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Dear Family,

Here we are in ~~the~~ beautiful Columbus Ga. and it is 96°. We just won 5-2 against the Astros - Houston's farm team. A 6'8" black named James Rodney Richard - (J.R. to his friends) pitched. He once struck out 15 Cubs in a game when he was up in the Majors - he's not real good now. I went 1-3 - walked once and scored 2 runs. I have scored 5 runs in 3 ball games now and I also made a couple nice plays - no errors yet. We have a double header tomorrow and Sat. and a single game Sun. and then we go home. I'm just now learning how to hit fastballs. The coach noticed right away that I couldn't and we went out at 2:00 and took an hour of batting practice. He said I ought to hit 20 or 30 HRs in this league. Jerry Houston's dad Sam has been here working with us also. Things look pretty good now but that's cause the pitchers don't know how to throw me yet so I get a lot of fastballs.

There are an awful lot of guys here who have played in the majors. The competition is really good. If I can stay here and have a descent year I'm almost got it made. All the guys in this league except for our team have spent about 4 years in the lower minors already. They say that this is also the best A+ league in the country. How is everything there?

I won't be able to answer any letters till we get back to Knoxville. ~~So far~~

~~Did they had a big~~ Did they had a big article and ~~picture~~ picture in the Wilmette Life. If they didn't - that's the only thing I ever expect from them. I'll send you my White Sox picture and you can give it to them.

I really don't think this league will be that hard if I work at so let's see what happens.

The coach is a really great guy and he really knows the game.

That's it

Love

Don Seidhof - my autograph