

Baseball--Crescent Drive In won the title. Our main competitor was Jesse Jones Sausage. I pitched against them three times and we won all three 3-2,4-3,and 1-0. The 1-0 game went 15 innings. Don Chandler and I both pitched all 15 innings. I struck out 28 batters in the game. It lasted four and a half hours in 95 degree heat.

As n Pony League All-Star, I pitched the Danville team to a 4-2 victory against Princeton, W. Va. in Elizabethtown Tenn. We lost in the semi-finals to the effectual winner Johnson City, Tenn. They were supposed to be 14 years of age but most them were shaving. I was injured the night before this game when I was knocked over the top rope in a boxing ring and hit my head on the gym floor. I was taken to the hospital but played the game the next day.

I was undefeated as a pitcher in the Pony League. I won the batting title and was presented a Louisville Slugger by Bill White as I averaged .371. I still have that bat today as it is 65 years old. It is one of only three awards I kept when we left Mobile, Al. I gave away about 100 trophies I had one as an individual or as a team member.

As a Freshman, I made the GWHS varsity team. I led the team in hitting with 4 for 8. All hits were in the same game against Martinsville when I went 4 for 4, we won 30-0 in 4 1/2 innings. I played some but not much at second base during the season. We won the State Championship. I played some in the State Tourney.

My sophomore year I was the starting shortstop. The first game was in Greensboro N.C.. I had on a new pair of spikes. After single, I stole second base and in doing so broke my ankle sliding into second. I had two hits before I was hurt. We went on to win the State Championship for the second straight year. I did well in this State Tourney.

My junior year we ended up 11-3. There3 was no baseball State Championships for several years after we won the last two. This was mainly due to expenses.

My Senior year we were 11-5. My only defeat as a pitcher in High School was to Drewry Mason 1-0 as I gave up a homerun to a catcher named Martin who went on to the Major leagues. He hit the homerun into Lefty Wilson's backyard. We also lost to Drewry Mason 19-1 which was the biggest defeat ever suffered by a GWGHS team.

On to Hampden-Sydney in 1956. The first baseball season was in 1957. I was the starting short stop. I was the starting second baseman when the season started. I played the first six games and then was removed from the team due to a bad attitude after the Richmond game. The team went on to a 15-0 record and the Mason Dixon Championship for the second straight year. It is in print, I tagged up from first base and scored on a long fly ball to left center.

My sophomore year we were 15-4 and won the Mason Dixon Championship for the third straight year. I was the starting shortstop.

My junior year we were 17-4-1. We won the Mason Dixon Championship for the fourth year in a row. Randolph-Macon our main rival was undefeated and I beat them twice 2-0 and 3-2. I suffered my only loss as a pitcher in the League Championship to Loyala of Maryland 1-0. We went on to win the Title. I was chosen MVP of the team and received the Ray A. Moore Award. I hit .470 for the season.

My Senior year we were 15-6. We did not retain the Mason Dixon Title. We did beat N.C. State and their pitcher Roman Gabriel an All-American Quarterback. I was chosen MVP of the team. I was chosen at two positions on the Mason Dixon Conference team. I made first team as a

pitcher and second team as a short stop. We won the Little Eight Title. I hit .476 and had 1.85 ERA as a pitcher.

I played in the Valley League for New Market Rebels in the summer of my sophomore year. We won the Championship with a record of 31-4. This league consisted of many good college players as well as ex-pro players. Some had played in the Majors. I was second in the league in hitting at .360, second in the league in homeruns with five, led the league in stolen bases with 19 and made the league All-Star Team. I was beamed in Luray Va. by a pitcher named Danny Doyle who made to the Majors. I had hit a homerun the first time up off of Doyle. I ended up in the hospital for several days but returned to finish up the season. During that summer I was taking a course at Madison College.

During exams my Senior year at HSC I signed a contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers for \$10,000 and a monthly salary of \$300. I was assigned to Orlando, Fla. I did not have a good year. It started out fine but I went through a spell of 0-16. I left the team and came home. I returned a few days later. I was fined and suspended for several games. I eventually ended up with a batting average of .221. Not so good. I went to Spring Training at Vero Beach, Fla. I stayed injured the entire time. I just gave up baseball and came home and was married within a month. I do my best to try not to look back. Many thought I could make the Majors but we will never know. I did play some semi-pro ball but didn't take any of it seriously.

From that point I only Coached Little League, 18 and under League. My Little League All Star team was very good but we were beaten 13-12 and didn't make it to the State Championship. My 18 and under team made it to the World Series in Chicago and were defeated.

All that I have left out is in the scrapbook.

Now to Basketball of which I probably received more awards than any other sport.