

Sports

Sylva Legion Splits Twin Bill With Skylarks

PITCHERS PAGE SYLVA HITTERS THROUGH 1ST 2-GAME SERIES

Over their last two games of the season, the Sylva Legion club found their pitchers to be the stickmen at the plate. Jim Gudger, Rush Sumner, and Jim Cunningham collected a combined total of 5 hits in 9 official trips to bat. All three hit 500 or better. George Lee, best baseman, was the only other man at the 500 mark even though the team average is a neat .320 for the two games with the Hendersonville Skylarks.

Player	AB	R	H	Per
Gudger	3	0	2	.667
Lee	6	0	3	.500
Sumner	4	0	2	.500
Cunningham	2	0	1	.500
Olson	9	3	4	.444
Dillard	10	2	4	.400
Norton	5	1	2	.400
Smith	5	1	2	.400
Davis	3	1	1	.333
Squirrel	7	2	2	.286
Rector	9	0	2	.222
Phillips	7	0	0	.000
Gibson	4	0	0	.000
Parker	4	0	0	.000

Team Average .320

Pitcher	IP	R	H	ERA	W	L
Gudger	6	2	0	0.00	0	0
Sumner	9	6	8	3.00	0	1
Cunningham	3	3	3	6.00	1	0

CATAMOUNTS BEAT SKYLARKS 13 TO 10

The Western Carolina Catamounts pounded out a 13-10 victory over Charley Munday's Hendersonville Skylarks at Hendersonville last Thursday.

Going into the ninth inning with the score knotted at 9-9, the Cats smacked 5 base hits for 4 runs and the game. Hendersonville scored once in the ninth.

Ellis and Pressley collected 3 for 5 for the Cats while Heuser had 3 for 6 for the Skylarks. Don McKenzie slugged a three-run homer in the fifth for the Catamounts.

WCTC	010	170	004	13	17	4
Hend.	012	020	041	10	9	4

Batteries: Griffin, Coker (8); Fountain (8) and Powell; Ayers, Randall (4), Hoot (6), Barrell (7) and Munday. Winning pitcher—Fountain. Losing pitcher—Barrell.

Georgie Abrams Hangs Up Gloves For Good

Georgie Abrams, one of the nation's top ranking middleweight fighters, called it quits last Friday and hung up his gloves for good.

The 29-year old fighter made the decision following a tenth round TKO by Estonian Anton Raadik. Abrams, suffered a terrific body bombardment throughout the fight. He was rated the favorite since he had beaten Raadik in Chicago a year ago.

Abrams began his career in Baltimore in 1937 and since has fought the best in the middleweight division throughout the world, including Tony Zale, Marcel Cerdan, Billy Soose, Steve Belloise, Teddy Yarosz and Fred Apostoli.

In 1941 Abrams reached his height of fame when he defeated Soose for the third time and received recognition from the New York Athletic commission as middleweight champion of the world. On Nov. 29, 1941, he fought Zale, the National Boxing Association titleholder, to settle the dispute as to who was the real champion, and lost a 15-round decision, although he floored Zale for a nine-count in the first round.

CATS PASTE HIGH POINT BY 16 TO 9

The Western Carolina Catamounts collected 21 hits off three High Point hurlers Saturday afternoon and pasted their North State rivals a 16-9 loss.

The Cats scored three in the first and tallied in each of the last five innings. They scored five runs in the sixth to put the game on ice. Clyde Pressley blasted a homer in the sixth with no one aboard.

Ted Gayle, who replaced Warfourth, gained credit for the victory, while Powers, second Panther pitcher, was charged with the loss. Marshall Teague had a perfect

Gudger and Cunningham Hurl 6 To 5 Triumph Sunday p.m.

Skipper Charley Munday Disputes Sylva Victory

With Big Jim Gudger and Jim Cunningham splitting the pitching chores and holding the Hendersonville Skylarks to 3 hits, the Sylva American Legion pounded out a 6-5 decision over Charley Munday's boys on Mark Watson Field Sunday. The Skylarks took a 6-4 game from Sylva Saturday in Sylva's season opener.

Sylva's big bats blasted 16 hits off three Skylark pitchers and had men on base at the end of each inning Sunday.

Hendersonville jumped to a one-run lead in the first when Holcumb reached first via Dave Squirrel's error, advanced to second on a walk and scored of Sheriff Smith's throwaway ball. But Sylva came back in the fourth with two rallies to take the lead when Ike Olson reached first on Pitcher Bill Horne's error, went to third on Smith's singles and scored on Dillard's infield out. Smith stole second and advanced to third on Dillard's out and scored on Luther Norton's single.

Hendersonville tied the game in the sixth when Joe Plick rounded the bases on three Sylva errors.

Then came the inning that Munday disputed. In the last of the sixth, Sylva scored three times and Hendersonville's scorekeeper missed recording one tally. Ike Olson led off with a single, advanced to second on Smith's infield out, and scored on Dillard's double to right field. The ball was fielded by rightfielder Stamy and thrown in to first baseman Plick, who tried to pick Dillard off 2nd but threw high into left field where Heuser fumbled and Dillard crossed the plate with the second run of the inning. Norton then drove his second consecutive bingle into right and went to second on a walk to Lee. Rector singled to deep center and Norton scored the run that Hendersonville's taller missive.

Gudger left the game at this point after pitching six hitless innings, Whittington, and was replaced by Cunningham.

The Skylarks tallied in the seventh on a walk, a stolen base, and an error, then tied the game at 3-3 in the eighth on Plick's double and Miller's homer over the center field fence.

Sylva won the game in the last of the ninth when two singles and an error loaded the bases and Smith shot a single into right scoring Roy Davis for the ball game.

The scorekeeper found his mistake and the game was over with Sylva holding a 6 to 5 edge.

A big five-run second inning Saturday gave the Skylarks a 6 to 4 victory over the Sylva club.

Pitcher McBay's single with the bases loaded drove home 2 runs and Whitten followed with a blast over the left field fence with two aboard for the five runs after Sylva had taken a two run lead in the first on singles by Ben Dillard and Dave Squirrel and an outfield error. Sylva scored their final two runs in the third on doubles by Olson and Squirrel and a throwaway ball by Pitcher McBay. Ayers replaced McBay on the hill and held Sylva to four scattered singles the rest of the way.

Heuser homered in the fifth with the bases empty for the Skylark's other run.

Rush Sumner pitched eight hit ball for Sylva and whiffed 7 over the nine inning stint.

Box scores:

(SUNDAY)					
SYLVA	AB	R	H	PO	A
Rector cf	4	0	0	1	0
Olson lf	3	1	1	1	0
Dillard 3b	5	1	3	0	4
Squirrel 2b	5	2	2	2	1
Lee 1b	3	0	1	10	4
Davis ss	2	0	0	1	2
Norton ss	2	0	0	1	1
Phillips rf	3	0	0	1	0
Sumner p	4	0	2	3	0
Parker c	4	0	0	4	1

day at the plate for the Cats with 5 hits in 5 trips. J. C. Price had 4 for 5. Vick had 4 for 4 for the Panthers.

High P.	030	051	000	9	11	3
WCTC	300	115	24x	16	21	3

Batteries: Cartwright, Powers 6; Hubbard 9, and Slade, Kimble 7; Deyermond, Gayle, and Powell. Winning pitcher, Gayle. Losing pitcher, Powers. 2 bh—Price, Heavener, Harris, Painter. 3 bh—Ellis, Selzer, Vick. HR—Pressley.

SKYLARKS

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Whitten cf	5	1	2	1	1
Holcumb 3b	4	0	0	1	1
Plick 1b	3	0	0	9	0
Heuser lf	5	1	1	0	0
Munday c	3	0	0	4	1
Colagerakis rf	4	1	1	0	0
Miller 2b	3	1	2	8	5
Gieger ss	4	1	1	4	4
McBay p	2	1	1	0	0
Ayers p	2	0	0	0	2

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Errors—McBay, Gieger, Whitten, Davis, Norton, Dillard. Runs Batted In—Squirrel 2, Whitten 3, McBay 2, Heuser. Two base hits—Olson, Squirrel. Home Runs—Whitten, Heuser. Left—Sylva 7, Hend. 7. Double plays—Dillard, Squirrel and Lee; Geiger, Miller and Plick 2; Ayers, Miller and Plick; Whitten and Miller; Earned Runs—Sylva 3, Hend. 3. Bases on Balls off—Sumner 4, McBay 2, Ayers 3. Strike out—Sumner 7, McBay 1, Ayers 3. Hits—off McBay 5 in 3; Ayers 4 in 6. Winning pitcher—McBay. Passed balls—Parker 2. Hit by pitcher—Sumner (Plick). Umpires—Green, Painter and Robertson. Time of game—1:50.

SUNDAY

SYLVA	AB	R	H	PO	A
Olson lf	6	2	3	2	0
Smith c	5	1	2	12	1
Dillard 3b	5	1	1	2	1
Squirrel 2b	2	0	0	0	0
Norton ss	3	1	2	1	0
Lee 1b	3	0	2	6	1
Rector cf	5	0	2	1	0
Phillips rf	4	0	0	1	0
Gibson ss-2b	4	0	0	1	2
Davis 2b	1	1	1	1	0
Gudger p	3	0	2	0	1
Cunningham p	2	0	1	0	1

SKYLARKS	AB	R	H	PO	A
Whitten cf	5	0	1	1	0
Holcumb 3b	5	1	0	1	1
Heuser lf	3	0	0	1	0
Plick 1b	3	2	1	8	2
Munday c	4	0	0	4	0
Stomey rf	4	0	0	1	0
Colagerakis rf	0	0	0	0	0
Miller 2b	3	2	1	5	3
Gieger ss	4	0	0	3	2
Horne p	2	0	0	1	0
Swan p	0	0	0	0	1
Gilbert p	2	0	0	0	0

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None out in ninth when winning run was scored.

Hend. 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 0-5
Sylva 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 1-6

Errors—Plick, Holcumb 2, Heuser 2, Colagerakis, Horne, Swan, Squirrel, Gibson, Norton 4, Smith 3. Runs batted in—Smith, Dillard 2, Norton, Rector, Miller 2. Two base hits—Dillard, Plick. Home run—Miller. Left—Hend. 5, Sylva 15. Stolen bases—Smith, Miller. Earned runs—Hend. 2, Sylva 3. Bases on balls—Gudger 2, Cunningham 1, Horne 3, Swan 1. Strikeouts—Gudger 10, Cunningham 2, Horne 2, Gilbert 1. Hits—off Gudger 0 in 6, Cunningham 3 in 3, Horne 8 in 5, Swan 4 in 1-3, Gilbert 4 in 3 2-3. Winningham pitcher—Cunningham. Losing pitcher—Gilbert. Umpires—Sutton and Ellis.

CATAMOUNT BATTING AVERAGES

Tommy Ellis, Catamount second baseman and team captain, is leading the Catamount hitters with a .404 average with 19 hits in 47 trips to the plate. Ovie Heavener, off to a slow start, has pulled up to second place with a .373 average.

Player	AB	H	Pct.
Norton	17	7	.428
Teague	17	7	.412
Ellis	47	19	.404
Williamson	5	2	.400
Heavener	51	19	.373
Selzer	20	7	.350
McKenzie	23	7	.304
Pressley	54	15	.278
Beam	55	15	.273
Price	52	14	.269
Gibson	34	9	.265
Deyermond	11	2	.182
Gayle	8	1	.125
Powell	39	4	.103
Brown	14	1	.071
Willard	1	0	.000

Production of milk per cow in North Carolina averaged 330 lbs. during March compared with 286 pounds during February.

BRIEFS -- IN DETAIL

The Hendersonville Skylarks have come and gone and behind them are many satisfied fans. In getting their first taste of professional ball in Jackson County, the fans were pleased with the work of their Sylva Legion team who made Charley Munday's contingent really put out to gain a split in the two day stand.

After their big five-run second inning Saturday, Hendersonville got only two men past second base as Rush Sumner allowed one hit in the last six innings. However, those five runs were enough and the Mundaymen went on to win 6 to 4.

But Sunday the going was rougher. When Big Jim Gudger hurled the first six innings for Sylva without giving a hit, Munday must have wanted to run the bench in Gudger's last ball, curve and change of pace kept the Skylark hitters so crossed up that six of them went down swinging and four just stood and watched that third strike go by for a total of strikeouts.

The funny part is that Gudger belongs to Hendersonville—at least until June 1st when he may go back to Rocky Mount where he won 16 games last year.

While we're plugging the pitchers, we can't forget Jim Cunningham who relieved Gudger in the 7th inning of the second game and gained credit for the win. Cunningham held Hendersonville's stickmen to three hits in the last three innings. The pitch that Miller tagged for the home run to tie the

score in the eighth, was at least 6 inches outside.

All in all, the Sylva club looks good. Their fans should be pleased that they have pulled out of the Smoky Mountain conference and will play independent ball this year. This will give everyone concerned a better brand of ball and should increase interest in the team.

"If you've got a place to put 'im, you better use it!" That proved to be Charley Munday's motto in the first inning of each game when Skipper George Lee came to bat with two away and runners on in both cases. Our guess is that Munday has heard of Lee's fence-planting attitude when occasion arises because he gave George an intentional walk both times.

Tommy Ellis was elected as captain of the Western Carolina Catamount baseball team at a meeting of the players last week. The choice couldn't have been better because, among other things, Tommy has a real baseball head sitting on top of his shoulders. He was the regular second baseman for the Sylva Legion last summer, hitting well above .300. This year for the Cats he is currently sitting the pace with a .404 average.

Hazelwood skipper Jack (Sheriff) Smith is bringing his boys to town next Sunday to pick up the hostilities where they left off last summer. The Industrial league champs beat the Sylva Legion

Catamounts, Panthers Play 14-Innings To 1-1 Deadlock

CATAMOUNTS LOSE TO MARION 6 - 5

A home run by Ferguson with one aboard in the last of the ninth afforded the Marion club of the Western Carolina league a 6-5 victory over the Western Carolina Catamounts at Marion Monday night.

Ferguson's blow came off Catamount pitcher Joe Fountain with teammate Cutherson roasting on second base. Marion had pulled up to within one run of the Cats in the eighth when 3 Catamount errors and two singles produced three runs.

The Cats scored once in the first on Price's triple and a fielder's choice. Twice in the third on a walk to Ellis, a passed ball, a single by Beam, a stolen base and a double by Heavener. In the eighth they scored two more on two singles, a passed ball and an error. Marion pitcher Berkley gained credit for the win while Fountain was tagged with the loss.

WCTC	102	000	020	5	8	8
MARION	000	010	032	6	8	3

Batteries: Griffin, Fountain 6, and Powell; Daniels, Duncan 4, Dickey 7 and Cuthbertson.

With Lawson Brown and Jim Foxworth locked in a flashy pitchers' duel, the Catamounts and High Point Panthers battled 14 innings to a 1-1 tie at Cullowhee last Friday in a North State conference game.

Both pitchers went the route with Brown scattering 5 singles, allowing only four Panthers to reach second base, and retiring the side in order for the last four innings. Foxworth scattered 11 Catamount hits and fanned 10.

The Panthers drew first blood in the fifth on an error and a single by Glenn Painter scoring Harris, but the Cats came back in the sixth and tied the score when Ovie Heavener singled, stole second and scored on a single by Sam (Hoot) Gibson.

J. B. Beam went 3 for 6 and Heavener with 2 for 6 paced the Cats while Painter had 2 for 5 for the Panthers.

Player	R	H	E
High Point	1	5	4
WCTC	1	11	4

Batteries—Fountain and Gales Brown and Powell. Three base hit—Beam.

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