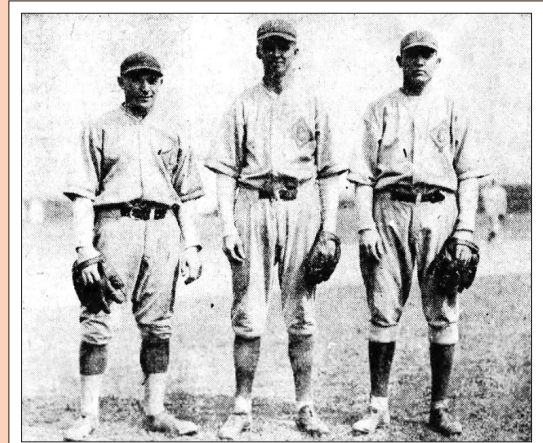


TEAM SNAPSHOT: 1925 Salisbury Colonials

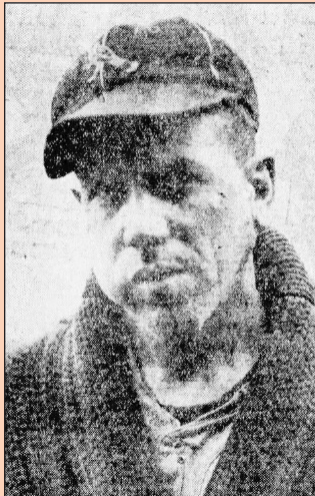
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**"If I find that I haven't got a good club, I'll get one here in two days. Trains run in and out of here all the time and if the club I have now doesn't produce, I'll get one here that will that quick."
- Patsy O'Rourke, Salisbury Manager, April 21, 1925**

Returning to organized baseball for the first time in 20 years, Salisbury, a town of 14,000 located 25 miles northeast of Charlotte, opens the season "almost" on the right foot - at least for a team destined to finish in last place in the competitive Piedmont League. Following a two-game road series sweep of High Point on May 4-5, Patsy O'Rourke's Colonials reside comfortably in fourth-place in the six-team league with a 5-5 record, including a 4-2 mark away from home.



This photographer missed big time when determining what pitchers he asked to pose for a spring training photo. Pictured above, from left to right, are "Lefty" Strecker, Bob Maitland and Charlie Pfeiffer. This trio combined for 17 appearances with one win in eight decisions.



Coming off a 5-3 win over the homestanding Pointers before 500 Tuesday afternoon spectators at Welch Field, Salisbury seems destined for greater things as it boasts the league's first four-game winner in right-hander Jerry Jackson, the brother of Shoeless Joe Jackson, and the circuit's top home run hitter in outfielder Cy Cashion who has cleared the fences six times in the team's first 10 games.

But this is not a team built for a 126-game schedule in the heat and humidity of North Carolina.

The starting catcher is 45-year-old Joe Briger in the final hurrah of a much-accomplished 20-year minor league career. Handling the hot corner is player/manager Patsy O'Rourke (left), a mere 44-year-old. And it's O'Rourke who's responsible for putting together the Colonials' opening day lineup, which has only two players - Cy Cashion and Harvey McDonald - make it the entirety of the season. Four of the nine opening-day starters are gone by the end of May, including starting second baseman John O'Rourke, the coach's 20-year-old son, who is hitting .265 when he is cut by his father on May 30. Talk about cold-hearted.

The Colonials are 19-27 and in fifth place on June 13 when manager Patsy O'Rourke unexpectedly resigns and returns to his home in Philadelphia. His failure to win games and the verbal treatment given to him by the Salisbury fans are the two primary reasons for his resigning. "I don't know what's the matter with Pat," says team president W.M. Moore, "He had success as a manager elsewhere. But the fans are on him."

1925 Piedmont League - Final Standings

President: William G. Bramham

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Manager
Winston-Salem Twins	77	49	.611	--	Charlie Carroll
Durham Bulls	68	58	.540	9.0	Art Bourg
Greensboro Patriots	61	63	.492	15.0	Lee Gooch/Hardin Herndon/Dick Smith/Fair Crews
High Point/Danville	58	67	.464	18.5	Lloyd "Duke" Smith/Hardin Herndon
Raleigh Capitals	57	69	.452	20.0	Hardin Herndon/Duke Duncan/Chick Doak
Salisbury Colonials	54	69	.439	21.5	Patsy O'Rourke/Red Stewart/Rowdy Elliott

First Half	W	L	Pct.	GB	Second Half	W	L	Pct.	GB
Durham	39	23	.629	--	Winston-Salem	42	22	.656	--
Winston-Salem	35	27	.565	4.0	Danville	33	30	.524	8.5
Greensboro	32	29	.525	6.5	Salisbury	30	34	.469	12.0
Raleigh	29	33	.468	10.0	Durham	29	35	.453	13.0
Salisbury	24	35	.407	13.5	Greensboro	28	35	.444	13.5
Danville	25	37	.403	14.0	Raleigh	28	36	.438	14.0
April 22-July 3					July 4-September 12				

Playoffs: Durham defeats Winston-Salem 4 games to 3.

Ballparks:

Durham	Doherty Park (3,000)	Raleigh	League Park (2,000)
Greensboro	Cone Park (2,000)	Salisbury	Colonial Park (3,000)
High Point/Danville.....	Welch (3,000)	Winston-Salem	South Side Park (2,000)
Danville	Stonewall Jackson Park (2,000)		

After O'Rourke departs for home he is succeeded on an interim basis by popular pitcher Joe "Red" Stewart. Stewart manages the team to a 3-4 record before turning the team over to Rowdy Elliott, an ex-major leaguer. Elliott takes the reigns on June 26 and finishes out the season 32-38 with a third-place finish in season's the second-half. Described as "placid, kindly," Elliott is said to have transformed the tail-end Colonials by tactics of "sweetness and light." Nine years later, on February 12, 1934, Elliott dies in San Francisco from injuries received in a fall from an apartment house window while intoxicated.

Salisbury finishes fifth during the season's first half with a 24-35 mark and third in the second half, winning 30 of 64 games. Overall the Colonials finish in the cellar 21 1/2 games behind league champion Winston-Salem and 1 1/2 games back of fifth-place Raleigh.

A total of 41 players don Salisbury's gray flannels that summer, including 13 who take a turn on the mound. The Colonials' roster includes four players - Buck Jordan, Joe O'Rourke, Buzz Phillips, Gale Staley - who eventually make it to the major leagues and three players - Rowdy Elliott, Patsy O'Rourke, Possum Whitted - whose major league careers are in the rear view mirror.

1925 Salisbury Colonials [2 of 11]:

1925 Salisbury Colonials Roster

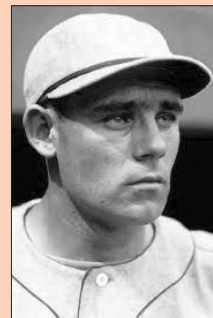
Name	Pos	Age	B	T	Date of Birth	Home	Notes
Briger, Joe	C	45	R	R	January 10, 1880	Albany, N.Y.	45-year-old catcher hitting .339 when released June 1
Brown, Charles	P	25	R	R	March 17, 1899	Lancaster, Pa.	21-game winner in 1922; sent to Salisbury from Charlotte
Burwell, Kay	C	22	R	R	June 1923	Greenville, S.C.	Pre-season catcher; played in Carolina League in 1923 and 1924
Carlyle, Eldon	OF	18	L	L	April 16, 1907	Norcross, Ga.	Has pretty shoulders; both brothers in major leagues; dies 1932
Cashion, Cy	OF	20	R	R	October 21, 1905	Greenville, S.C.	Bats from the correct side; leads Piedmont in home runs with 25
Elliott, Rowdy	C	35	R	R	July 8, 1890	Kokomo, Ind.	32-38 as manager; .241 average in 5 major league seasons
Greishaber, William	P	26	R	R	1899	Ithaca, N.Y.	Debuted with Charlotte in 1920; jumped contract
Harrison, Earl "Rip"	C	-	R	R	-	Waverly, Va.	Loaned to Greenwood of the Carolina League on July 2
Harvey, William	C	-	R	R	-	-	Semipro catcher; signed September 9; hits .150 (6-for-40)
Hudson, Howard	1B	23	L	R	August 1902	Columbus, Ohio	Former Marine; played in Blue Grass League in 1923 and 1924
Ington, Buffington	3B	24	R	R	-	Pennsylvania	Starts the season as starting 3B with Charlotte Hornets
Jackson, Jerry	P	27	R	R	July 17, 1898	Greenville, S.C.	Brother of Shoeless Joe Jackson; leads league in innings pitched
Jordan, Buck	SS	18	L	R	January 16, 1907	Greensboro, N.C.	A John McGraw protégé; a .299 hitter in 10 major league seasons
Larsen, Glen "Lefty"	P	22	B	L	October 14, 1902	Everett, Wash.	
Lyons, Harry	1B	-	-	-	-	New Jersey	flashy fielder; signed August 8; released September 1
M'Clain, Eugene "Mac"	C	22	L	R	October 6, 1903	Rome, Ga.	With semipro Kannapolis in 1924; came down with Mumps in May
McDonald, Harvey	P/OF	25	L	L	May 18, 1900	Upper Darby, Pa.	U of Delaware star; led Eastern Shore hitting (.388) 1923; Pro Football
McMillan, L.S. "Red"	P	22	R	R	November 29, 1903	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	6'3" U of Alabama star; signs with Spartanburg in August
Maitland, Bob	P	24	L	R	1901	Emporia, Va.	4th-straight year in Piedmont League; released June 23
Mittwede, Walter "Dutch"	OF	29	-	R	1896	Hartsville, Ala.	3-year Army veteran; starts season with Raleigh; acquired July 12
Morris, Casey	C	22	R	R	1903	Gastonia, N.C.	At UNC he captains both the baseball & football teams
Mullin, James	INF	-	-	R	-	Philadelphia, Pa.	Starts season in Greeneville, Tenn.; signs with Salisbury July 18
O'Connor, Patrick	3B	-	-	-	-	Charlotte, N.C.	Signee (8.25) from Abbeville from the Carolina League
O'Rourke, Joe	2B	20	L	R	October 28, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	Son of Patsy O'Rourke; plays 3 games with Philadelphia A's in 1929
O'Rourke, Patsy	3B	44	R	R	April 13, 1881	Philadelphia, Pa.	Hit .195 in 53 games with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1908
Pfeiffer, Charlie	P	-	R	R	-	Jacksonville, Fla.	0-3 in 7 games when released May 30; 3-0 with Charlotte in 1924
Phillips, Lefty "Buzz"	P	21	R	R	May 25, 1904	Newton, N.C.	18-game winner in 1925; 0-0 in 18 games with the Phillies in 1930
Poflisch, Freddy	C	-	R	R	-	Milburn, N.J.	Has 4 hits in 33 at bats (.121) before being released Sep. 1
Roberts, Pat	1B	-	R	R	-	Birmingham, Ala.	Signed June 8; collects one hit in 11 at bats
Sanders, Dave	1B	-	R	R	-	Greenville, S.C.	Homers in his debut September 8; semipro from Kannapolis
Sanders, Jimmy	OF	27	L	R	September 3, 1897	Penfield, Ga.	Hits .349; sold to Birmingham at the end of the season
Seibold, Clyde	UT	-	-	R	-	Cooleemee, N.C.	Utility infielder; did not play before being released May 3
Shoaf, Henry	P	20	R	R	November 18, 1905	Salisbury, N.C.	124-game winner in 12 years; "The Salisbury Sinker"; side-winder
Smith, John	1B	-	L	L	-	Indiana	0-for-4 in Salisbury debut 8.31; released two days later
Strecker, Louis "Lefty"	P/OF	-	L	L	-	Jamaica Plains, Mass.	played in East Canada where they have "one-eyed umpires"
Staley, Gale	2B	26	L	R	May 2, 1899	De Pere, Wis.	hits .423 in 7 games with Cubs in 1925
Stewart, "Red" Joe	P	-	R	R	-	Birmingham, Ala.	Alabama teacher; named manager June 14; 3-4 before replaced
Stockton, Tom	3B	-	R	R	-	Peoria, Ill.	Hits .232 with 5 home runs in 29 games before released August 23
Thrasher, George	OF	26	R	R	October 26, 1898	Watkinsville, Ga.	One of three Thrasher brothers to play pro baseball
Westnedge, Joe	P	20	L	L	August 30, 1904	Kalamazoo, Mich.	On the Cub' spring training roster 1925 but fell ill and sent to minors
Whitted, George	1B	35	R	R	February 4, 1890	Durham, N.C.	.269 in 11 major league seasons; Duke head coach 1928-1929
Wilson, Bob	1B	-	L	-	-	-	Joins team on September 1; hits .283 in 13 games
Wilson, Harvey	SS	22	R	R	1903	Philadelphia, Pa.	Bats from the "correct side"; hits .272 in 74 games
Wilson, Lawrence "Lefty"	P	-	R	L	-	Buies Creek, N.C.	Army veteran; 1923 UNC grad; 27-17 in 1923-1924 at Danville
Zanzallari, John	OF	-	R	R	-	New Brunswick, N.J.	led Eastern Shore League in home runs (26) in 1924

Managers: Pat O'Rourke (19-27); Red Stewart (3-4); Rowdy Elliott (32-38)

The pitching staff is led by a pair of talented right-handers, 21-year-old Buzz Phillips (18-14) and 27-year-old Jerry Jackson (17-15). The two combine for 35 of the team's 54 wins and nearly 50 percent (530 of 1,085) of the Colonials' innings pitched. Outfielder Jimmy Sanders hits .349 and leads the team in runs scored (91), hits (161), doubles (35) triples (18) and steals (19). Former college football star Harvey McDonald is tops in games played with 123, while Cy Cashion is first in home runs (25) and slugging percentage (.572).

George Whiteman

Baseball Reference lists George Whiteman (right) as one of three managers for the Colonials in 1925 when in fact the 42-year-old ex-major leaguer and hero of the Boston Red Sox's World Series championship in 1918, is the player-manager for the Ardmore (Okla.) Boomers in the Western Association. The Peoria native is later named the manager of the Colonials for the 1927 and 1928 seasons.



1925 Salisbury Colonials [3 of 11]:

This Jackson Wears Shoes

One of Joe Jackson's six brothers, Salisbury's Jerry Jackson leads the Piedmont League in innings pitched (277.1), games pitched (43-tied), complete games (23-tied), is fourth in wins (17) and seventh with a 3.57 ERA. The premier pitcher in Greenville's competitive textile league for two seasons, the sidewinder makes his pro debut in 1922 with the local Greenville Spinners of the South Atlantic League before signing with Greensboro in July before they move him to a semipro team in Asheville where he gains regional attention by winning 10-straight games.

Starting Lineup - April 22

John O'Rourke, 2Breleased May 30
 Patsy O'Rourke, 3Bquit June 13
 Harvey Wilson, SS released July 19
 Harvey McDonald, RFfinished season
 Cy Cashion, LFfinished season
 John Zanzallari, CFreleased May 3
 Howard Hudson, 1Bsold June 23
 Joe Briger, Creleased May 30
 Joe Westnedge, Preleased May 11

Second Edition

Despite newspaper reports to the contrary, 1925 is not the first year that the city of Salisbury has fielded a minor league team. Twenty years earlier, the city was represented in the four-team 1905 Virginia-North Carolina (D) League.

Colonial Park

Completed just in time for the 1925 season, Colonial Park is located on a previously-undeveloped site which is bounded (at the time) by West 15th, West 16th, North Caldwell and North Fulton streets. A 1931 map shows the Park on a lot adjacent to Ballard Industrial School which would place it on the campus of present day Livingstone College. The 2,200-seat park is dedicated for baseball by the Colonials on April 10, 1925, with an exhibition game against the Charlotte Hornets of the South Atlantic Association. Over the years it hosts college football and baseball games and major league exhibition contests. In August, 1925, the city announces that following the current season grass will be sown in the outfield and infield, indicating that the field is currently an all-dirt surface. The park, located in North Salisbury, is considered difficult to get to at the time because of "the construction of a new road from Salisbury to Spencer." On June 24, 1931, a fire of unknown origin destroys the grandstand. The estimate of damage is \$3,000 and it's determined that the city did not carry fire insurance, causing the park to fall in some disuse. In 1952, the Salisbury Housing authority nears completion of 108 housing units, including 40 on land where the old Colonial Park was located.

The Beginning

There is a "great deal of interest" in the town's baseball venture in November 1924. A group of 20 local

1925 Salisbury Colonials Statistics (54-69)

Name	Pos	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	TB	SLG	BA
Maitland, Bob	P	9	17	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	.412	.412
Staley, Gale	2B	90	368	77	129	20	6	6	5	179	.486	.351
Morris, Casey	C	25	80	11	28	7	0	1	0	38	.475	.350
Sanders, Jimmy	OF	120	461	91	161	35	18	9	19	259	.562	.349
Briger, Joe	C	19	62	6	21	4	0	1	2	28	.452	.339
Carlyle, Eldon	OF	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.333	.333
Cashion, Cy	OF	120	460	81	149	23	8	25	6	263	.572	.324
McDonald, Harvey	1B	123	438	77	130	27	9	9	6	202	.461	.297
Sanders, Dave	1B	5	17	1	5	0	1	1	0	10	.588	.294
Jordan, Buck	SS	68	289	35	83	13	5	2	2	112	.388	.287
Ington, Bunnie	2B	41	152	25	43	8	2	0	4	55	.362	.283
Wilson, Bob	1B	13	46	6	13	2	2	0	2	19	.413	.283
Wilson, Harvey	3B/SS	74	287	49	78	14	3	1	4	101	.352	.272
O'Rourke, Joe	2B	24	102	22	27	4	2	0	0	35	.343	.265
O'Rourke, Pat	3B	28	98	16	26	7	0	0	0	33	.337	.265
Wilson, Lefty	P/OF	34	92	5	24	4	3	0	1	34	.370	.261
Hudson, Howard	1B	46	179	25	46	10	2	3	2	69	.386	.257
Harrison, Earl "Rip"	C	23	74	8	19	4	1	0	0	25	.338	.257
Thrasher, George	OF	14	56	8	14	3	0	1	0	20	.357	.250
Stewart, Red	P	11	32	3	8	0	0	0	0	8	.250	.250
Shoaf, Henry	P	21	60	6	14	3	2	1	0	24	.400	.233
Stockton, Tom	OF	28	108	12	25	6	0	5	0	46	.426	.232
Elliott, Rowdy	C	50	175	15	40	4	0	1	0	47	.269	.229
Mullin, James	SS	22	84	10	19	6	0	2	1	31	.369	.226
Mittweide, Walter	OF	30	105	9	23	4	2	0	4	31	.295	.219
Phillips, Buzz	P	47	110	14	24	1	1	2	0	33	.300	.218
Whitted, George	1B	19	69	9	14	4	0	0	0	18	.261	.203
Greishaber, William	P	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	.200
Jackson, Jerry	P	45	103	6	20	5	1	0	0	27	.262	.194
Zanzallari, John	OF	2	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	.333	.167
Smith, John	1B	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167	.167
O'Connor, Patrick	3B	5	26	2	4	0	0	1	0	7	.269	.154
Brown, Charles	P	19	39	3	6	1	1	1	1	12	.308	.154
Harvey, William	C	14	40	6	6	1	2	0	1	11	.275	.150
Lyons, Harry	1B	8	24	2	3	1	0	0	0	4	.167	.125
Poflisch, Freddy	C	11	33	3	4	1	1	0	0	7	.212	.121
Roberts, Pat	1B	3	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.091	.091
Pfeiffer, Charlie	P	6	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.083	.083
Westnedge, Joe	P	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Larsen, Glen	P	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Strecker, Lefty	P	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Box Scores		124	4333	646	1218	222	72	72	62	1800	.415	.281
Official Team		124	4290	619	1195	221	69	71	63	1777	.414	.279

Name	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	SHO	INN	RUN	ER	HIT	SO	BB
Jackson, Jerry	17	15	3.57	43	30	23	1	277	137	110	249	117	128
Phillips, Lefty	18	14	3.31	35	28	23	2	253	110	93	262	57	59
Wilson, Lefty	8	9	4.33	18	18	14	1	135	83	65	170	36	34
Shoaf, Henry	4	8	4.42	17	13	7	0	116	81	57	149	42	31
Brown, Charles	2	9	4.77	15	10	7	0	100	60	53	115	57	38
Stewart, Red	3	4	3.69	11	7	3	1	83	46	34	86	15	23
Larsen, Glen	1	2	--	3	3	1	0	18	9	9	19	6	12
Maitland, Bob	1	3	--	8	2	1	0	40	26	42	14	17	17
Pfeiffer, Carlie	0	3	--	7	6	2	0	27	28	45	15	12	12
Strecker, Lefty	0	1	--	2	1	0	0	9	10	18	8	7	7
Westnedge, Joe	0	1	--	3	3	1	0	13	15	16	8	17	17
Greishaber, William	0	0	--	2	2	0	0	11	6	13	9	7	7
McMillan, Ron	0	0	--	3	0	0	0	3	5	7	3	0	0
Box Scores	54	69	--	124	124	81	5	1085	616	--	1191	387	385

Statistics include 1 tie game

1925 Salisbury Colonials [4 of 11]:

business men form a cooperation, get a working agreement with the Charlotte Hornets and replaces the Danville franchise in the Piedmont League.

Tools of Ignorance x 6

During the course of the season, the Colonials employ a total of six catchers - Joe Briger (.339), Rowdy Elliott (.229), Rip Harrison (.257), William Harvey (.150), Casey Morris (.350) and Freddy Poflisch (.121). The sextet combines to hit three home runs on the season.

Extended Bios

In 1934 Jimmy Sanders wins the inaugural Louisville Silver Slugger award for being the leading batter in the minor leagues with a .434 average while managing the Martinsville Manufacturers. A graduate of Georgia Military College, Sanders has a .317 batting average in 17 minor league seasons.

Season Opener

April 23, 1925

Greensboro at Salisbury Colonials
Colonial Park, Salisbury, North Carolina

GREENSBOR.	ab.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.
Engle, ss.	5	1	1	2	3	2
Zitzke, 2b.	5	0	0	3	3	0
Thompson, cf.	3	2	0	3	0	0
Gooch, rf.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Cox, 1b.	4	0	1	10	1	0
Long, 3b.	4	1	1	2	0	1
O'Hara, lf.	4	1	1	1	0	1
Dayton, c.	3	2	0	6	4	0
Buggy, p.	4	1	2	0	4	0
Lowden, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals36 9 8 27 15 4

SALISBURY.	ab.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.
J. O'Rourke, 2b.	3	2	0	3	3	1
P. O'Rourke, 3b.	5	1	1	1	0	1
Wilson, ss.	5	2	2	6	4	2
McDonald, rf.	5	2	1	4	0	1
Cashion, lf.	3	0	2	3	0	0
Zanzy, cf.	5	0	1	1	0	0
Hudson, 1b.	4	0	2	6	1	1
Brigger, c.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Westnedge, p.	1	0	0	0	2	0
Maitland, p.	3	0	1	0	2	0

Totals38 7 11 27 12 6

Score by Innings: R.

Greensboro021 022 002—9

Salisbury300 001 300—7

Summary: Earned runs—

Greensboro 6; Salisbury 5. Two-

base hits—Wilson (2); Cox.

Three-base hits—McDonald. Home

runs—Gooch, Engle. Sacrifice hits

—Cox, Lowder, Cashion. Double

play—Engle to Zitzke to Cox.

Bases on balls—Off Westnedge 5;

off Maitland 4; off Buggy 1; off

Lowder 1. Struck out—By West-

nedge 1; by Maitland 1; by Buggy

5; by Lowder 2. Stolen base—

Zanzy. Hit by pitcher—Cashions

(by Lowder). Hits—Off West-

nedge 4 in 4 1-3 innings; off Buggy

5 in 6 2-3 innings. Winning pitcher

—Lowder. Losing pitcher—West-

nedge. Passed ball—Brigger. Left

on bases—Greensboro 11; Salis-

bury 8. Time—2:10. Umpires—

Lewis and Sable. Attendance—

3,500.

At 45 years of age, Joe Briger may be the oldest every day catcher in organized baseball. Six times in his 20-year career the Albany, New York, native will hit over .300 including a career-best .339 for Salisbury in 1925. In 1917 his wife of six years files for divorce charging "cruel and barbarous" treatment.

Salisbury native J. Henry Shoaf begins his pro career winning 10 games as an 18-year-old with the Kingsport Indians in the Appalachian (D) League. A sinker ball specialist, Shoaf is noted for his control. With the Birmingham Barons in 1933 he walks only 29 in 223 innings while winning 13 games.

Eighteen-year-old outfielder Eldon Carlyle is the brother of two major leaguers, Cleo and Roy, the latter of which is given credit for the longest (618 feet) home run in major league history. Despite being noted by the coaches for having "pretty shoulders," he plays only one game for the Colonials in 1925. On July 20, 1932, Carlyle dies in Norcross, Georgia, from a heart attack.

Cy Cashion, a 20-year-old outfielder leads the Piedmont League in home runs with 25. A year later, suffering from eye problems, he has only five homers when on August 17, Salisbury manager Moose Marshall says Cashion "isn't any good to him and he didn't want him on the team anymore" and sells him to the Durham Bulls. Raleigh 1B Webb Cashion, who plays 11 minor league seasons, is Cy's brother.

Salisbury Colonials Game by Game - 1st Half

APRIL (2-4)

Date	W-L	Score	Record	Decision	
22 Greensboro	Lost	7-9	0-1	Westnedge (L 0-1)	--
23 at High Point	Won	15-11	1-1	Jackson (W 1-0)	--
24 Greensboro	Lost	3-7	1-2	Pfeiffer (L 0-1)	CG
25 Greensboro	Tie	8-8	1-2	no decision	--
27 at Winston-Salem	Won	6-2	2-2	Jackson (W 2-0)	CG
29 at Durham	Lost	9-13	2-3	McMillan (L 0-1)	--
30 at Durham	Lost	3-9	2-4	Westnedge (L 0-2)	CG

MAY (11-15)

1 Winston-Salem	Won	4-3	3-4	Jackson (W 3-0)	CG
2 Winston-Salem	Lost	4-5	3-5	Pfeiffer (L 0-2)	--
4 at High Point	Won	14-4	4-5	Phillips (W 1-0)	CG
5 at High Point	Won	5-3	5-5	Jackson (W 4-0)	--
6 at Greensboro	Lost	5-6	5-6	Maitland (L 0-1)	--
7 at Greensboro	Lost	9-10	5-7	Phillips (L 1-1)	--
8 High Point	Lost	3-7	5-8	Jackson (L 4-1)	--
9 High Point	Won	17-5	6-8	Maitland (W 1-1)	--
11 Raleigh	Lost	(10) 4-5	6-9	Phillips (L 1-2)	CG
14 at Raleigh	Lost	1-6	6-10	Shoaf (L 0-1)	CG
15 Durham	Lost	2-6	6-11	Pfeiffer (L 0-3)	CG
16 Durham	Won	6-4	7-11	Phillips (W 2-2)	CG
19 Greensboro	Lost	(11) 2-3	7-12	Shoaf (L 0-2)	CG
Greensboro	Won	2-0	8-12	Jackson (W 5-1)	SHO
20 at Winston-Salem	Lost	4-5	8-13	Maitland (L 1-2)	CG
at Winston-Salem	Won	10-3	9-13	Phillips (W 3-2)	CG
21 at Winston-Salem	Won	10-3	10-13	Phillips (W 4-2)	--
22 at Durham	Lost	5-9	10-14	Pfeiffer (L 0-4)	--
23 at Durham	Lost	3-6	10-15	Shoaf (L 0-3)	CG
25 Winston-Salem	Won	4-1	11-15	Phillips (W 5-2)	CG
26 Winston-Salem	Lost	(16) 1-2	11-16	Jackson (L 5-2)	CG
27 at High Point	Lost	6-8	11-17	Shoaf (L 0-4)	CG
28 at High Point	Won	3-2	12-17	Stewart (W 1-0)	CG
29 at Greensboro	Lost	4-11	12-18	Phillips (L 5-3)	--
30 at Greensboro	Won	17-1	13-18	Jackson (W 6-2)	CG
at Greensboro	Lost	1-5	13-19	Jackson (L 6-3)	CG

JUNE (10-15)

1 High Point	Won	13-7	14-19	Shoaf (W 1-4)	CG
2 High Point	Lost	(13) 2-4	14-20	Jackson (L 6-4)	--
3 Raleigh	Lost	6-7	14-21	Phillips (W 5-4)	--
Raleigh	Won	9-3	15-21	Jackson (W 7-4)	CG
4 Raleigh	Won	11-8	16-21	Wilson (W 1-0)	CG
5 at Raleigh	Lost	4-9	16-22	Shoaf (L 1-5)	--
6 at Raleigh	Lost	6-7	16-23	Phillips (L 5-5)	--
at Raleigh	Won	3-1	17-23	Jackson (W 8-4)	CG
8 Durham	Lost	8-10	17-24	Wilson (L 1-1)	--
9 Durham	Won	9-0	18-24	Stewart (W 2-0)	CG
10 Greensboro	Lost	3-4	18-25	Jackson (L 8-5)	CG
11 Greensboro	Won	3-2	19-25	Wilson (W 2-1)	CG
12 at Winston-Salem	Lost	6-12	19-26	Phillips (L 5-6)	CG
13 at Winston-Salem	Lost	3-7	19-27	Stewart (L 2-1)	CG

O'Rourke resigns; Red Stewart named manager

15 at Durham	Lost	4-8	19-28	Wilson (L 2-2)	CG
17 Winston-Salem	Won	7-1	20-28	Jackson (W 9-5)	CG
19 at Danville	Lost	2-3	20-29	Phillips (L 5-7)	CG
20 at Danville	Won	9-8	21-29	Shoaf (W 2-5)	--
22 at Greensboro	Lost	3-6	21-30	Jackson (L 9-6)	--
24 Danville	Lost	(11) 4-6	21-31	Shoaf (L 1-6)	--
25 Danville	Won	4-0	22-31	Phillips (W 6-7)	SHO
Rowdy Elliott manager debut					
26 Raleigh	Lost	2-11	22-32	Wilson (L 2-3)	--
27 Raleigh	Won	7-6	23-32	Jackson (W 10-6)	CG
29 Raleigh	Lost	0-11	23-33	Shoaf (L 1-7)	CG
30 Raleigh	Lost	4-6	23-34	Stewart (L 2-2)	CG

JULY (14-14)

Date	W-L	Score	Record	Decision	
1 Durham	Lost	3-6	23-35	Phillips (L 6-8)	CG
2 Durham	Won	7-5	24-35	Wilson (W 3-3)	CG

END OF FIRST HALF (24-35, 5th place)

1925 Salisbury Colonials [5 of 11]:

A career .299 hitter in 10 major league seasons, **Buck Jordan** makes his pro debut in 1925 as an 18-year-old shortstop with the Colonials. Despite missing a couple of weeks after his automobile runs into a street car in downtown Salisbury, the Cooleemee, North Carolina, native hits .287 with two home runs. With the New York Giants, Washington Nationals, Boston Braves/Bees, Boston Red Sox and Philadelphia Phillies, Jordan strikes out only 109 times in 3,218 career plate appearances. The portside swinger hits .300-or-better four times, including a career-high .323 for the Bees in 1936. He had 17 career home runs in the major leagues, including one each against Hall of Famers Carl Hubbell and Burleigh Grimes.

Shortstop **Gale Staley** is 18 years old and a junior in high school in 1923 when he forgoes his senior year signing with the Cincinnati Reds. Two years later he opens the season with the Charlotte Hornets but is sent down to Salisbury after hitting only .172 in 18 games in the Queen City. Staley is sold to the Chicago Cubs in mid-season for a reported \$6,500. Brought up to the Cubs at the end of the season, he fashions a .423 average while hitting safely in each of his seven games. Those will be the only seven games the De Pere, Wisconsin, native will play in the major leagues. He will play four more minor league seasons in the Pacific Coast League before retiring just prior to the 1931 season after he is sold to the Memphis Chicks.

Hartsville, Alabama native "**Dutch**" **Mittwede** is playing semipro ball when he is called to military service in August 1917. Discharged in January 1920, he's impressive enough playing baseball in the Army that he is signed by the Atlanta Crackers. He plays 17 games before being sent down to the Linville

Pepperells of the Georgia State League where he plays the rest of 1920 and 1921. The right-handed hitting third baseman/outfielder begins 1925 with the Raleigh Capitals before being recalled by Asheville of the South Atlantic League. The Tourists then trade him to Salisbury on July 12 for catcher Casey Morris. In 30 games for the Colonials, he hits .219 in his final season or pro baseball.

May 26, 1925 W-Salem Twins at Salisbury Colonials Colonial Park, Salisbury, North Carolina

Winston Salem	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Irby, cf	7	2	3	7	0	0
Carroll, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Teague, 2b	4	0	2	1	14	1
Ammons, 1b	7	0	0	22	1	0
Harris, lf	6	0	2	5	0	0
Beazley, rf	5	0	0	3	0	0
Cleck, ss	4	0	1	3	2	0
Simms, c	5	0	0	6	2	0
Sullivan, p	6	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	48	2	8	48	24	1
Salisbury	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Jordan, ss	7	0	1	4	4	1
Staley, 2b	4	1	1	6	8	0
Wilson, 3b	6	0	0	2	5	0
McDonald, rf	6	0	1	2	0	0
Cashion, lf	6	0	1	2	0	0
Sanders, cf	6	0	2	5	0	0
Hudson, 1b	6	0	0	21	1	0
Harrison, c	6	0	1	5	3	0
Jackson, p	5	0	1	1	5	0
Buger, x	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	53	1	8	48	26	1

x Batted for Jackson in 16th.
Winston-Salem—
100 000 000 000 000 1—2
Salisbury—
100 000 000 000 000 0—1

Summary: Two base hits: McDonald. Sacrifice hits: Carroll (3). Teague, Simms. Double plays: Harrison to Hudson; Wilson to Staley to Hudson; Teague to Ammons. Base on balls: off Sullivan 2; Jackson 7. Struck out: by Sullivan 5; Jackson 3. Stolen bases: Irby. Wild pitch: Sullivan. Left on bases: Winston-Salem 10; Salisbury 6. Time 2:42. Umpires: O'Toole and Goetz. Attendance 800

In the season's top pitcher's duel to date, Winston-Salem's Frank Sullivan and Salisbury's Jerry Jackson each have a route-going performance in the Twin's 16-inning 2-1 win before 500 fans at Colonial Park. Each right-hander allows only eight hits.

Salisbury Colonials Game by Game - 2nd Half

JULY (14-14)

Date	W-L	Score	Record	Decision	
3 at Raleigh	Lost	8-9	0-1	Phillips (L 6-9)	--
4 at Greensboro (A)	Lost	4-5	0-2	Shoaf (L 1-8)	--
Greensboro (H)	Lost	3-10	0-3	Stewart (L 2-3)	--
6 Danville	Won	8-5	1-3	Jackson (W 11-6)	CG
7 Danville	Won	10-1	2-3	Phillips (W 7-9)	CG
8 Raleigh	Won	11-5	3-3	Stewart (W 3-3)	--
9 Raleigh	Lost	6-7	3-4	Jackson (L 11-7)	--
10 at Raleigh	Won	7-1	4-4	Phillips (W 8-9)	--
11 at Raleigh	Won	3-2	5-4	Jackson (W 12-7)	--
13 Durham	Lost	3-4	5-5	Brown (L 0-1)	--
14 Durham	Won	3-1	6-5	Phillips (W 9-9)	CG
15 Greensboro	Lost	3-4	6-6	Jackson (L 12-8)	CG
16 Greensboro	Won	6-3	7-6	Wilson (W 4-3)	CG
17 at Winston-Salem	Lost	1-3	7-7	Brown (L 0-2)	CG
18 at Winston-Salem	Won	3-1	8-7	Phillips (W 10-9)	CG
20 at Durham	Lost	5-6	8-8	Brown (L 0-3)	--
21 at Durham	Lost	6-9	8-9	Wilson (L 4-4)	--
22 Winston-Salem	Lost	(11) 5-9	8-10	Jackson (L 12-9)	CG
23 Winston-Salem	Won	15-5	9-10	Brown (W 1-3)	CG
24 Winston-Salem	Won	4-0	10-10	Phillips (W 11-9)	No-Hit
25 at Danville	Won	(10) 5-4	11-10	Phillips (W 12-9)	--
27 at Greensboro	Lost	3-9	11-11	Jackson (L 12-10)	CG
28 at Greensboro	Won	9-2	12-11	Wilson (W 5-4)	CG
29 Danville	Lost	0-2	12-12	Brown (L 1-4)	CG
30 Danville	Lost	(12) 3-5	12-13	Jackson (L 12-11)	--
31 Raleigh	Won	4-2	13-13	Phillips (W 13-9)	CG

AUGUST (10-16)

1 Raleigh	Won	(10) 4-3	14-13	Jackson (W 13-11)	CG
3 at Raleigh	Lost	3-5	14-14	Brown (L 1-5)	--
4 at Raleigh	Lost	0-7	14-15	Wilson (L 5-5)	CG
5 Durham	Won	4-1	15-15	Phillips (W 14-9)	CG
6 Durham	Lost	2-4	15-16	Shoaf (L 1-9)	--
7 Greensboro	Won	4-0	16-16	Wilson (W 6-5)	SHO
8 Greensboro	Won	8-3	17-16	Wilson (W 7-5)	CG
10 at Winston-Salem	Lost	1-5	17-17	Phillips (L 14-10)	CG
12 at Durham	Lost	2-8	17-18	Jackson (L 13-12)	--
13 at Durham	Won	8-5	18-18	Shoaf (W 2-9)	--
14 Winston-Salem	Lost	1-3	18-19	Phillips (L 14-11)	CG
15 Winston-Salem	Lost	(12) 4-6	18-20	Brown (L 1-6)	CG
17 at Danville	Lost	2-5	18-21	Phillips (L 14-12)	--
18 at Danville	Lost	12-13	18-22	Brown (L 1-7)	--
19 at Raleigh	Lost	0-5	18-23	Wilson (L 7-6)	CG
20 at Raleigh	Won	2-1	19-23	Jackson (W 14-12)	CG
21 Durham	Lost	2-9	19-24	Brown (L 1-9)	CG
22 Durham	Won	14-1	20-24	Phillips (W 15-12)	CG
24 Greensboro	Lost	(10) 4-6	20-25	Wilson (L 7-7)	CG
25 Greensboro	Won	3-2	21-25	Jackson (W 15-12)	CG
26 at Winston-Salem	Won	(11) 2-1	22-25	Phillips (W 16-12)	CG
at Winston-Salem	Lost	3-4	22-26	Jackson (L 15-13)	--
27 at Winston-Salem	Lost	0-4	22-27	Wilson (L 7-8)	CG
28 at Durham	Won	8-4	23-27	Shoaf (W 3-9)	CG
29 at Durham	Lost	5-7	23-28	Jackson (L 15-14)	--
31 Winston-Salem	Lost	3-9	23-29	Phillips (L 16-13)	--

SEPTEMBER (7-5)

1 Winston-Salem	Lost	2-5	23-30	Larsen (L 0-1)	--
2 at Danville	Won	13-2	24-30	Phillips (W 17-13)	CG
3 at Danville	Lost	6-7	24-31	Phillips (L 17-14)	--
4 at Raleigh	Won	10-4	25-31	Wilson (W 8-8)	CG
5 at Raleigh	Won	5-4	26-31	Jackson (W 16-14)	CG
7 Danville	Won	10-3	27-31	Phillips (W 18-14)	CG
Danville	Lost	1-4	27-32	Larsen (L 0-2)	--
8 Danville	Won	6-2	28-32	Jackson (W 17-14)	CG
9 Greensboro	Lost	2-4	28-33	Wilson (L 8-9)	CG
10 at Greensboro	Won	2-1	29-33	Larsen (W 1-2)	CG
11 Raleigh	Lost	3-4	29-34	Jackson (L 17-15)	CG
12 Raleigh	Won	6-5	30-34	Brown (W 2-9)	CG

Colonials Chronology

April 2 - The Salisbury franchise officially adopts "Colonials" as its nickname.

April 5 - Manager Patsy O'Rourke brings his team to Salisbury ready to practice in the city's new stadium, but when he finds out that the showers haven't been installed he leaves for Charlotte. O'Rourke feels that the best way to ruin a squad is to have them workout and not have showers at hand to cool them off.

April 18 - The Colonials' home and road uniforms are on display at the Peoples Drug Store and the Yadkin Drug Store. The road uniforms are gray with the words "Salisbury" and "Spencer" on the front. The home uniforms are

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white with a black stripe down the side and a large "S" on the chest. The caps are blue with a red "S" on the front.

April 23 - Greensboro shortstop Dave Engle hits a two-run home run in the top of the ninth to defeat Salisbury 9-7, in the season-opener for both teams. Joe Westledge allows four runs in 4 1/3 inning in relief and takes the loss before 3,500 in brand-new Colonial Park. In pre-game festivities, Salisbury Mayor C.M. Henderlite throws the ceremonial first pitch to Spencer Mayor R.J. Goode.

April 25 - Salisbury outfielder Cy Cashion hits a three-run first-inning homer in an 8-8 tie with Greensboro. By hitting the first home run in the Colonials' brand-new park, Cashion secures a handsome new suit by Nuricks department store and receives a five-dollar gold piece.

April 27 - After being shutout by Winston-Salem's Joe Lane on one hit through 7 2/3 innings, Salisbury scores six times in the eighth inning en route to a 6-2 win over the Twins.

April 30 - Salisbury pitcher Joe "Red" Stewart is sent home with a case of the mumps.

May 3 - Manager Pat O'Rourke releases pitchers Lefty Strecker, Red McMillan, catcher Eugene M'Clain. The Colonials also return outfielder John Zanzallari back to the Eastern Shore League.

May 4 - Lefty Phillips makes his Salisbury debut pitching a complete game and going 2-for-4 with a home run in the Colonials' 14-4 win over High Point. Cy Cashion is 3-for-5 with two home runs.

May 5 - Jerry Jackson improves to 4-0 on the season and Cy Cashion hits his sixth home run in Salisbury's first 10 games as the Colonials beat High Point 5-3.

May 6 - Salisbury's Cy Cashion homers twice in a 6-5 loss to Greensboro. Cashion has eight home runs in the Colonials' first 11 games.

May 13 - The surrender of the franchise of the High Point club is announced by League President W. G. Bramham. Poor play by the team results in financial problems. The organization started on a shoestring and after losing game after game, fans did not support the team and the treasury rapidly became depleted.

May 14 - The High Point baseball club will remain in the Piedmont League as a group headed by Dr. S.S. Coe raises the \$1,500 forfeit fee as required by league rules. The previous \$1,500 was surrendered by the previous owner J. Harvey Burgess and will be used to pay the \$2,800 in salaries owed the players.

May 21 - Starting pitcher Jerry Jackson is issued seven \$10 fines before finally be banished from the game in the third inning of a 10-3 win at Winston-Salem. Buzz Phillips replaces Jackson and picks up his second victory in as many days.

Owners Salisbury-Spencer Club



Felix Hayman (left) and W.M. "Bud" Moore (right) officially take over ownership of the Danville Bees baseball club and move the franchise to Salisbury, North Carolina on December 29, 1924.

Salisbury Colonials Transactions

May 3	P Lefty Strecker, P Red McMillan, C Eugene M'Clain released.
May 3	Released INF Clyde Seibold
May 3	OF John Zanzallari returned to the Eastern Shore League.
May 24	Acquired IF Gale Staley from Charlotte.
May 30	C Joe Briger, 2B Joe O'Rourke, P Charlie Pfeiffer released.
June 1	P Lefty Wilson signed, C Casey Morris signed.
June 5	Signed 3B H. Wilson
June 6	Released P Bob Maitland
June 8	Signed 1B Pat Roberts from Alabama.
June 13	Released 1B Pat Roberts
June 13	Manager Pat O'Rourke resigns.
June 14	Named P Red Stewart manager.
June 22	Signed OF George Thrasher
June 23	Acquired 2B Buffington "Bunnie" Ington from Charlotte
June 23	Released 1B Howard Hudson to Alexandria of Cotton State League
July 2	Loaned C Rip Harrison to Greenwood of the Carolina League
July 9	Released OF George Thrasher
July 10	Signed P Charlie Brown & P William Greishaber
July 12	Traded C Casey Morris to Asheville for OF Walter Mittwede
July 15	Released P and former manager Red Stewart
July 18	Sold IF Gale Staley to the Chicago Cubs for \$6,500.
July 18	Signed IF Tom Stockton & Jim Mullin from Greenville (App league)
July 19	Released INF Harvey Wilson to play semipro ball in Pennsylvania
July 21	Signed C Fred Salms
July 29	Signed C Fred Poflisch; Release catcher Fred Salms
July 30	Signed 1B George Whitted
Aug 1	Released P William Greishaber to Richmond
Aug 7	Signed C Freddy Poflisch
Aug 8	Signed 1B Henry Lyons
Aug 11	Released SS James Mullin
Aug 20	Sold OF Jimmy Sanders to Birmingham, Southern Association
Aug 22	Released 1B George Whitted & 3B Tom Stockton
Aug 25	Released 2B Bunnie Ington & C John Nichols; signed O'Connor
Aug 31	Signed 1B B. Wilson
Sep 1	Released 1B Henry Lyons, C Fred Poflisch, 1B John Smith
Sep 9	Signed C William Harvey
Sep 10	P Buzz Phillips sent to Charlotte

May 26 - In the season's top pitcher's duel to date, Winston-Salem's Roy Sullivan and Jerry Jackson each have a route-going performance in the Twins' 16-inning 2-1 win.

May 30 - Jerry Jackson allows only four hits in a 17-1 win over Raleigh in the first game of a doubleheader. Jackson also pitches a complete game in the second game, a 5-1 loss to Fair Crews.

June 11 - Despite turning three double plays and a triple play, Greensboro drops a 3-2 decision to Salisbury.

June 13 - Salisbury is 19-26 and in fifth place when manager Patsy O'Rourke resigns and returns to his home in Philadelphia. His failure to win games and the verbal treatment given to him by the Salisbury fans are the two major reasons for his resigning. "I don't know what's the matter with Pat," says team President W.M. Moore. "He had success as a manger elsewhere. But the fans are on him." ... Knoxville, last in the South Atlantic League, offers O'Rourke the team's managerial position.

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June 22 - In his Colonial debut, outfielder George Thrasher is 2-for-5 with a home run in a 6-3 loss at Greensboro.

June 27 - New manager Rowdy Elliott homers in his first game with the Colonials in a 7-6 win over Raleigh.

June 28 - Shortstop Buck Jordan is put on the disabled list (suspended) when it learned that he was involved a car wreck in Cooleemee the night before. Jordan suffered slight cuts and the loss of several teeth but is expected to "recover nicely."

July 23, 1925

Winston-Salem Twins at Salisbury Colonials
Colonial Park, Salisbury, N.C.

Winston:	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Irby, cf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Carroll, 3b.	4	0	0	1	3	0
Ammons, 1b.	4	0	0	11	0	0
Teague, 2b.	3	0	0	3	3	0
R. Harris, lf.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Johnson, if.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, rf.	3	0	0	4	1	0
Zitzke, ss.	3	0	0	2	3	1
Chisholm, c.	3	0	0	1	1	0
J. Harris, p.	2	0	0	0	4	0
Cline, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner, x.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	29	0	0	24	15	1

xBatted for Cline in 9th.

Salisbury:	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ingrton, rf.	4	1	0	1	0	0
Staley, 2b.	3	1	2	2	5	1
Stockton, 3b.	4	0	1	1	1	0
Cashion, lf.	3	0	3	3	0	0
Saunders, cf.	3	0	1	0	1	0
Brown, cf.	1	0	0	1	0	0
McDonald, 1b.	2	0	1	11	0	1
Mullin, ss.	4	0	0	4	4	0
Elliott, c.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Phillips, p.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Greishaber, xx.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	32	4	10	27	11	3

xxRan for Cashion in 7th.

Score by innings: R.
Winston 000 000 000—0
Salisbury 000 021 10x—4
Summary: Sacrifice hit: Staley.
Home run: Staley. Double plays:
Zitzke to Teague to Ammons. Hits
off: Harris 10 in 7 innings; off Cline
0 in 1 inning. Struck out by: Phil-
lips 3. Bases on balls: off Harris 2;
off Cline 1; off Phillips 1. Left on
bases: Salisbury 6; Winston 3. Los-
ing pitcher: Harris. Time of game:
1:25. Umpires: Goetz, Rue and O.
Toole. Attendance: 1,000.

Albert Phillips has the season's second no-hitter when he shutouts visiting Winston-Salem 4-0 before 1,000 fans at Colonial Park. Phillips struck out three, walked one and allowed only two hard-hit balls.

August 6 - The Colonials leave a league-record 19 men on base in a 4-2 loss to Durham; four times the Colonials left bases loaded. The team sells star pitcher Buzz Phillips to the Detroit Tigers.

August 7 - Lefty Wilson turns in the team's fifth shutout of the season, whitewashing Greensboro 4-0.

August 8 - "Lefty" Wilson pitches his second complete game win against Greensboro in as many days. Wilson allows the Patriots only three runs in 18 innings during the weekend series.

September 1 - Four new players join the team. John Smith, a first baseman from Indiana replaces Larry Lyons at the initial corner; Jim Mullin, a former Colonial who went to the Carolina League several weeks ago returns to replace third baseman O'Connor who is out with a torn ligament in his leg. Catcher Rip Harrison also formerly with the Capitals but later sent to the Carolina League returns; Freddy Proflish has an injured arm; Lefty Larsen, a left-handed pitcher.

July 15 - Pitcher and former manager Red Stewart is released.

July 18 - Infielder Gale Staley is sold to the Chicago Cubs for a record price of \$5,000. Staley will hit .423 in seven games with the Cubs.

July 23 - Albert Phillips has the league's second no-hitter of the season when he blanks visiting Winston-Salem 4-0, before 1,000 fans at Colonial Park. Phillips strikes out three, walks one and allows only two hard-hit balls.

July 25 - Pitcher "Hard Charlie" Brown is to report to Charlotte to respond to a warrant sworn out by C. E. Neese charging that Brown operated his automobile while intoxicated on Mint street, June 28 and collided with Neese's automobile.

July 26 - Salisbury loans infielder Buck Jordan and pitcher Henry Shoaf to the semipro Kannapolis club for two days in time for a three-game series with Raeford.

July 28 - Salisbury turns down an offer of \$5,000 for Albert "Buzz" Phillips, who has become one of the better pitchers in the league. Three major league clubs are said to "be on the trail" of the Catawba College grad. The team wanted \$7,500 for Phillips until he pitches a no-hitter against Winston-Salem on July 23, after which time the purchase price for their ace increased to \$10,000.

July 31 - Buzz Phillips wins his seventh-straight game, a 4-2 win over visiting Raleigh ... future Hall of Famer Ed Walsh, now a scout with the Chicago White Sox, attends the game and comes away "well pleased" with Phillips' performance.

August 5 - "Buzz" Phillips wins his eighth-straight game, a 4-1 decision over Durham. After the game it's announced that he has been sold to the Detroit Tigers. The Cubs and Cardinals are two other teams attempting to sign him.



Lefty Wilson

University of North Carolina grad "Lefty" Wilson is 27-17 in two seasons (1923-24) with Danville. Moving with the franchise to Salisbury in 1925, Wilson is 8-9 with one shutout and a 4.33 ERA. In 1920, he pitches a one-hit shutout of Trinity (Duke) on only 52 pitches.

September 2, 1925

Salisbury Colonials at Danville Tobbacoinists
Stonewall Jackson Park, Danville, Virginia

Salisbury	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Jordan, ss	5	1	1	3	4	0
Staley, 2b	5	5	5	3	2	0
Sanders, cf	5	1	2	1	0	0
Cashion, lf	5	1	2	2	0	0
McDonald, rf	5	1	1	2	0	0
B. Wilson, 1b	4	1	1	11	2	1
Mullen, 3b	3	2	1	1	2	0
Harrison, c	4	0	2	2	1	0
Phillips, p	4	1	0	2	2	0
Totals	41	13	15	27	13	1

Danville	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Herndon, 1b	5	0	3	16	0	0
Douglass, cf	5	0	1	0	0	0
Millsaps, 2b	5	0	0	3	6	0
J. Smith, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Thrasher, rf	2	1	1	3	0	1
Aragon, 3b	4	0	0	1	4	0
Schmidt, ss	4	0	0	1	3	2
Powell, c	4	0	1	2	2	0
Gober, p	4	1	2	0	2	0
Totals	37	2	10	27	17	3

Score by innings: R.

Salisbury	100	101	280	—13
Danville	000	001	001	—2

Two base hits: Mullen, Harrison, Sanders, Herndon. Three base hits: Jordan, Sanders. Home runs: Staley 3; Cashion, Thrasher, Gober. Double plays: Aragon to Millsaps to Herndon; Jordan to Staley to Wilson. Base on balls: off Gober 3; off Phillips 2. Struck out: by Gober 1; Phillips 1. Stolen base: Sanders. Left on bases: Danville 4; Salisbury

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Season Finale

The morning of September 12 dawns clear and pleasantly dry across the Old North State as six Piedmont League teams prepare to play the season's final day with an undisputed first division finish up for grabs.

In that afternoon's *Salisbury Evening Post* sports page, the standings show Salisbury (29-34) entering Saturday with a one game lead on Raleigh (28-35) and Durham (28-35) and a one-and-a-half-game advantage on last-place Greensboro (27-35). A Salisbury win over the visiting Capitals will give Rowdy Elliott's Colonials a 30-34 record and a third-place finish in the league's second half despite never having a winning overall record during the course of the 1925 season.

The game is scheduled for Salisbury's Colonial Park and its all-dirt field, but oddly enough neither the Colonials' manager or scheduled starting pitcher will be at the field come game time. The scheduled starting pitcher, 18-game winner Buzz Phillips, is nowhere on the premissis as the Detroit Tiger protégé was needed the day before in Charlotte by the Hornets in their quest to win the South Atlantic League flag. Then Saturday morning, manager Rowdy Elliott calls in sick, but is believed to be at the Charlotte Hornet - Columbia Comer game in the Queen City.

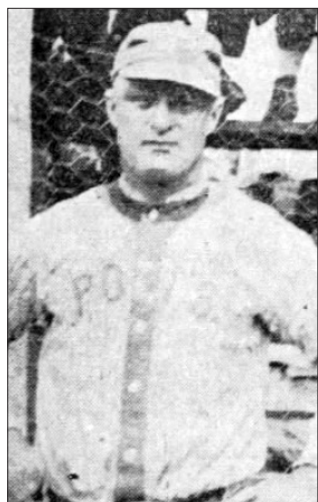
So with both Elliott and Phillips in Charlotte, 26-year-old second baseman Gale Staley is named acting manager for the season's final game. Staley narrows his choice for a starting pitcher to either "Hard Charlie" Brown, a Charlotte cast-off with a 1-9 record or Lefty Wilson, a 35-game winner in his first three seasons in the league, including an 8-9 mark this season. Naturally, Staley chooses the 25-year-old Brown who hasn't won a game since July 23. Raleigh manager and Guilford College graduate Chick Doak, the Capitals' third manager of the season, counters with right-hander Francis "Peggy" O'Neill. A ex-Marine, O'Neill enters the game 5-8 with 10 complete games.

At 4:00 pm, give or take a minute or two, home plate umpire Connie Lewis (probably) calls out "play ball!" before a sparse crowd numbering 300. Raleigh doesn't waste much time jumping on "Hard Charlie" for one run in the first, three more in the third. In the top of the fourth, Capitals' catcher Steve Siner, who had left the game earlier after being hit by a pitch, hits his first home run of the season, and the second of his career, over the left field fence giving Raleigh a 5-0 lead.

After being held scoreless through the first five innings, the Colonials finally get on the board in the sixth inning, scoring three times on three singles and a pair of sacrifice flies. In the bottom of the seventh, following singles by Buck Jordan and Staley and a walk to Jimmy Sanders, Lefty Wilson, just inserted into left field for Otis "Cy" Cashion, clears the bases with a three-run triple to deep centerfield. Brown closes out the game with five shutout innings and the Colonials claim third-place outright with a 6-5 win.

RALEIGH:		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Johnson, 2b	-----	5	1	1	1	1	0
Duncan, 3b	-----	4	1	1	0	0	0
Narleski, ss	-----	5	1	2	4	2	0
W. Cashion, 1b	-----	4	0	2	6	0	0
Matzen, lf	-----	3	0	0	2	0	0
x-Holland, cf	-----	4	1	1	2	1	0
O'Neill, p	-----	3	0	1	1	3	0
Siner, c	-----	2	1	1	8	1	0
Davis, rf	-----	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	-----	34	5	9	24	8	0
x-Ran for Siner in 3rd and scored.							
COLONIALS:		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Jordan, ss	-----	3	1	2	0	2	0
Staley, 2b	-----	4	1	1	2	0	0
J. Sanders, cf	-----	3	2	1	4	1	0
O. Cashion, lf	-----	3	1	2	2	0	0
L. Wilson, 1f	-----	1	0	1	1	0	0
McDonald, rf	-----	4	1	1	3	0	0
B. Wilson, 3b	-----	3	0	1	2	2	0
D. Sanders, 1b	-----	2	0	1	4	1	0
Harvey, c	-----	4	0	0	8	1	0
Brown, p	-----	3	0	0	1	2	1
Totals	-----	30	6	10	27	9	1
Score by innings:		R.					
Raleigh	-----	103	100	000	000	5	
Colonials	-----	000	003	30x	6		
Summary: Two base hits: Narleski, McDonald. Three base hits: Narleski, L. Wilson. Home runs: Siner. Stolen bases: W. Cashion, Matzen, Holland. Sacrifice hits: D. Sanders. Base on balls: off Brown 3; off O'Neill 8. Struck out: by Brown 8; by O'Neill 6. Double plays: O'Neill to W. Cashion; J. Sanders to B. Wilson. Left on bases: Raleigh 7; Colonials 9. Hits by pitcher: O'Neill and Siner (by Brown). Earned runs: Raleigh 5; Colonials 6. Time of game: 1:45. Umpires: Lewis and Sabrie. Attendance, 300.							

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Joe Briger

The Colonials' opening day catcher, the 45-year-old Briger is hitting .339 when he is released on May 30 due to a sore arm. In February 1922, the Albany, New York, native is traded from the London Tecumsehs to the Hamilton Tigers in a 10-player trade. Briger hits .300-or-better five times but never collects 100-hits-or-more in a single season. Briger's three best seasons hitting come after the age of 41.



Hard Charlie Brown

A veteran diminutive right-handed slabster, Brown is sent to Salisbury by the Charlotte Hornets on July 9. A 21-game winner for the South Atlantic League's Hornets in 1922, Brown is 3-7 for Charlotte with a 6.83 ERA when he is sent to the Colonials. A noted curveball specialist, Brown is 2-9 with a 4.77 in 16 appearances with Salisbury.



Cy Cashion

One of four Cashions to play minor league baseball, the 24-year-old outfielder makes his pro baseball debut with Salisbury in 1925. Cashion hits .324 for the Colonials and leads the Piedmont League in home runs with 25.



Rowdy Elliott

A former major league catcher with the Boston Doves, Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn Dodgers, the 34-year-old Elliott is named player-manager of the Salisbury Colonials on June 26. In his first game with the Colonials two days later, Elliott hits a home run keying a comeback win over Raleigh. Described as "placid, kindly," Elliott is said to have transformed the tail-end Colonials by tactics of "sweetness and light." He dies at the age 43 on February 12, 1934, from injuries received in a fall from an apartment house window while intoxicated.



Bill Greishaber

Greishaber makes his pro debut with Salisbury on July 21. In three starts for the Colonials he is 0-0 in 11 innings. Sold to Richmond, the Ithaca, New York, right-hander is 6-1 with one shutout and a 2.22 ERA.



Howard Hudson

The team's starting first baseman for the first half of the season, the 23-year-old Columbus, Ohio native comes to the Colonials after two seasons in the Blue Grass League. Played with the Quantico Marines in 1922.



Jerry Jackson

One of six brothers of Shoeless Joe Jackson, Jerry Jackson leads the league in innings pitched (277.1), games pitched (42), complete games (23 tied), is fourth in wins (17) and seventh with a 3.57 ERA.



Buck Jordan

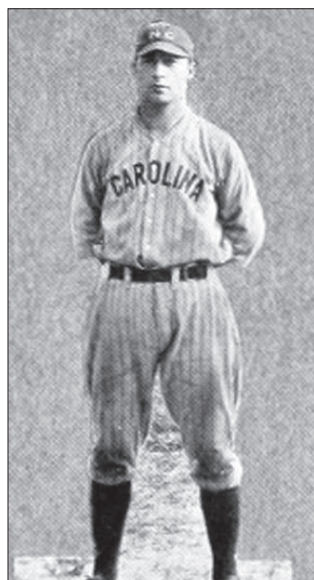
A 10-year major league veteran with a career batting average of .299, Jordan makes his pro debut with Salisbury on May 1. In 68 games with the Colonials, the 18-year-old Cooleemee native hits .287 with a pair of home runs. In 3,216 plate major league plate appearances, Jordan strikes out only 109 times. In three seasons in the International League Jordan hits .350, prompting his call up to the Washington Senators in 1931.

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Harvey McDonald

A University of Delaware football star, McDonald hits a league-leading .388 for Dover of the Eastern Shore League in 1923. McDonald hits .297 with nine home runs for the Colonials in 1925.



Casey Morris

In his only season of pro baseball, Casey Morris hits .350 in 25 games for the Colonials with seven doubles and one home run. Morris attended the University of the North Carolina where he was a two-time captain of the baseball team and the captain of the football team in 1934.



Bob Maitland

Playing his fourth year in the Piedmont League, Maitland is 1-3 in eight appearances when he is released on June 23. Like many Colonials before him, the tall lefty ends up playing in the semipro Carolina League. Maitland is 10-19 with a 5.32 ERA for the Savannah Indians in 1926.



Walter "Dutch" Mittwede

Asheville trades Mittwede to Salisbury on July 12 for catcher Casey Morris. The right-handed hitting third baseman/outfielder starts the season with the Raleigh Capitals. In 30 games for the Colonials, the Hartsville, Alabama, native hits .219. A three-year Army veteran, he makes the opening-day roster of the Atlanta Cracker and hits .167 in 17 games before being released on June 11.



Joe O'Rourke

After hitting .330 with Bristol of the Appalachian (D) League in 1924, Joe O'Rourke, the son of manager Pat O'Rourke, signs to play with Salisbury for 1925. The 20-year-old second baseman is hitting .265 when his dad releases him on May 30.



Patsy O'Rourke

Given the option of managing the Bristol State Liners of the Appalachian State (D) League again in 1925, or the Salisbury Colonials, the former major league shortstop with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1908 (.195 in 53 games) chooses the Colonials. On June 14, following a 7-3 loss to Winston-Salem, O'Rourke resigns his position with the team in last place with a 19-27 record.



Charles Pfeiffer

Continual arm problems shorten Pfeiffer's promising pro career. In 1924, Pfeiffer is 3-0 with Charlotte before having to shut down with shoulder issues. With the Colonials in 1925, he is 0-3 in six starts with arm issues before being released on May 30.



Buzz Phillips

Catawba College's Albert "Buzz" Phillips is 18-14 with a 3.31 ERA in his pro debut with Salisbury. Following almost six full seasons in the minor leagues, Phillips makes his 14-game major league debut with the Philadelphia Phillies over a six-week period at the end of the 1930 season.

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Jimmy Sanders

Georgia native Jimmy Sanders hits .300 or better 11 times, including a .349 mark with Salisbury in 1925. He leads the team in doubles (38), triples (18), steals (19) and is second with nine home runs. He compiles a .314 batting average in 17 minor league seasons (1923-1939).



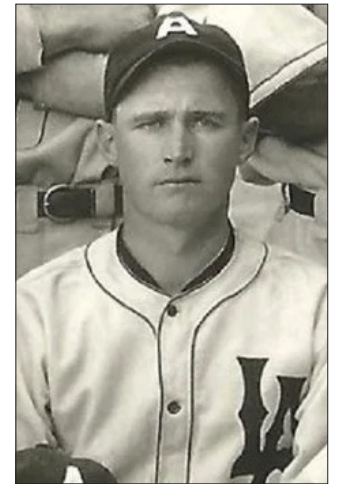
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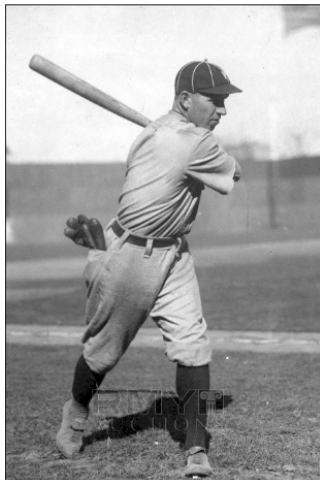
Lefty Strecker

Considered one of the team's top pitchers in pre-season, the 5-foot-9 lefty is 0-1 with 18 hits allowed in nine innings when he draws his release on May 3.



Gale Staley

Despite a .351 batting average, Staley is thinking about giving up the game when his contract is purchased for \$5,000 by the Chicago Cubs on September 11. The left-handed hitting Staley will play in seven games for the Cubs that season with at least one hit in each game. He ends his rookie season with 11 hits, including a pair of doubles and finishes his rookie season with a .423 batting average.



Possum Whitted

A 35-year-old George "Possum" Whitted signs with the Colonials on July 30 and in 19 games over a three-week period hits .203 with four doubles before being released on August 22. A member of the 1914 "Miracle Braves" and a 11-year veteran of the major leagues, The Durham native plays in back-to-back World Series with the Boston Braves (1914) and the Philadelphia Phillies (1915).



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Tom Stockton

Slick fielding third baseman Tom Stockton signs with the Colonials on July 1. The Peoria, Illinois, native hits .232 with five home runs in 29 games before released August 23. Stockton was originally with Charlotte early in the season before being farmed out to the Greeneville Burley Cubs of the Appalachian (D) League. In 1929, playing for the Rock Island Islanders he wins nine cartoons of cigarettes for each of his team-leading nine home runs.



George Thrasher

One of three Thrasher brothers to play professional baseball, George Thrasher hits .323 with 21 home runs for the High Point Pointers in 1924. Traded to Worcester in January 1925, Thrasher writes to the Pointers demanding a share of the sale of his contract. Harvey Burgess tells Thrasher that he has purchased the entire assets of team, including the outfielder's contract, for \$60 and he is free to come to High Point and figure out his share of the sell.