

Back Again Thursday

# Little League Nine Loses First Game

The Southport Little League baseball team opened their 1961 season at home Saturday night against the Wilmington Fire Department team under the lights at Taylor Field and lost, 12-5.

One of the largest baseball crowds of the year braved the chilly wind and were well rewarded for their discomfort by the attitude and sportsmanship that was displayed by the members of both teams as they waged a see-saw battle that saw each man put forth his very best effort on every play. The quality of baseball was not quite up to the major league standard but no big-leaguer ever tried harder to make every play count than these Little Leaguers did Saturday night. The same two teams will play again tomorrow (Thursday) Taylor Field, with game time scheduled for 7:30 o'clock.

Mark Perry and Butch Mallard shared the pitching duties for Wilmington, striking out eleven Southport batsmen and walking only four. Mallard gained credit for the win as he came on in the third with Southport ahead 5 to 3. He pitched hitless ball in the three innings that he worked while his teammates scored nine runs to take the game 12 to 5. Roland Clark and Chip Graham teamed up to pitch a six hit game while fanning six. However, they walked ten men between them and three errors, along with two hit batsmen, added to their losing effort.

Southport scored all of their five runs, and got their only two hits, in the third inning when Roland Clark led off with a triple that went over the fielder's head in straightaway centerfield. Pat Duffie and Gerry Clark walked

to load the bases, bringing up Graham who had been playing a whale of a game at third base. Graham slapped a sharp grounder toward first base that Lex Averitt slowed down but could not hold on to, allowing Clark and Duffie to cross the plate. Kenneth King, the Southport shortstop, watched two balls and a strike go over and then leveled off on the last ball that Mark Perry threw in the game. The ball landed in centerfield and rolled almost to the light pole before David Thomas, the Wilmington centerfielder, caught up with it but by then everybody had crossed the plate and the score was 5 to 3 in favor of Southport. Butch Mallard came on to pitch for Wilmington and struck out Jack Duffie, John Burdette and Johnny Melton in a row to end the uprising.

Wilmington scored the first run of the ball game in the first inning when David Thomas and Perry walked. Thomas went to third on an error by the Southport second baseman and came home on a fielder's choice by Donnie Willis. They scored two more in the third as Mallard reached first on a fielder's choice, went to second on an error that put Thomas on first base, and both came home on a single over second base by Willis. The fifth was Wilmington's big inning. The Fire Department team scored five runs when David Covil cleared the walk-filled bases with a double. Covil was followed on base by Howard Edgerton and Chip Browning with bases on balls, and then Mallard drove in two more runs with a single to right field.

Wilmington's last four runs were scored in the sixth inning when Powell hit a pinch-hit grand slam home run to score Willis, Nicky McLeod and Covil ahead of him.

A lot of credit is due George Parker and Tebo Rogers for the splendid coaching job they have done with the Southport Little League and the spirit of good sportsmanship that they have instilled in each of the boys on the team. The team has worked hard every day during the past week and are anxious for the second shot they will get at the Wilmington Fire Department team. Wilmington will find a greatly improved and hustling team facing them when they take the field.

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# "SAILS" Southport Suffers Seasons First Loss

**Batting Averages**

| Player         | AB | H | BA   |
|----------------|----|---|------|
| Dick Brendle   | 3  | 4 | .500 |
| John Davis     | 13 | 6 | .461 |
| Doug Watts     | 14 | 6 | .428 |
| Bob McKeithan  | 13 | 5 | .385 |
| Red Best       | 19 | 6 | .315 |
| Bobby Spencer  | 21 | 6 | .281 |
| Chris Holland  | 15 | 4 | .266 |
| Gene Russ      | 23 | 5 | .217 |
| Paul Cochran   | 17 | 3 | .176 |
| Joe Swain      | 17 | 3 | .176 |
| Albert Rogers  | 6  | 1 | .166 |
| Jerry Spencer  | 21 | 3 | .142 |
| Ronnie Hood    | 21 | 3 | .142 |
| Gehrig Spencer | 3  | 0 | .000 |
| Foxy Howard    | 0  | 0 | .000 |

## Cape Fear League Standings

| Team             | W | L | GB |
|------------------|---|---|----|
| Southport        | 5 | 1 |    |
| South Wilmington | 4 | 2 | 1  |
| Leland           | 3 | 3 | 2  |
| Seagate          | 3 | 3 | 2  |
| Ogden            | 3 | 3 | 2  |
| Shalotte         | 0 | 6 | 5  |

## Service Award To Jack Kelly

The man who has had much to do with the buildup of the livestock industry in North Carolina took one of the highest awards made by the government Tuesday in Washington.

A USDA Superior Service award went to Jack Kelly, who heads animal husbandry work in North Carolina for the cooperative extension service. Kelly is the only Extension service employee in the state to win the award this year. He received a certificate, a medal and a lapel emblem.

The award went to Kelly "for planning, establishing and executing a livestock program in a row-crop state, giving balance to agriculture in North Carolina and bringing profit to farmers."

Kelly, 52, born and reared on a farm at Lynn Grove, Ky., is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He has been assistant agent in Onslow and Jones counties, county agent in Jones and Extension animal husbandry specialist. Since 1950, he has been in

The Southport Sails lost their first Cape Fear League game this season Sunday afternoon but remained on top of the loop, a full game ahead of the South Wilmington team that defeated them at Taylor Field by a score of 7-4.

Freddy Ray went the distance for South Wilmington, giving up eleven hits while striking out twelve and walking only four. Southport left runners on base and committed four errors. The Sails mound duties were shared by Joe Swain and Bobby Leon McKeithan. The latter came on in the sixth with the bases loaded and no outs but he forced Ray Musselman to hit into a fielder's choice that cut Ray down at home plate. Henry Saunders popped out to Paul Cochran at first base, and Shunney Potter failed to swing at a called third strike to end the inning without a score.

Swain allowed three runs on seven hits in the five innings that he pitched. He struck out three and walked one man during his tenure on the mound. McKeithan took the loss when he allowed three runs in the eighth inning. He fanned four and walked one in the four innings that he pitched.

McKeithan was the leading hitter for Southport with a perfect two for two, both singles. The only other Sails to get more than one hit was John Carr Davis with two singles for five trips to the plate. Ray, with four bingles for five times at bat, and Saunders with a double, the only extra base hit of the game, were the leading hitters for South Wilmington.

charge of animal husbandry extension work at State College. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly live at 625 Woodburn Road in Raleigh.

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# State's MVPs Of Year Honored

By FRANK WEEDON  
RALEIGH—North Carolina State's Monogram Club honored the most valuable player in each varsity sport for the 1960-61 athletic year, with the players on each team voting their selections. Chosen by their teammates and presented trophies by the Monogram Club were:

**BASEBALL**—(tie) Pitcher Joel Gibson, Gastonia senior who had the best earned run average (1.34) in the ACC and who compiled a 7-2 record while pitching his way to the all-ACC team; and

Infielder Vernon Strickland, Oxford junior, and who was the second leading batter in the ACC with a .371 average.

**BASKETBALL**—Bob DiStefano, Philadelphia senior, who led the team in scoring (330) for the second straight year. **CROSS-COUNTRY**—Frank Green, sophomore from Durham.

**FOOTBALL**—Alex Gilleskie, senior guard from Heidelberg, Pa., who gained all-ACC honors while co-captaining the team, Gabriel, all-America quarterback and "player of the year" in the ACC, was named the most valuable back on the squad.

**GOLF**—Bob Smith, Asheville senior, and John Isenhour, Salisbury senior. **SOCCER**—Gunter Hafer, senior from Laurinburg, captain and goalie. **SWIMMING**—Edwin Spencer, sophomore from Wallingford, Pa., who was named to the NCAA all-America swim team after setting new ACC and Eastern Intercollegiate swimming record in the butterfly events.

**TENNIS**—Phil Jacobs, Freeport, N. Y., senior, who had a

10-5 record while playing the number two singles position in the Wolfpack's 11-4 season. He was 9-3 in doubles competition. **TRACK**—George Vollmar, Trenton, N. J., senior, who scored the most points for the Pack this year while competing in the shot and discus events.

**WRESTLING**—Paul Ineger, sophomore from Reading, Pa., who had a winning dual meet record as a heavyweight, and who was runnerup for the Carolinas AAU 191-pound title, having to forfeit in the finals due to an injury.

The **FRESHMAN AWARD** went to halfback Carson Boshier, Chester, Va., who led the Wolflets in scoring with 44 points during an undefeated five-game schedule.

Guard Kenny Rohloff's 306 points is the most points scored by a State sophomore guard since Vic Molodet, who later went on to all-America honors, hit for 482 points in the 1953-54 season. Molodet played in 35 games, while Rohloff played in 25 contests this year. The all-time State high for a first-year varsity performer is 544, set by center Ronnie Shavlik in 1954.

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