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in the first frame to ignite

scoring barrage which netted

Shortstop Steve McNeely start-

ed things off for the victors in

the first inning with a single

and romped home with the go-

ahead run as a result of a field-

er's choice play. Tommy Patterson, Junior Le-

fevers, and Bridges also scored

The losing Kiwanians could

manage but two runs on two

hits as Optimist pitcher Patter-

son struck out seven but issued

Phillip Grahl scored for the

losers in the first inning after

reaching the first corner on a

base on balls, and Byers ac-

counted for the only other run

in the fourth inning as Patter-

son issued three straight free

JAYCEES . POLICE

runs in the bottom of the fifth

inning to edge the Police Club.

2-1 in a closely contested battle

Police Club pitcher Ronnie

Miller and Rayford White were

locked in a scoreless pitching

duel through the first three inn-

ings and Miller had retired 13

Jaycee batters via the strikeout

route as the fifth inning began

and held a slim, 1-0 lead as a

result of a Police Club run in

in Tuesday's opening game.

The Jaycees came up with two

in the initial frame.

nine bases on balls.



3 Join Group Of 400 Home Run Hitters

in the major leagues there are long standing records crucial contest. which are surpassed and the 1963 season was no exception

Encompassed in the present-day system of classifying things, it has been the tendency to list persons and things in the group known as the "Top Ten" It seems that everything is being classified and head-

ed by the leading ten.

There are the top ten hitters in baseball, the top ten records of the day, the top ten contenders for the boxing title, and the ten most wanted men in the United States.

Being classified in the first ten in any category has proven to be the "thing". And now, there is another "Top Ten" group which

has come into being recently.

This list includes the baseball players who have hit more than 400 home runs during a career.

Until the 1963 season there were only seven hitters who accomplished the hard-to-do feat.

But, during the season, there were three players, all in the National League, who entered this category.

The senior circuit veterans joined the select 400-homer society in 1963 and as the '64 season wears on, no additions to the list are in sight.

The trio of new entries into the elite group consisted of Eddie Matthews of the Milwaukee Braves, Duke Snider of the New York Mets (he is now with the Giants), and the incomparable Willie Mays of San Francisco.

The newly inducted threesome rounded out the "400 Club" to an even ten with Matthews becoming the first to attain the mark. The 31-year-old third baseman-outfielder did it with a two-run drive off Philadelphia's Jack Hamilton at Milwaukee's County Stadium April 16, 1963 as the Team Braves romped to an 8-0 victory behind pitcher Warren Spahn.

Snider, long-time Dodger outfielder purchased by the Mets during spring training, rapped his 400th round tripper off Bob Purkey in the first inning at Cincinnati, June 14. The 36-year-old slugger thus became the oldest active player to attain the mark.

And Wondrous Willie belted his 400th during a 7-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals at San Francisco, August 27. The blow came off southpaw Curt Simmons, and as is so often the case, sparked a Giants rally winch netted a San Francisco victory

Mantle Is 7th, Matthews, Mays, Are Tied

Through Saturday night's games, of the active playwho are still in the running for increased outputs, Matthews and Mays have 435 round-trippers each. Matthews started the '64 season with 422 homers, fifty-three behind the recently retired Stan Musial, who had a career ing Bur Mill team and the Restotal of 475

Musial is currently ranked No. 6 on the all-time home run leaders list.

Mantle became a member of the group in 1962 with a career total of 404. Due to injuries during the '63 season he managed only 15 homers, but was only used in 65 of the season's games.

Mantle is currently resting in the No. 7 spot with 439. thirty-six behind Musial.

Of the six top home run leaders, there is only one who has a solid lock on his present position. The immortal Babe Ruth's record of 714 is more

than safe because Ruth's nearest challenger, Mantle, is 275 from tying the mark, and he would have to hit 46 homers for the next six seasons to move ahead.

Mays, 32, is 279 behind Ruth and it doesn't seem possible for him to reach the 700 bracket.

leaders Friday afternoon in the Negro Little League season fi nale as Kings Mountain blanked Galilee, 3-6 to win the champ ionship by a slim one game. The two teams were fied for the league lead going into the The Kings Mountain lads, who

finished the season with a record of ten wins against two

losses, had their hands full for five innings as Galilee pitcher Nob Cole retired the oppositior with ease and struck out 13 bat ters, but in the fifth the eventu winners broke the scoring ice as William Davis opened the inning with a double and Charlie Barnes followed with a one base hit. Tommy Rhodes was is

sued a base on balls to load the bases with none out, and N Hunter delivered a three-run double which gave Kings Mountain the victory.

Galilee had loaded the bases in the third with none out but was unable to score.

Loser Cole limited the winners to but three hits, all in the decisive fifth as he participated in his last Little League contest. Galilee finished the season in

second place with a 9-3 record and was followed by Grover and Compact which registered 7-5 records. Ebenezer finished at an even .500 (6-6), and Hilltop finished sixth with a 2-10 mark.

FINAL STANDINGS

Won Lost Pct. Kings Mtn .833 Galilee .750 Grover .583 Compact 5 .583 Ebenezer .500 6 Hillton 10 .167

Police Lads Winner In L. League Finale

The final game of the 1964 Little League schedule was played Friday afternoon with the Police Club downing the Kiwanis lads, 8-1.

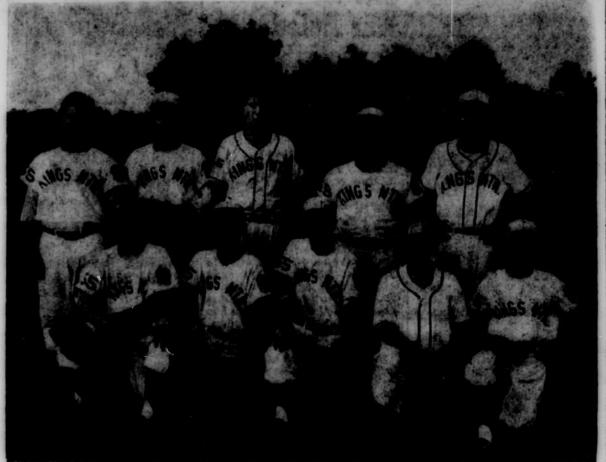
There were two games scheduled which were not played due to conflicting times. A rained out game between the league-leadcue Squad was cancelled because the outcome would not have any affect on the final standings.

Park Grace and the Rescue Squad also cancelled a regularly scheduled game.

A 14-game schedule was played by five of the eight teams with leader Bur Mill playing only thirteen contests and posting a season record of eleven wins against two defeats.

The Rescue Squad played the fewest number of games, twelve, and Park Grace played thirteen





PUNT LENGUE WINNERS AND PLAYOFF RIVALS - The 1964 Pony League schedule was completed last weekend and the Spangler's entry finished in a tie with Foote Mineral for the league champion ship. Both teams posted identical 7-3 records in the four-team league. VFW and Margrace finished in a tie for third place with 3.7 records. A single elimination tournament is underway and the two league leaders will meet today (Wednesday) to determine the tournament championship. The Spangler's players, top photo, are (front row, l. to r.) Vernon Rupe, Charles Canipe, Johnny Reynolds, and Bobby Smith. Second Row (l. to r.) Dennis Connor, Daryl Putnam, Chuck Gladden, Richard Carroll, and Jimmy King. Players not pictured include: Danny Dyke, Tommy Goforth, Nelson Connor, and Billy Suber. The Foote Mineral players are: (Front Row, I. to r.) Joe Cornwell, Mike Smith, Billy Early, Bobby Parker, and Rocky Goforth. Second Row (l. to r.) Eddie Black, Dennis Gotorth, Keith Carroll, Paul Gaffney, and Donald Mace. Not pictured: Joe Dover.



L. League Tourney. In Semi-Finals

10-2 victory.

Bur Mill Faces Optimist; JC's Play R. Squad

The single elimination play-offs are underway in the Little League post-season tournament and the semi-finals will be played Wednesday (today) with the inals being held on Thursday. The post season tournament is a single elimination affair with the teams seeded according to heir finishing position during the regular season play.

The first place team (Bur Mill) was paired with the number eight team (Park Grace); the number two team with the seventh place team; third against passes. sixth: and fourth against fifth.

The Optimist and Jaycees finished in a tie for second place and the Optimist lads won the toss of a coin to determine the second place seeding, which took on seventh place Kiwanis. In the opening round of play

Monday the Bur Mill boys humbled the Park Grace lads by a 21.5 count to move into the semi-final round of play. The loss eliminated Park Grace.

In Monday's second game the Optimist team defeated Kiwanis. 10-2, and will meet Bur Mill in the semi-final round on Wednesday (today).

The Jaycees edged the Police Club by a 2-1 count to earn the right to meet the Rescue Squad in the semi-final round. The Rescue Squad eliminated the Lions with an 8-3 victory.

The semi-final round winners will play Thursday evening at 6:30 for the playoff championship.

BUR MILL-PARK GRACE GAME

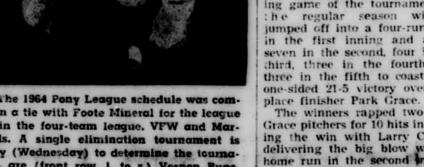
It was all Bur Mill in the opening game of the tournament as the regular season winners jumped off into a four-run lead in the first inning and added seven in the second, four in the third, three in the fourth and three in the fifth to coast to a one-sided 21-5 victory over last

The winners rapped two Park Grace pitchers for 10 hits in posting the win with Larry Carroll delivering the big blow with a home run in the second pnning. The w Carroll added a double to his hitting performance and was issued a base on balls in four at bats, Richard Hayes collected three singles in four official at bats to pace the hitting.

surance runs in the sixth inning Sixteen bases on balls were isto lead 8-0 before the Lions sued the winners, who turned the free passes into run after

could manage a score.

The losers tallied all three



the top of the fourth. Miller accounted for the only Police score as he opened the fourth with a base on balls and stole second base. Don Sessoms singled with two out to score

Mille: The Jaycees were held hitless through the first four frames, but the bats came alive in the

decisive fifth as Jack King got things going with a two-base hit and pitcher White followed with a base on balls. With one out and runners on first and second, shortstop Pete Ware lined a single to left center field which scored King with the tying run, and Ted Wright put his team ahead with a single which sent White across with the de cisive run.

RESCUE SQUAD . LIONS

The fifth place Rescue Squad lads (6-6) pulled a minor upset in Tuesday's second game by upending the Lions (8-6) by an 8

The winners scored all they needed in the opening frame as John Smith, Rocky Haynes, Dale Russell, Mike McDaniel, and D. Smith crossed home plate. The winners added three in-

But, Mantle is only 95 behind Jimmie Foxx, who is in second place with 534 and Mays is 99 behind. It is very possible that both Mantle and Mays may surpass Foxx's

Resting in the No. 3 position is the Boston Red Sox scored three times in the bottom immortal, Ted Williams, who registered 521 homers dur- of the second frame. The Kiwaning his career, which was interrupted on two occasions by war. He missed four or five years during his prime due lar season with a 3-11 record, to the Second World War and the Korean conflict and scored their only run as Buddy finished 193 behind Ruth. Assuming that he missed four years (the exact number is not known). Williams would have had to hit over 45 homers each year to surpass Ruth, Bell doubled to score Oliver. but he definitely would be well planted in second place.

Foxx, Williams, and fourth place holder, Mel Ott, who layed with the New York Giants during the 30's and early 40's and slammed 511 round-trippers, find their current positions in extreme jeopardy as the seasons come and go.

Ruth's teammate at New York, Lou Gehrig is ranked single No. 5 on the all-time list with 493 circuit clouts, with Musial only 18 behind in sixth place.

Active Players Will Definitely Move-Up

The threesome of Mantle, Mays and Matthews will definitely advance in the standings as all three have several years of active play remaining. Mays is probably the first run after moving to secmost likely to move into the No. 2 spot at the close of his career. If the present pace continues, he should have four got on as a result of a Kiwanis or five more seasons to play, while Mantle has been plagu- error and first baseman Ronnie ond heat race, which was held ed with leg injuries for several seasons and is not likely to be an active player for many more years.

Matthews is the youngest challenger at 31, but he has been having his troubles at bat for the past couple of years. He should have five or six more years in which to challenge the front runners.

Snider, who has registered 403 circuit clouts during his illustrious career, will add a few to his total this season, but at 36, he will probably call it quits as an active player after the '64 season.

Records are made to be broken, but these top ten home run hitters will be remembered for years to come. even if they do eventually slip from their present positions.

There are many newcomers who could be a challenge to the present home run totals. Such players as Harmon double; DuBose, Smith, singles. Killebrew of the Minnessota Twins, Frank Howard of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Hank Aaron of the Braves, Ron Santo of the Chicago Cubs, Ken Boyer of the St. Louis Cardi-nals, and rookies Richie Allen of Philadelphia and Tony Oliva of the Twins have shown tremendous ability to hit he long ball, and these performers will be watched as their careers unfold, and as the seasons pass, one of them may become the greatest home run hitter who ever lived. nere is one thing for sure, the name BABE RUTH will Team ive forever as "King of the home run hitters".

Here are the top ten home run hitters: (Totals of ctive players include games through Saturday, August Optimist Jaycees Lions

Player Hon	ne Runs	
1. Babe Ruth	714	Yankee
2. Jimmie Foxx	534	Athletic
3. Ted Williams	521	
4. Mel Ott	511	
5. Lou Gehrig	493	
6. Stan Musial	475	
•7. Mickey Mantle	439 .	

The Friday final game went to the Police lads who finished the regular season's play with 6-8 record.

is lads, who finished the regu-Oliver walked after one was out in the first. After Smith rolled to first for the second out, Jack

The Kiwanis lead was short lived however as the Police scored three in the bottom of the second inning on two bases on balls, a fielder's choice, and a

Kiwanians

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Park Grace

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Yankees

Cardinals

Giants

Rescue Squad Police Club

*8. Willie Mays *9. Eddie Matth

*10. Duke Snider

Active Players

Eddie Matthews

POLICE

The main event race, declared Keith Moss opened the inning one of the best in track history, with a base on balls, but was winner was Charlie Blanton with picked off first base for the Tommy Eskew finishing in the initial out of the inning. Kiwan- number two position.

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is pitcher Robbie Goforth issued Carl Falls, Kings Mountain driver, was forced from the race day afternoon with Foote Minhis second straight free pass to Mike Blanton, who scored the at the midway point because of eral downing VFW, 5-3 and mechanical difficulties, but reond on a passed ball. Pete Hicks ports that his car will be ready this weekend. Falls won the sec Miller singled two runs home prior to the main event. and scored the third as the Ki-

the main event.

This week's racing, which gets wanis lads made their second underway Saturday night at error of the inning.

eight o'clock, will have two add-The winners added insurance ed attractions. There will be two with two runs in the third and women drivers competing in the three in the fourth frame. Rookie Race which is held week-Hicks was credited with the ly prior to the three heat races win for the Police and starter and the main event. Goforth suffered the loss for the

See-Saw Battle

The action was fast and furi-

ous at Gaffney's Cherokee

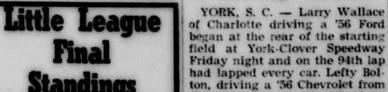
Speedway Saturday night as the

lead changed hands five times

before a winner was declared in

The Cherokee races feature semi-modified cars, along with

100 modifieds. 032 Leading Hitters: Police-Milr, single and double; Sessoms. Wallace Posts Win Black, singles. Kiwanis - Bell. In 100-Lap Feature



had lapped every car. Lefty Bol-ton, driving a '56 Chevrolet from Gastonia was in second place. Pct. Eddie Mac McCarter of Clover in Lost a '55 Chevrolet was third and Bill Montieth of Clover was four-.643

th in a '55 Ford. 643 .571

.500 429 along with the usual racing pro-.214 gram getting underway at 8:15 .154

D.m. 435 403 Dodgers-Angeles-Giants

Pony League Race Finishes In Ties; The Friday winners trailed, 1-0 after one inning of play but scored three times in the bottom Spangler's Play Foote In Tourney

> Make-up games which were played in the Pony League race this week forced the final standings into a two-way tie for first At Gaffney Oval and third places. The Foote Mineral team had

moved into a tie for the league lead last Tuesday with a 6-3 win over league-leading Spangler's and both teams won their final games to finish the regular season's play with identical

7-3 records The VFW lads tied with the Margrace boys for third place, both posting 3-7 season records. A single elimination playoff tournament got underway Mon-Spangler's eliminating Margrace by the same score.

Spangler's will meet Foote Mineral today (Wednesday) at 4:30 for the playoff champion-

FOOTE MINERAL . VFW In Monday's opening playoff tournament game Foote Mineral gained the early lead with a single run in the first inning on base on balls and a base hit. The winners cushioned the lead to 3.0 in the top of the third, but the VFW lads knotted the score in the fourth inning.

A two-run output in the fifth insured the victory for the Foote Mineral lads with Gaffney and Cornwell scoring after collecting

frame SPANGLER . MARGRACE

Spangler's had pulled ahead with a singleton in the third

> But the Margrace lead was short lived as pitcher Connor opened the Spangler's fifth with a base hit, and three bases on

victory as Smith opened the frame with a two-base hit and Connor was hit by a pitch with one out. Gladden was safe on an

Game Is Friday

olinas League North-South baseball game will be played at Gastonia's Sims Legion Park Friday night at 7:30.

The All-Star game will be proceeded at 7 o'clock by a beauty contest which crowns Miss Western Carolinas League of 1964. Eight beauties, representing the eight teams in the league, will vie for the title, and the winner will be selected by judges who will include sportscasters and sportswriters in the league area.

Lieutenant governor candi-dates Clifford Bell and Bob Scott will be on hand for the pre-

game festivities also.

The All-Star game will match players from the four southern division teams: Shelby, Greenville, Rock Hill, and Spartanburg, against the four teams from the North: Gastonia, Lexington, Statesville and Salisbury.

The players have been selected by popular vote of the sportscasters and sportswriters throughout the league, along with the umpires and the league's eight managers.

> The south team will coached by a duo of mentors. Hal Smith of the Rock Hill

Cardinals and Bill Steinecke of the Greenville Braves. The North squad will be managed by Salisbury Dodger mentor, George Schreger, who will be assisted by Max Lanier of Lexington and Ray Hathaway, newly assigned manager of the Gastonia Pirates. Area players who will be par-

ticipating include: George Vasquez, Gastonia pitcher; Car Moore, Gastonia catcher; and

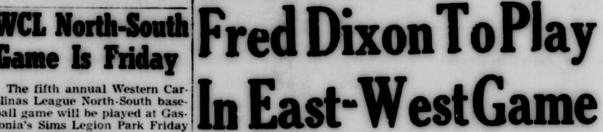
Harry Billie, Pira's utility in-fielder. They will be members of the North squad. Shelby's Gary Blalock will be a coach for the South squad and pitcher Fritz Peterson, first baseman Dave McDonald, and second baseman Jerry Kinney, along with utility outfielder Rick Kay-la are scheduled to see action. along

run to advance to the finals. OPTIMIST- KIWANIS

runs in the final inning with Sisk, Mike Herndon, and Warren Herndon scoring.

The second - seeded Optimist lads wasted no time in eliminating seventh seeded Kiwanis as winning pitcher and Geeper the winners tallied for four runs Howard suffered the Lions loss.

Darrell Bridges went the dis. tance on the mound and was the



Graduated senior guard Fred Dixon will play in the annual East-West All-Star game at Greensboro Thursday night.

A recipient of a four-year grant . and . aid scholarship to Clemson University, the 190pounder will be among high school stars of the western half of the state who will go against the eastern North Carolina standouts.

Dixon was an outstanding offensive and defensive player for the 1963 Mountaineers and was instrumental in the successful 9-0.1 season record of the '63 team

The annual game, which is sponsored by the North Carolina Coaches Association, is a terminating activity for the four-day meeting of the coaches from throughout the state who are as-sembled in Greensboro this week participating in the annual oaches clinic

The All-Star game will be played at Greensboro's high school stadium

Outstanding high school footplayers throughout the ball state were chosen by the All-Star coaching staffs, and boys from all high school classifications were chosen for the teams The players have been work ing out at the game site this week. The West squad will be coached by Lincolnton football mentor, Von Ray Harris, whose high school team posted a 6-2-2

record in 1963. Other Southwest Conference players who will join Dixon on the West squad include Lincoln-ton's All-State fullback-tackle.

Dennis Byrd, and center Steve Warren.

Larry Helms, Cherryville's out-standing defensive specialist, is scrimmage will also a member of the West day of practice



WESTERN STAR - Fred Dix cn. 1963 Mountai cn. 1963 Mountaineer footbal player, will be in the lineu Thursday night at Greensbor when the high school All-Star from western North Carolin take on the standouts from th East. Discon is a 190-poun guard and will enter Clemso University this fall where h has accepted a grant-and-ai d a grant-

squad.

Dixon has been preparing himself all summer for the star-studded game by running and exercising to keep in shape.

He will enter Clemson this fall and reports that Coach Frank Howard has informed all squad members that a full scrimmage will be held the first

back-to-back singles to open the The Spangler's - Margrace

game began with each team scoring single runs in the initial frame, and the underdog Margrace boys moved out into a 3-2 lead in the fifth inning after

inning.

Another big 50-lap feature has a base hit, and three been set for Friday night's race balls knotted the score.

Giants Braves error and both runs crossed the

A two-run rally in the bottom of the sixth gave Spangler's the