

Southport Back On Top Of Cape Fear Standings

The Southport Sails regained the Cape Fear League lead Sunday afternoon with a big 11 to 8 win over Ogden while Leland was dropping a close 4 to 2 decision to Ransom Township.

It was a team-effort all the way with Jerry Spencer and Bobby McKeithan driving in four runs apiece, Paul Cochran batting two more and Jerry Wayne Spencer providing the power for the final Sails tally. Foxy Howard came through with two doubles to put himself in scoring position twice and Gene Russ kept good control of the situation to gain his second win of the sea-

son. The Sails jumped off to a three run lead in the first inning and were never behind in the game. Howard led off with a double into left field and scored on another double by Jerry Spencer, who went to third as the throw from the outfield came to the plate. Cochran lined a single over the second baseman's head to score Spencer.

Southport added another pair of runs in the third when J. Spencer got on by an error and went to 2nd as Cochran lined out his second hit of the afternoon. Both runners moved up a base when

the rightfielder momentarily bobbed Cochran's hit. McKeithan brought both runners in with a single into centerfield. Ogden came back with a single run in the bottom of the third when Bill Henegar blasted a triple over the head of the Sails rightfielder and then came in on a single by Morrie Thompson.

In the fourth inning Russ led off with a single and went to third on Howard's second double. Both runners scored on J. Spencer's single into center. Cochran brought Spencer in on a long double and then scored himself after a single by John Carr Davis put him in position to come across the plate on a sacrifice fly by McKeithan. Ogden got back in the game with a brace of runs in their half of the fourth when Ivan James borrowed Tebo Rogers big 42 inch bat and smashed out a grounder that moved the Sails second sacker back a good four feet when he tried to field the ball. James scored on successive fielders choices and Clifford Burroughs crossed the plate on Henegar's single.

The Sails 10th run came in the fifth inning when Jerry Wayne Spencer drew a base on balls, moved to second on a single by Russ, on to third as a walk to Howard loaded up the bases and then scored on an infield out. Ogden also enjoyed a big fifth inning as they scored three runs on singles by Aaron Thompson, Ellis Casteen, and Bill Schmitt and a double by James, to bring them within four runs of the high flying Sails.

Ogden narrowed the gap even more in the eighth as Gil Regier drew the first walk given up by Russ and came in on Henegar's second triple. Henegar scored a

Cape Fear League

	W	L	GB
Southport	7	2	
Leland	6	2	1
Seagate	5	2	1 1/2
Ransom-Township	5	3	1 1/2
Riegel	4	5	3
Hampstead	4	5	3
Shalotte	2	7	5
Ogden	1	8	6

Leading Sails Batters

	AB	H	Avg.
John Carr Davis	26	11	.423
Ronnie Hood	23	9	.391
Jerry Spencer	29	10	.345
Foxy Howard	32	10	.312

minute later on an infield out when the Sails shortstop had to play a slow roller to first.

The Sails drew last blood in the ninth when Gehrig Spencer led off with his first hit of the afternoon, and promptly stole second. An infield out moved Spencer to third and a high sacrifice fly into deep rightfield by Jerry Wayne Spencer brought him across the plate. Bill Henegar started on the mound for Ogden but was relieved in the fourth by Gil Regier. Henegar was charged with the loss.

The Sails return home for a home stand, facing Shalotte in a night game Saturday evening at Taylor Field that is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m. Manager Preston Bryant has named Bobby McKeithan as the Sails starting hurler for this game. Riegel, a Sunday winner over Shalotte in a two-hit 6 to 0 game, will come to Southport for a night game on Friday evening, July 20, at 7:30 p. m.

Old Time Sails Still Have Life

Saturday night, with only six hours between the planning stage and the start of the ball game, the Sails of yesteryear took on the 1962 Sails in a game that saw 23 runners cross the plate—21 of them by this year's Sails. The few fans that learned of the game in time enjoyed seeing such oldtime Sails as Lawrence Willing playing his old position at first base, Leo Dowling at shortstop, Shorty Huffam in leftfield, Billy Newton behind the plate and Eddie and Hugh Spencer on the mound. Dwight McEwen looked a lot younger than his some-odd years as the held down the hot corner and fiercely defended his section of the basepaths from any opposing runner. On one play he blocked out Roy Arntsen, and then got up off the ground and tagged Arntsen with the ball just a second too late.

McEwen also starred at the plate for the Oldtimers when he got the first hit off starting pitcher Arntsen in the second inning. George Parker and Sgt. Argyle Martin, coaches of the Southport Little League team, were also on the Oldtimers roster, playing at second base and in rightfield respectively. The Oldtimers also drew help from Doug Watts, Ronnie Hood and Wayne Ludlum.

The '62 Sails went outside of their regular roster to call on Roy Arntsen and Foxy Howard

(Senior) for mound duty, and Rip Howard for a little relief at first base. Gene Fullwood and Manager Preston Bryant shared the left-field duties for the '62 Sails.

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