcher mask was broken. The ump, acting very un-umpirish, consoled the man by handing his own face mask to the catcher. The ump swung the broken mask over his face and called "Play Ball."

The crowd hushed. Occasionally it cheered or mumbled remarks of disgust, depending upon which way the "breaks" were going.

Innings one, two, and three flicked by with no notice of the time. Then it was the last inning and the game was over.

A brown and white spotted dog ran across the field. A

father was heard saying to his dust splattered son, "Good game, boy! Good game!"

The cars along the bank of the field started their engines.

The first All-Star game had ended. Now all were gone.

All but the silence and the memories of Little League action, 1962-style.

Soviet sentences ring in college entrance fraud.

Head of Peruvian junta vows free election in '63.



PEP CHATTER exploded at College Field Monday with "Radar" Hamilton's All-Star team racing out of its pregame huddle, destined to a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Gary Long's opposing team.



FIRST INNING POP-UP fly was hit by an unidentified player. Jimmy Deal, starting pitcher for the Long All-Stars, catches the short pop-up, and later teamed with Bucky Suddreth to win the contest 5-0.

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