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## All-Black Team - Great Record

by Special Correspondent

The Dungeons are just four years old, but they have been performing in the Northwest area all summer. And wherever they have performed they have gained friends and drawn crowds.

What are the Dungeons? They are the only all-black team playing in the Recreation Department's slo-pitch softball leagues.

Their record is amazing this year. They have won 52 games and lost 12, in a season that started in April and continued into August, with tournaments running until Labor Day.

In tournaments, the Dungeons capped their year with a first-place finish in the Optimist Tournament at Mt. Airy. They finished 2nd in the Lewisville JC tournament and in league play for the second half of the season. They took 4th place in both the Lions Club Invitational and the first half of league play, and claimed 6th place in their own tournament, held at Carver School.

The softball leagues—both the American and the National—comprise the largest adult program sponsored by the local Recreation Department. Since the sport has remained largely the interest of the white community, the success and popularity of the all-black Dungeons have made them unique and forged a great deal of pride into them.

Rodney Sumler, manager of the team and a representative of the Recreation Department, takes much pleasure in telling of the Dungeons and praising them for the fine community relations job they have done this summer. "The success of this team should draw larger numbers of blacks into softball as both players and spectators," he says.

Most of the team members are former high school and college athletes. Many are from Winston-Salem, with just a few coming from neighboring towns to help round out the roster.

William Apple Englis, who works at the 14th Street Recreation Center, pitched for the team and was the leading hitter. He played

basketball in Winston and professionally.

Worth "Bull" McCloud, the first baseman, was an outstanding athlete during his high school days and at J.C. Smith College.

The left center fielder, Al Jones, was a star athlete in Raleigh during his high school and college career.

Mike Conrad, left field, served as quarterback at W-S State University. Mike, who played on the Carver team in high school, made the Lewisville All Star team.

William Pickens and Isaiah Black, 3rd base, were on the Paisley high school teams which at one time dominated the 3A football picture locally.

Gabe Leonard, short stop, and Bobby Linville, right field, gained experience together playing service ball in Viet Nam.

Sumler, who catches in addition to his managing duties, claims to be a late comer to the sports scene. His specialty during high school was the drums.

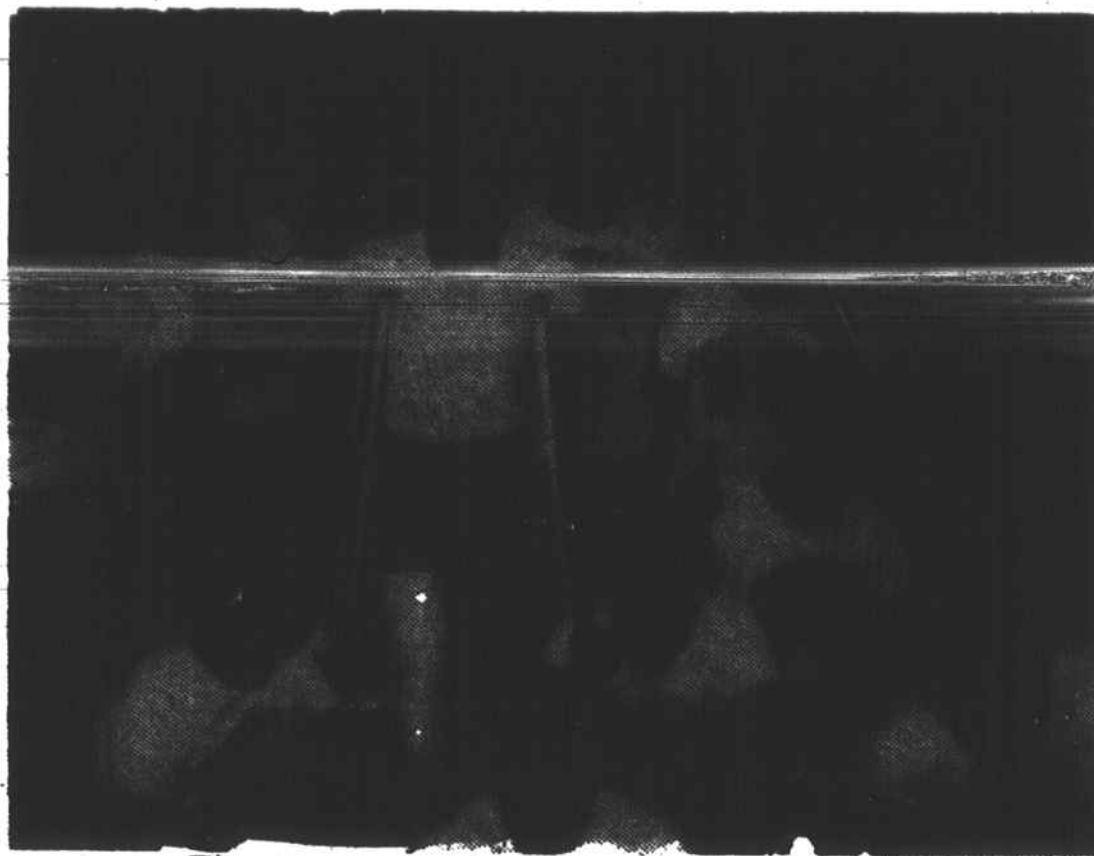
Larry Rogers, right field, and Ed Russell, center field, starred in a most unusual drama this summer when Rogers suffered a broken leg in a jarring collision between the two. With the action considered to be very slow in softball, such a serious injury is almost unheard of. The 6'1" Rogers, who weighs 200 lbs., came off the decided loser when he slammed into the 5'6" Russell who weighs just 150. Russell came out with just the wind knocked out.

Isaac Howard, right field, got most of his playing experience in Colorado. He works at the Convention Center.

Foy Robinson, an engineer with Western Electric, is the 1st baseman back-up player. He played high school football in Florida.

Burdette Rowe, 2nd base, comes from Alabama and gained a lot of playing time in the military plays. He still remains a member of the Reserves.

Kenny Rocker, who came here from Alabama, served as short stop for the team until he was transferred by



The game-winning Dungeon team.

Western Electric. Ronald Webb, 2nd base, was one of the stars of the Mt. Airy tournament.

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