

The Lee County Legend

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GREAT SCOTT(S) 2

The Scotts and the 1960 and 1961 St Charles High Baseball Seasons

In the early 60's, 3 Scotts played baseball for the St Charles Midgets. James Scott was the starting pitcher in the 3rd game of 1961 against Jonesville. Charles Scott was the starting centerfielder for the 1961 season and was in the middle of the action with his bat and base running. Being the centerfielder on this team was a valuable place to contribute to the team's success. St Charles also had many good players not named Scott during those years including Alan Hammonds, Freddie Sprinkle, Bill Johnson, Wayne Dean, David Rogers, Don Roop, Larry Kirk, Verlin Martin, "Satch" Roberts, Ronnie Thomas, Roy Marlow, Oscar Turner and Darrell Sorah.

Research shows that Earl Scott was the team leader due to his outstanding pitching. Earl was the starting pitcher in all but 3 games during these 2 years and he was also a leader with his bat much of that time.

In this issue of the Lee County Legend, we will feature Earl Scott and the dominating fashion that he went about in his pitching for St Charles. Earl's son, Earl, Jr., has the scorebooks from the 60 and 61 seasons. Each has a wealth of knowledge as Scorekeeper Richard Sutton kept the books in a thoroughly professional manner. His work back then allows us today to enjoy the players, games, and stats in vivid detail. (Even current weather conditions were listed on most game sheets.) Your memories will be entertained as these games become "current and alive" with such accurate accounting of the facts. The Legend thanks Earl, Jr. for providing these and we especially thank Richard for his diligence when no one cared except Coach Williams or Coach Sumpter.

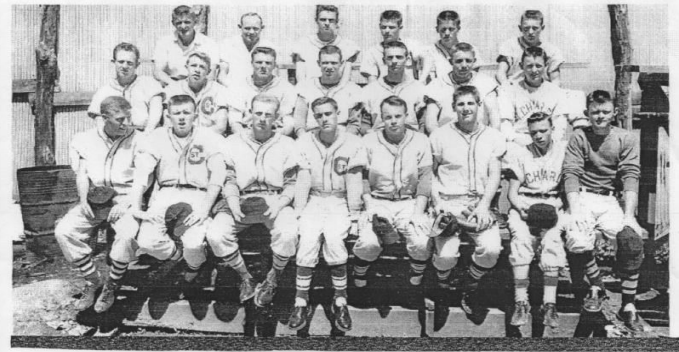
EARL'S 2 YEAR LINES

YEAR	GAMES	WINS	LOSSES	IP	K'S	ER	ERA	K'S PER GAME
1960	11	5	4	62.2	87	18	1.22	9
1961	7	4	2	41	59	6	1.02	9.5

- 1960 in 4 game stretch, gave up only 1 earned run in 4 complete games with 41 strike outs.
- 1961 threw 3 straight complete game wins with 0 earned runs and 32 strike outs.



Top Row L.To R. Coach Robinson, Coach Sumpter, Bruce Miles,
David Rogers, Freddie Sprinkle, ~~LARRY STAFFORD~~
Middle Row L.To R. Tilman Daniels, G.C. Thompson, Fred Ervin, Wayne Bell,
Norman Cody, James Rhea, Don Roof,
Bottom Row L.To R. Cecil Cochran, Billy Williams, Frank Scott,
Earl Scott, Glen Wallen, Larry Kirk, Jerry Corbin, Billy Slaver.



FRANK AND EARL

Realizing that I am walking on thin ice, I am going to try compare the pitching of FRANK and EARL SCOTT. This is my opinion, not the gospel, so please write to let me know what you think.

Earl was a freshmen when Frank was a senior so he was forever cast in a big shadow. Many times I heard baseball people say, "Earl Scott is good, but he is not like Frank". My comment to that is, "My stars, who is or who was"? Following Frank so closely had to put extra pressure on Earl. All of us wanted to be like Frank and Earl was probably no different. Somehow Earl was able to work through all that successfully.

Frank blew batters away to lead St Charles to 2 county championships. Earl struck out lots of batters, but depended on his defense more than Frank. Earl pitched St Charles to 2 winning seasons in into the championship game once. In a day when high schools only played 8 or 10 games per season and in a day when a good pitcher pitched most games, Frank and Earl were the dominate pitchers for their good teams.

Frank was recruited by many pro teams, signed with the Cardinals, then pitched 3 years of pro ball. Earl did not go on to try college or pro ball, although I am sure he could have pitched at the collegiate level somewhere had he chosen to search out the opportunity.

Statistically speaking, Frank and Earl were both at the top in Lee County. In Frank's junior year of 1957 at St Charles, he was 8-1, with 5 shutouts and 1 no hitter. He struck out 131 batters in 64 2/3 innings. That's about 14 strikeouts per game. His ERA was about 1.00 per game.

In Earl's 1960 and 1961 seasons, he was 9-6 with a shutout and a one hitter. He struck out 146 batters in 103 2/3 innings. That's 9 strikeouts per game with an ERA of 1.00 per game in regular season and 1.22 overall.

Neither pitcher gave up many earned runs. The strikeouts make the difference in the won loss records. When Earl needed a critical out, many times he enticed a groundball and sometimes the defense let him down to allow unearned runs. When Frank needed that same out, he could reach back for something extra to get a strikeout. Frank threw all those shutouts to win 8 of 9 games in his junior year. In 18 appearances at St Charles, Earl gave up no earned runs 10 times and only 1 run 3 times. Except for unearned runs, Earl would have had many more shutouts too.

Earl was in command on the mound and the results were good for his team. Frank was an imposing presence on the mound and the results were devastating for opponents. When Earl stuck an opponent out, that batter shook his head thinking he could get a hit next time up. When Frank struck them out, they secretly wanted the game to be over before they had to go to bat again. They feared climbing back into the box to face Frank.

Crack and pop—The difference in these two was in the arms that God gave them. When Earl threw that fastball from the right side, the catcher's mitt would pop with that sound we love when our pitcher throws. Earl had what we today would call a "live arm". God graced Frank with an "extra live arm" that created extra speed and movement. In addition to the velocity that created hardships for batters, the movement on the ball made the ball appear to dart around the bat. The sound of his pitches hitting the mitt was a crack more like a bull whip or a rifle shot. Frank as given a little more talent, but Earl was still better than most of the rest. Both were Scotts.

Earl's 1960 Best

4/15/1960	Lineup	Pos	AB	Run	Hit	W	RBI
Home vs Keokee	Freddie Sprinkle	2b	3	0	1	0	0
Sunny day	Darrel Sorah	SS	2	0	0	0	0
Ump: Gene Parsons	Ronnie Thomas	PH	1	0	0	0	0
	Alan Hammons	3B	2	0	0	0	0
St Charles -- 3	Hansel Sharp	PH	1	0	0	0	0
Keokee ---- 2	B Johnson	C	2	1	0	1	0
	Don Roop	1B	3	1	1	0	0
Scorekeeper:	Wayne Dean	RF	3	1	1	0	1
Richard Sutton	Larry Kirk	LF	1	0	0	2	0
	David Rogers	CF	3	0	1-2b	0	2
	Earl Scott	P	2	0	0	0	0

Game Summary:
Down 2-0 in bottom of 7th with 2 outs, Johnson walked, Roop singled, Dean singled in Johnson. Kirk walked, Rogers hit game winning, 2 RBI, walk off double!

Earl Scott - WP
7 innings, 5 hits, 0 ER, 8 K's.

5/16/1960	Lineup	Pos	AB	Run	Hit	W	RBI
Home vs. Jonesville	Freddie Sprinkle	2B	2	1	1-2b	1	0
Sunny Day	Darrel Sorah	SS	2	0	0	0	0
Ump: Earl Sage	Verlin Martin	PH	0	1	0	1	0
	Alan Hammons	3B	3	1	1	0	0
St Charles --- 6	B Johnson	C	3	1	1-HR	0	2
Jonesville --- 2	Don Roop	1B	3	0	0	0	0
	Larry Kirk	LF	3	1	1	0	0
Scorekeeper:	Earl Scott	P	3	0	0	0	0
Richard Sutton	David Rogers	CF	3	1	0	0	0
	Wayne Dean	RF	3	0	1	0	1

Game Summary:
St Charles wins with 2 runs in each of 3rd, 4th and 5th innings with the big blow being a 2 run homer by B Johnson in the 5th.

Earl Scott - WP
7 innings, 3 hits, 0 ER and 15 K's.

5/27/1960	Lineup	Pos	AB	Run	Hit	W	RBI
At Jonesville	Feddie Sprinkle	2B	2	0	0	1	0
Sunny Day	Larry Kirk	LF	3	0	1	0	0
Ump: Earl Sage	Alan Hammons	3B	2	1	0	1	0
	B Johnson	C	3	0	1	0	1
St Charles ---- 1	Don Roop	1B	3	0	0	0	0
Jonesville ---- 0	Wayne Dean	RF	2	0	0	0	0
	Satch Roberts	PH	1	0	0	0	0
Scorekeeper:	Earl Scott	P	3	0	1	0	0
Richard Sutton	David Rogers	CF	3	0	2-3b	0	0
	Verlin Martin	SS	2	0	0	0	0
	Ronnie Parsons	PH	1	0	0	0	0

Game Summary:
In a great game, Scott pitched a gem. He threw a 1 hit complete game shutout. Only a single by Gilbert to lead off the 4th, spoiled the no hit bid. Earl struck out 11 batters. Hammons walked to off the 6th, went to 2nd on a passed ball, then scored when B Johnson singled for the game winning RBI.

Earl Scott - WP
7 innings, 1 hit, 0 ER and 11 K's.

Earl Scott's 1961 Best									Game Summary:
4/20/1961	Lineup	Pos	AB	Run	Hit	W	RBI		Down 2-0 after 1st, St C's
Home vs Keokee	Charles Scott	CF	3	0	0	0	0		Roberts singled, scored on
St Charles 6 Keokee 2	Hansel Sharpe	PH	0	0	0	1	1		Don Roop's sac fly in 3rd.
Coach Don Williams	Wayne Dean	3b	1	0	0	2	1		Tied score at 2 in 4th with
	Jr Large	3b	0	0	0	0	0		Thomas walk, to 3rd on
Scorekper Richard Sutton	Don Roop	1b	2	0	1	1	1		stolen base and error,
	Alan Hammons	C	4	1	1	0	0		scoring on gb by Sorah. St C
Keokee's Roger Morris had	Ronnie Thomas	2b	3	2	1	1	0		erupted for 4 in 6th on
	Roy Marlow	LF	2	1	0	1	0		singles by Hammons and
2 hits this game. Went to	Oscar Turner	LF	0	0	0	0	0		Thomas, followed by walks
	Earl Scott	P	2	1	0	1	0		to Marlow and Scott. Sorah
Cumberland Coll, signed w	William Satch Roberts	RF	1	1	1	0	1		singled in Marlow, Sharpe
	Darrell Sorah	RF	2	0	1	0	1		HBP to drive in Scott.
Angels, played 2 yrs pro.	Verlin Martin	SS	3	0	1	0	0		E Scott-WP-7 IP, 0 ER, 8 K's

4/25/1961	Lineup	Pos	AB	Run	Hit	W	RBI		Game Summary:
Home vs Jonesville	Darrell Sorah	SS	3	3	1 - 2b	0	0		Double by Sorah to leadoff game,
St Charles 6 Jonesville 2	Don Roop	1b	4	2	1 - 2b	0	2		RBI GB by Roop, RBI singles by
Coach Don Williams	Alan Hammons	C	4	1	2	0	1		Hammons and E Scott in 1st, then
	Ronnie Thomas	2b	3	0	0	0	0		RBI single by Hammons in 2nd to
Scorekper Richard Sutton	Wayne Dean	RF	3	0	2	0	0		score Sorah put St C up 4-1. RBI
	Earl Scott	P	2	0	2	1	2		double and run by Roop in 4th put
	Charles Scott	CF	3	0	0	0	0		St C up 6-1.
	Roy Marlow	LF	2	0	0	0	0		E Scott - WP - 7 IP, 0 ER, 11 K's
	Verlin Martin	SS	3	0	0	0	0		

5/10/1961	Lineup	Pos	AB	Run	Hit	W	RBI		Game Summary:
Home vs Thomas Walker	Darrell Sorah	SS	3	2	1	1	0		St C scored 3 in 1st with E Scott 2
St Charles 5 TW 1	Don Roop	1b	4	0	1	0	0		rbi single to score Sorah, Hammons
Coach Don Williams	Alan Hammons	C	4	1	2 - 2b	0	1		Sorah single and Hammons double
	Earl Scott	P	3	1	2	0	2		scored 1 in 4th. Dean single, sb
Scorekper Richard Sutton	Wayne Dean	RF	2	1	1	1	0		and C Scott rbi single scored 1 in
	Ronnie Thomas	2b	2	0	0	0	1		5th. TW scored lone, unearned
	Charles Scott	CF	3	0	1	0	1		run in 6th.
	William Satch Roberts	LF	3	0	1	0	0		E Scott - WP - 7 IP - 0 ER, 13 K's
	Roy Marlow	LF	0	0	0	0	0		
	Verlin Martin	3b	0	0	0	0	0		

OTHER NEWS: In a news article from the mid 50's Powell Valley News.St Charles Tops Jonesville..... St. Charles wasted no time getting started Wednesday night in marking up their win over Jonesville as Tilman Daniels raced 54 yards on the 6th play of the game for a touchdown. The try for the point was no good and the 6-0 score stood up throughout the first half. In the third period the Bulldogs fought back to make a game of it and scored in the 3rd period as Dale Gilbert intercepted a St. Charles pitch out and raced 50 yards to score only to have the play called back due to clipping. Midgets up 6-0 after 3. Early in final period, Jonesville fumbled a punt on the St Charles 30 yard line which St Charles recovered and two plays later, James Stewart broke clear and raced 70 yards for the Midgets second score. The try for the extra point was no good and St Charles led 12-0. Jonesville got in the scoring column late in the final period as Lowell Williams sneaked over from the one to make it 12-6 and the game ended a few plays later.