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AHOSKIE WAR HAWKS, AHOSKIE, NORTH CAROLINA
CHOWAN BEES, WINTON, NORTH CAROLINA
COMO EAGLES, COMO, NORTH CAROLINA



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Warhawks

vs. New York

Black Yankees

Windsor Balipark

Thursday 8 p.m.



JULIUS BOWERS
New York Catcher

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The talented New York Black Yankees was one of a number of teams from the Negro Major Leagues that came through here and were defeated by the Ahoskie War Hawks. (The Roanoke-Chowan Daily News, May 24, 1950)



Abner Sessoms was one of the longtime owners of the Ahoskie War Hawks. In addition to his involvement with the Ahoskie War Hawks, he was a highly respected member of the Ahoskie Police Department for 25 years. Photograph courtesy of Linda Sessoms Jackson, Ahoskie, N. C.



Dr. J. D. Weaver was one of the founders of the Ahoskie War Hawks. A truly remarkable man, Dr. Weaver still maintains an active medical practice in Ahoskie.

War Hawks Win

Ahoskie. — The Ahoskie War Hawks beat the Popular Indianapolis Clowns' of the Negro American League, in a baseball game played Saturday afternoon, April 29, in Winton Ball Park, by the score of 6-3.

Time after time after time the Ahoskie War Hawks beat teams like the Indianapolis Clowns that were members of the Negro Major Leagues. (The Hertford County Herald, May 4, 1950)