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Sails Play Give - Away With Leland But Still Hold First

The Southport Sails came up with a big 10-run inning at Leland Sunday and then tacked into the breeze to outlast the Tigers 15 to 13. Leland had the biggest bats as they rapped out 17 safeties, including a double by Ray Scott and triples by Dale Williams and Roger Ganey, to only 12 baseknocks for the Sails. The big blow for Southport was a homer by Jerry Spencer in the first inning with two men on base, the first home-run by a Sall this season. McKeithan went 6 2/3 innings, striking out 4 to run his strikeout total to 72 and walking 4, to gain his seventh win of the campaign. Leland used four pitchers in their battle to stop the Sails. Jimmy Medlin was the starter and loser. He was relieved by Ray Scott in the fourth, Roger Ganey in the fifth, and John Jones in the ninth. The Sails jumped off to a three-run lead in the first on Spencer's homer in the Leland centerfield swamps, scoring Paul Cochran who had singled and Bobby Spencer who was on with a walk. Leland came right back with two runs in the bottom of the first as Jones began the fireworks after two were out with a single into right field. Roger Ganey sent Jones to third with another single and stole second to set up a two-run play on Sammy Hilburn's long hit to centerfield. Leland took a momentary lead in the third when R. Ganey drew McKeithan's second walk, stole second and went to third on an error through shortstop that let Duck Cook end up on second base. David Ganey singled to bring in both runners.

Cape Fear League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, GB. Rows: Southport, Seagate, Ransom-Township, Hampstead, Leland, Riegel, Shallotte, Ogden.

Sails Remaining Games: Sunday, August 5th—at Seagate. Date to be set—Riegel at Southport.

LEADING SAILS BATTERS AB H Avg. John Carr Davis, Jerry Spencer, Paul Cochran, Foxy Howard, Team Average.

The Sails big fourth inning put them ahead to stay, although it wasn't easy as they tried every trick in the book and used every mental error ever devised in a concerted team-effort to give the game to their Brunswick County neighbors. The Sails fourth inning runs came on a double by Bobby Spencer, walks to J. Spencer and Gene Russ, singles by McKeithan, Foxy Howard, John Carr Davis, Bobby Spencer, J. Spencer, and Jerry Wayne Spencer, an error and a hit batsman. Leland also had a big inning in the seventh when R. Ganey led off with a triple and was singled home by Cook after Hilburn had popped out to the Sails' second baseman. D. Ganey drew a walk and both runners scored on a two base error that got through the shortstop and was kicked around awhile in centerfield. Medlin flew out to left for the second out. Williams drew a walk and went to third on a single by Scott. The later went to second when the outfielder's throw went to the wrong base. Russ relieved McKeithan on the mound and walked Jones to load the bases. R. Ganey, up for the second time in the inning, dribbled a topper down the third base line. The Sails' third baseman elected to make a fast throw to second instead of taking the easy play at first, but the second baseman stumbled over the bag and dropped the ball as two more Tigers roared across the plate. Hilburn ended the agony as he grounded out, short to first. Two more Leland runs in the

eight inning brought them to within one of the front-running Sails. Cook led off with a walk, went to second on an infield out, and came home on a single by Donald White. White stole second and came home on a single by Williams as the Sails' first baseman took the throw from the outfield and chased White across the plate instead of throwing the ball to the catcher.

In the ninth inning the Sails added an insurance run as they narrowly missed being caught on the short end of a triple play. McKeithan, the first man to face Jones on the mound, drew a walk and was sent down to second on a balk when Jones failed to hesitate on the delivery. Howard drew a second walk to put men on first and second. Cochran, attempting a bunt, popped up the ball to the pitcher. Jones whirled to throw to second but overthrew the bag. McKeithan, who had gotten almost to third before he found out the attempted bunt had been caught on the fly, returned to second and tagged the base. Howard was already standing on second, also thinking the bunt had been trapped instead of caught. The two baserunners on second looked at each other a few seconds and then McKeithan started for third and Howard for first. Howard was tagged out but McKeithan made it safely to the hot corner. Ben Blake singled into centerfield to score McKeithan and put the Sails ahead 15 to 13. In the bottom of the ninth Leland loaded the bases, with two out, on a single and two walks, but Russ settled down to retire Medlin on strikes and end the game.

The Sails, with ten wins and two losses, enjoy a two game lead in the Cape Fear League. With only two games left to play they are assured of at least a tie for first if they win either of their remaining games. Seagate, second with seven wins and three losses, have four games left on their schedule and must win them all to edge the Sails out of the championship. The Sails meet Seagate on the latter's home diamond this Sunday afternoon in the most important game of the season for either team. It is the game that will probably decide the regular-season championship and place the winner in the number one slot for the post-season play-offs. Manager Preston Bryant has named McKeithan to oppose Lou

"Sail Of The Week"

Paul Cochran, 23, is the regular shortstop for the Sails. This is his second year as regular and he is currently batting .340, with 16 safeties for 47 official trips to the plate, including 5 doubles and 3 triples. He is the third leading batter on the team.



PAUL COCHRAN

Paul rarely makes an error, but when he does it is usually a lulu that makes him consider hanging up his spikes for the rest of the season. Always after one of his rare errors, however, he comes up with a series of brilliant plays that causes him to consider trying out for the Yankees next season. Paul is a good all-round ball player and can always be counted on to help hold the team together with his solid knowledge of the game when the going gets a little rough. Paul is married to the former Betty McGlamery of Southport. They reside on West Bay Street

and are expecting their first little shortstop the latter part of this year. Paul says his first booties will have spikes on them and the cigars he gives out will be in the shape of a Louisville Slugger. In fact they are considering naming the youngster Louie and calling him Slugger for short (stop).

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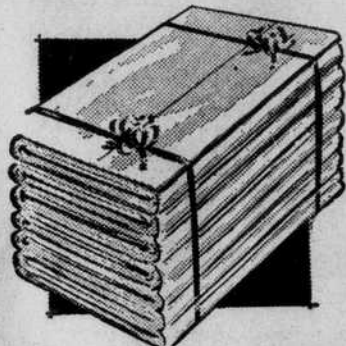
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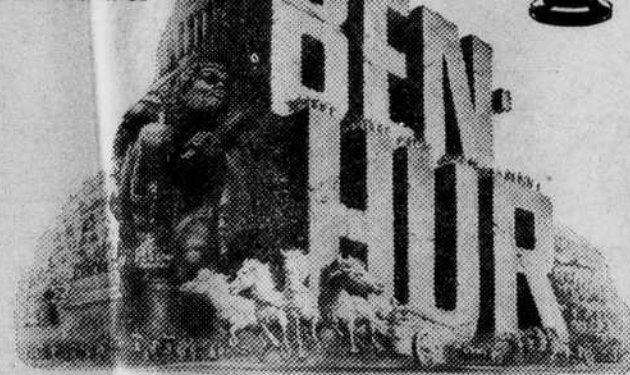
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