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40 runs in 145 minutes...

Highlighted by an 11-run sixth inning, the Bluefield Blue-Grays score in every stanza en route to a 35-5 Appalachian (D) League win over the visiting Pulaski Counts ... the Blue Grays have their way with four Count pitchers - Worth Cuthbertson, Paul Compton, Howard "Skeeter" Jenkins, Billy Flint (making his only pitching appearance of the year) and Kay Rudisill, pounding out a season-high 31 hits before 500 fans at Bluefield' Bowen Field.

Pulaski (55-49) commits nine errors, including three by pitcher-turned-center fielder Fay DePriest and two by rookie right fielder John Abernethy ... the 35 runs and nine errors are both Appalachian League records.

Bluefield (43-62) is led by All-Star first baseman Thomas Zikmund and third baseman Albert Orlando ... Zikmund has seven straight hits and hits for the cycle, with three singles, two doubles, a triple and a home run with seven runs scored and five RBIs ... Orlando is 5-for-6 with two doubles, one triple, one home run and seven RBIs.

Notes: During the game, four different fires are started under the grandstand ... 22-year-old Bluefield left-hander Ray Guard takes advantage of the support, striking out eight, walking four and allowing 11 hits in a route-going victory.

Not All is Lost: Before the game, League President Carl A. Jones, Jr., notifies Pulaski that Bristol's protest of a July 29 game will not be allowed ... Bristol manager Don Cross has claimed that a ball going through a screen barrier near the Calfee Park entrance should have been ruled a home run instead of a double as allowed by the umpires. Jones rules:

"I am of the opinion that Rule 41, Section 3 would apply in the case. While the rules do not specifically allow that the ball going through, or under, the fence be limited to a two-base hit, I am of the opinion that such would be the case."

Pulaski Team Smeared, 35-5, By Bluefield

Bluefield—AP—Highlighted by a fire in the grandstand which blazed to the ceiling causing some damage, the game here last night between the Blue-Grays and the Pulaski Counts, set, as far as could be ascertained here, a record for scoring by one team, with the Bluefield team tallying 35 runs as against five for the Counts.

Orlando, Blue-Gray third baseman, got a single, two doubles, a triple, a home-run, batted in seven runs, and scored six times himself. Zikmund was at bat eight times, got seven straight hits, including a home run, and two doubles, scoring seven times.

Pulaski	AB	R	E	Bluefield	AB	R	E
Silbernagle 2b	4	0	0	Stoecker ss	8	1	3
Hobbs lf	2	0	1	Walaska lf	2	1	0
Rudisill cf-p	3	1	1	Pillion lf	1	3	0
Manarino 3b	5	1	4	Watro lf	3	2	2
Duncan c	0	0	0	Zikmund 1b	8	7	7
Sullivan c	1	0	0	Dedmon rf	6	3	3
DePriest cf	1	0	0	Orlando 3b	0	5	5
Gray lf-1b	5	1	2	Kuzenka c	7	3	4
Flint 1b-p	5	1	1	Navage cf	2	2	2
Ellington ss-p	4	0	3	Sapko cf	2	2	1
Abernathy rf	0	0	1	Keeth 2b	7	0	2
Compton ss-p	5	1	3	Guard p	7	3	2
Jenkins p	0	0	0				
Total	36	8	13	Total	50	35	31

1 hit for Rudisill in 6th.
1 hit for Sullivan in 6th.
1 hit for Pillion in 6th.

PULASKI	010	02	1	100--5
BLUEFIELD	411	55(13)	44x--35	

Errors: Keeth, Silbernagle, Ellington, Rudisill, Abernathy 2, Compton, DePriest 3, Navage; runs batted in: Orlando 7, Keeth 1, Ellington, Zikmund 5, Dedmon 3, Guard 1, Gray 2, Watro 1, Navage, Stoecker, Kuzenka; two-base hits: Flint, Zikmund, Sapko, Kuzenka, Orlando 2, Stoecker, Guard, Watro 2; three-base hits: Guard, Orlando, Watro, Zikmund; home runs: Zikmund, Orlando; stolen bases: Stoecker 2, Watro, Pillion; hit by pitcher: Orlando by Compton; losing pitcher: Cuthbertson; umpires: Price and Oallin; time of game: 2:45.