

County Baseball Scrapbook

"I can remember when we'd go to Harkers Island ... They'd say, 'Mo' - pitching, 'Snowball' - catching, and 'Tookie' on first ..."
Gerald Whitehurst



1948 Straits-Harkers Island Team

(Standing) ____, Dalma Willis, "Tookie" Willis, ____, ____, David Chadwick, Lee Hawkins, Snowball Gaskill, McCravey Guthrie, William Chadwick.
(Kneeling) Herman Gillikin, David Yeomans, "Mo" Willis, ____, Lee Hawkin's son/bat boy, ____, Mack Pigott, Linwood Hancock. Photo courtesy Genevieve Long.



1948 All-Stars from Straits-Harkers Island

David Yeomans, David Chadwick, Lee Hawkins, "Mo" Willis. Photo courtesy of David Yeomans.

"They put out some money back then ... Some people \$20.00 a week -- that was a lot of money. But the whole thing was to go to that ball game on Saturday afternoon. If you hit a home run -- knock one away or something -- they'd pass the hat, take up 20 or 30 dollars. It was tight times, but they'd spend money on baseball."

Myron "Ace" Harris

"We went and got that one named 'Driver' and he'd go over there to Harkers Island and eat supper. Benny Wilson had that little restaurant over there. And he'd eat the most ..."

One day he [Mr. Benny] came to me and said, "Myron Harris, I'm in the worst scrape. That ball team you play on ... they owe me 60 dollars ..." Driver had eat 60 dollars worth of hamburgers ... 'weren't bad though, don't reckon."

Myron "Ace" Harris