

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 24, 1967

Bulldogs Lose 2-1 In 10 Innings

Seahawks Spoil AC Opener

WILMINGTON — Atlantic Christian College had all the ingredients for a victory, but the Bulldogs' baseball opener turned out to be a flop anyway.

Coach Jim Pfohl received a fine effort from right-hander Ronnie Johnson and his team punched out nine hits, but Wilmington's unbeaten Seahawks managed to squeak by for a 2-1 nonconference victory in 10 innings here Thursday.

"We played well for our first game," said Pfohl, "except for a few costly mental mistakes on the bases and in the field. Wilmington, however, has a fine team, as good as any club in the Carolinas Con-

ference."

4-0 Record

The Seahawks, now 4-0, played a doubleheader, whipping Pfeiffer handily in the opener, 9-1.

Johnson, a junior transfer from Louisburg College, lasted nine innings on the cold, windy day before retiring. Senior Charles Stovall took over in the 10th and was tagged with the defeat as the Seahawks combined a single, a passed ball and a sacrifice fly by Mike Hall for their winning run.

The Bulldogs' biggest headache was leaving nine runners stranded. The only inning in which AC managed to get to Wilmington right-hander Vic Johnson was the second when Ronnie Johnson, catcher Joe Willis and shortstop Jerry Waddell each laced singles.

AC Error

Wilmington's lone run through the first nine innings came in the third inning and it resulted from AC's only error of the day. Bobby Dew tapped an infield single and took second on the play when Ronnie Pace threw wildly at first. A ground out moved Dew to third base

before Johnson uncorked a wild pitch.

For the afternoon, Johnson allowed nine hits, walking five and striking out nine.

Johnson, Pace and Willis each rapped two hits for the Bulldogs.

"Pitching Excellent"

"I thought our pitching was excellent," said Pfohl, who pointed out both Wilmington runs were unearned. "Ronnie's performance was a strong one, especially considering the weather."

Pfohl added, "We had enough hits, but we didn't hit in the clutch. You've got to remember Wilmington has played four games to our one, and besides, we had only a limited amount of practice this week

because of the cold weather. I was pleased for our first effort."

The Bulldogs played Wilmington again this afternoon and right-hander Frank Harper was scheduled to pitch.

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ACC		WILMINGTON	
ab	r	h	bi
Moore, cf	5	0	1
Camechis, 2b	5	0	0
Fleet, 3b	5	0	1
Pace, 1b	4	0	2
Arrington, rf	4	0	0
R. Johnson, p	4	1	2
Stovall, p	0	0	0
Willis, c	3	0	2
Carraway, lf	3	0	0
Harper, sh	1	0	0
Hedgpeth, lf	0	0	0
Waddell, ss	4	0	1
TOTALS	38	1	9

ACC		WILMINGTON	
IP	H	R	ER
9	8	1	0
7 1/3	1	1	0
10	9	1	1

E—Pace, Askew, LOB—AC 9, Wilmington 8, DP—AC (2), Wilmington, SF—Hall, Sec—Livingston, SB—Askew.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
9	8	1	0	5	9
7 1/3	1	1	0	0	0
10	9	1	1	1	6