

#301 1954- 1955 Atlantic Championship Baseball Team

County Baseball Scrapbook



Atlantic Team 1954/55

(Standing) Lionel Gilgo Jr., Buddy Willis, John Hamilton, Carroll Willis, Johnny Willis, Joe Willis, Gary Morris. (Kneeling) Alton "Pluck" Mason, Elmo Gaskill, Jr., Butch Saunders, Thomas Harold Salter, Howard Glendon Pitman, Roy Cochran. Photo courtesy Lionel Gilgo, Jr.

"We were a team. We knew that no matter how far behind we were, one of us would do something to get it all started and we'd put it off ... and win. There was no jealousy; we complimented each other. Short ball ... long ball ... it didn't matter. We fit together.

It was a feeling I can't describe. Even now when I see one of them, I can still feel it. There's nothing else like it."

John Caswell Hamilton



Atlantic High School 1949

Jack Rose and John Hamilton. (John went on to a college career of baseball at Campbell College, later at East Carolina, and then coach of East Carteret's Baseball Team. John was considered by many to be one of the finest ball players to ever come from Carteret County.)

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