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Foreward

The Fort Lee National Little League was organized in 1953 by The Athletic Committee of the Fort Lee A. C. After the 1953 season there were so many boys who wanted to play that the league applied to Little League Baseball at Williamsport to expand from 4 to 6 teams, they said Fort Lee's population was large enough for 2 leagues, we therefor started the American League in 1954. Main Street was the boundary line, later changed to Tom Hunter Road, between the leagues, The American being south and the National north of Tom Hunter Road.

Our sponsors originally were Babe's Taxi, Fort Lee A. C., Lions Club and Palisades Amusement Park. We have retained the same sponsors except that Cutrupi and Co. replaced Babe's Taxi in 1962.

Our first field was the Fort Lee A. C. Field which was used until the Little League Field on Anderson Ave. was ready.

The property for the Little League Field is leased from the Mayor & Council of Fort Lee for a term of years. The field is used by the Major League teams of the American and National Leagues.

Our minor league teams used the Fort Lee A. C. field after the major team went to Little League Field until 1959 when it became a parking lot. Our minor section used the east end of the High School Field. However, in 1961 and 1962 our minor league played on Fort Lee School No. 2 Field and the major section played a nine game schedule on east end of High School Field in addition to Little League Field on Anderson Ave.

Our league growth has kept pace with the growth of our town and we have endeavored to make baseball available to all boys whose ages range from 8 thru 12 as of August 1st in the year that they play. We started with 60 boys and 4 teams, in 1962 we have about 200 boys and 12 teams, 4 Major and 8 Minor.

Our league is financed by our sponsors. Proceeds of yearly Fund Drives which our boys participate in are turned over to Little Leagues, Inc., for the operation and maintenance of Little League Field on Anderson Avenue.

We are grateful to our sponsors for providing the funds to keep our program going, and to The Fort Lee Board of Education for giving us permission to use school fields for our boys. We appreciate the yearly assistance provided by Mr. Lewis F. Cole, Superintendent of Schools, and his secretary, Mrs. Ethel Meyn, in circulating our annual registration forms.

We are thankful for the large number of men who have managed and coached our teams over the years.

We shall continue to provide the best for our boys in the years ahead as we have in the past 10 seasons.

FORT LEE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

By **WILLIAM J. CONNELL, President**
1953-1962



Palisades Amusement, Majors: Front row; Sean Gaffney, Kevin Murphy, Joe Viola, Tom Cotroneo, Louis Taus and Cliff Ginsburg. 2nd row; Nick Nannas, Pete Mancini, Ken Kraeger, Ricky Kofoed, John Minieri, Ted Manakas, Gene Pate and Steve Cirone. Back row: Mgr., Steve Sammarco, Coach, Richard Kofoed. Missing—Fred Massaro.

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Fort Lee A. C., Minor Blue: 1st row; Patrick Benedetto, Joseph Kapusta, Thomas Cassidy, Ricky Dogali, Neil Algranati. 2nd row; Keith Granquist, Steven Ponsi, Steven Collazuol, Lee Raimondo, James Scala. Not in picture; Charles Viola, Jr., Roy Larson, Bill Whipple. Manager - Dominick F. Dogali

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Palisades Amusement Park (Blues Minor): Front Row, left to right; Bernard Yarish, Michael Dimick, Jimmy Reuter; Rear Row, left to right; Joseph Skelly, Chris Vuy, coach; Jeffrey DeRose, Louis White. Not pictured: Frank Ladonna, Glenn Mitchell, Carl Reckentwald, J. Dunic, Peter Valvanis, William Mitchell, Manager.

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	Pos	AB	R	H		Pos	AB	R	H
Knauth	2B	2	1	0	Entwhistle	cf	3	1	0
Dandeneau	2B	0	0	0	Belsole	3b	2	2	1
Wolfe	rf	3	0	0	Cherico	ss	3	1	1
Hammer	p	2	0	0	Furfero	rf	3	1	2
Jaeger	3b	2	0	0	Murray	c	3	0	2
Broderick	ss	3	0	0	V. Gioffre	p	3	0	1
Jaten	lf	3	1	1	Rogers	1b	1	0	0
McGowan	cf	3	0	1	Snitko	1b	2	0	1
McBean	1b	1	0	0	A. Gioffre	lf	1	0	0
Eisenstat	c	1	1	0	Sassani	lf	1	0	0
a-Wolff		1	0	0	Masiano	lf	1	0	0
					Petaccia	2b	2	0	1
Totals		21	3	2	Totals		25	5	9
	Oradell		0 1 2 0 0 0						3
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