

Tied for first place in the eight-team East Texas (C) League, the Palestine Pals, behind the four-hit pitching of Charles "Chuck" Burns, beat the Tyler Trojans 8-4 for their fifth-straight win to open the 1940 season. With the home field loss, the Trojans drop to 1-4.

Making his professional debut, Burns, the son of Pals owner A.M. Burns, allows only one hit over the last eight innings after yielding three in the opening frame. Burns also collects his first career hit, a single, in three at bats.

Organized in 1934, the East Texas League operates as the West Dixie League for two seasons before changing over to its current name in 1936.

Trouble begins early for the seven-year-old league as "followers" of the Jacksonville Jax take up a collection to pay for \$400 worth of uniforms so the players can be "well dressed".

Palestine is in third place with a 25-20 record when on June 5, the Pals and the Jacksonville Jax (14-32) both disband as a result of financial problems. Fourteen of the Pals players are picked up by Tyler, unfortunately Burns is not one of them.

Pals Smash Trojans for 5th in Row

Charley Burns, Son Of Club Owner, Hurls Four-Hit Game in His Professional Debut

PALESTINE—	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Caffrey, ss	4	0	1	1	1	0
Valencia, rf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Metro, cf	3	2	0	2	0	0
Kovach, 3b	4	0	2	2	4	1
Barnes, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Cvrrarich, 1b	4	0	0	17	0	1
Armstrong, 2b	4	2	2	1	4	0
Funderburk, c	4	2	2	2	0	0
Burns, p	3	1	1	0	8	0

Totals	34	8	8	27	17	2
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TYLER—	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Blinstrub, 2b	4	1	1	3	5	0
David, ss	4	1	0	2	2	0
Shoals, 1b	3	1	1	12	0	0
Hancock, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0
DeWeese, c	3	0	0	6	1	0
Waldrop, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Goss, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Borom, 3b	3	0	0	1	4	1
1Atkinson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moore, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Hyver, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
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Totals	32	4	4	27	14	1
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Palestine	020	050	100	—8
Tyler	200	002	000	—4

1Batted for Borom in 9th.

2Batted for Hyver in 9th.

Runs batted in, Shoals, Hancock 3, Funderburk 2, Caffrey, Metro, Kovach 2, Barnes 2. Two-base hit, Shoals. Home runs, Funderburk, Hancock. Double plays, Caffrey to Armstrong to Cvrrarich, Borom to Blinstrub to Shoals 2. Left on bases, Palestine 4, Tyler 4. Bases on balls, Moore 3, Burns 4, Hyver 1. Earned runs, Palestine 7, Tyler 3. Strikeouts, Moore 4, Burns 2, Hyver 2. Hits and runs, off Moore 6 and 7 in 4 1-3. Hit by pitcher, Valencia by Moore. Losing pitcher, Moore. Umpires, Rowland, Newman. Time, 1:45.