

#2Db 1948 TWL - Harkers Island All stars

(L – R) David Yeomans, David Chadwick, Lee Hawkins, Moe Willis



Moe Willis:

- ❖ Grew up on Harkers Island fishing and playing baseball – he could “throw her” according to James Webb, Morehead
- ❖ James Webb compares Moe’s fastball to Roger Craig, the fastball 11-Yr Pro player , who pitched for Swansboro in 1947 and Morehead in 1948, (known in the Pros for his spitfinger fastball)
- ❖ Joe (Boy) Wilis’s uncle, Earlon Willis said, “One Sunday Moe was pitching against Newport, and Moe was dominating the game, and he had thrown two pitches right by the Newport batter, and their Coach, Joe Hill, came out of the dugout and hollowed at the batter, “hit that damn ball”! And the batter stepped out of the batters box and said, “ What do you mean hit it, I can’t even see it!”

David Yeomans:

- ❖ He was a hard Man to stike out. He is often compared to, the East Carolina standout, Clayton Guthrie from Harkers Island – Leebby Willis said, “You just could throw it by them.”

Lee Hawkins:

- ❖ Played for Harkers and was a big time Duke Pitcher and hitter in the 1920s; played on a lot of semi-professional teams – loved fishing and moved here

Davis Chadwick:

- ❖ Raised in Straits – got his start playing with the “Big Boys” when he was 12 Yrs old attending a game between Straits and Morehead, and they called him out of the stands to play 2nd; he had to borrow a glove from of the Morehead player (the next inning they took the glove back)