

May 9, 1941

Around the Old North State...

In a less-than-stellar home opener, Thomasville commits 15 errors in a 15-5 loss to Lexington in a North Carolina State (D) League game before 2,100 Finch Field fans.

In winning their second-straight game to open the season, the Indians pound out 15 hits, including home runs by left fielder Walter Posey and 24-year-old manager/shortstop Lester Smith.

Thomasville's 23-year-old shortstop Henry Corriggio (6) and 20-year-old center fielder Henry Mostow (5) are the main culprits, combining for 11 of the Tommies' 15 miscues ... 33-year-old Thomasville right hander Ray Lindsay, a 20-game winner in each of the previous two seasons, is the "beneficiary" of his fielders' non-support.

For Posey, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina, his ninth-inning round-tripper is one of only 13 in his five-year minor league career ... before enlisting in the Army on August 5, the 20-year-



Walter Posey
1940 Lexington Indians

old Posey sets career-high in doubles (19), home runs (6) and batting average (.313), splitting time between Lexington and the Leaksville-Draper-Spray Triplets of the Bi-State (D) League.

INDIANS TAKE SECOND GAME ON 15 ERRORS BY THOMASVILLE TEAM

Smith and Posey Rap Homers For Lexington In Winning, 15 to 5.

(Special to Daily News)

THOMASVILLE, May 9.—The Lexington Indians made it two straight here tonight over the Tommies with a 15 to 5 victory. The Tommies made 15 errors to greatly aid the cause of the Indians in running up the score.

A crowd of 2,100 turned out for the opening game despite the cold weathhr.

LEXINGTON				THOMASVILLE					
	ab	r	h	o	ab	r	h	o	
McGinnis,2b	4	1	2		Mostow,cf	4	1	0	1
Holt,cf	6	0	2	3	Hornung,lf	4	1	1	2
Kelly,3b	5	0	0	0	Corriggio,ss	4	0	2	5
Morgan,rf	5	3	1	1	Burns,rf	3	1	0	2
Baughn,lb	5	2	3	14	Dry,2b	2	1	0	2
Smith,ss	5	2	3	2	Johnson,3b	2	1	1	1
Posey,lf	5	2	2	0	Watrow,lb	4	0	3	12
McSwain,c	3	4	2	5	Keller,c	4	0	0	4
Barnes,p	5	1	1	0	Lindsay,p	3	0	0	1
					Clinard,p	0	0	0	0
					aTeague	1	0	1	0

Totals 43 15 15 27 Totals 31 5 8 27
aBatted for Clinard in ninth.

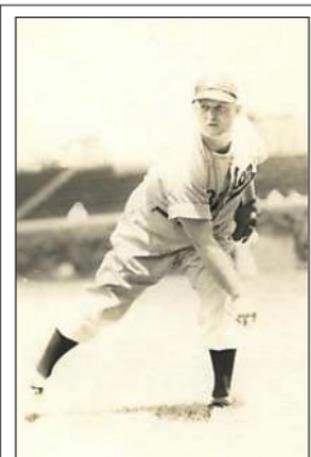
Score by innings: R
Lexington 030 110 118—15
Thomasville 200 100 020— 5

Errors—Mostow, 5; Corriggio, 6; Dry, Barnes, Keller, Johnson, Clinard. Runs batted in—Hornung, Corriggio, Holt, Lindsay, Baughn, 2; Barnes, Watrow, 2; Smith, 3; Posey, 2. Two-base hits—Baughn, 2; Smith. Three-base hit—Hornung. Home runs—Smith, Posey. Sacrifice—Barnes. Bases on balls—Off Barnes, 8; Lindsay, 1; Clinard. Struck out—By Barnes, 7; Lindsay, 4; Clinard, 1. Hits—Off Lindsay, 11 in 8 innings; Clinard, 4 in 1. Hit by pitcher—McGinnis, by Lindsay. Winning pitcher—Barnes. Losing pitcher—Lindsay.

BITS & PIECES

Norfolk's John Zar, a 6-foot-4 righthander from San Pedro, California, shuts out the Greensboro Red Sox 4-0 in the first game of a Piedmont (B) League doubleheader ... nicknamed "Long John" because of his height, Zar allows five hits, walks three and strikes out four in the first game victory ... Greensboro rallies for an 8-1 win in the nightcap before 1,000 fans.

The Sanford Spinners score five runs in the first inning en route to an 11-0 win over Martinsville in a Bi-State (D) League game, despite a triple play by the home standing Manufacturers ... Sanford's Paul Odom allows only five hits and strikes out 12 in the victory ... in 1943, Odom will pitch in 13 games for the Boston Braves, finishing with an 0-3 mark and a 5.27 ERA.



Dave Odom
1943 Boston Braves