



DICK—THE DEPENDABLE

**Successful Season**

**Ball Team Made Strong Finish**

The Badin baseball team completed its schedule of thirty-four games on September 18 with a decisive victory over Cross Roads. This past season witnessed several games which furnished as good baseball as one would wish to see. Badin did not discriminate against any team—games were scheduled with whatever aggregation had an open date. Although Cooleemee came here for two games—and Cooleemee was supposed to have had the fastest team in North Carolina—we were unable to arrange a game with Reidsville, which team also claimed to be the best in North Carolina.

Spencer had one of the strongest nines in this section of the country, and would have played Badin had the weather permitted. The Badin team was undoubtedly a more strictly amateur team than any of its opponents, yet games were scheduled with teams which carried high-salaried players. And in these games, even though the home team was defeated, the fellows did not play such inferior ball. In fact, several of the games proved, to the complete satisfaction of almost everyone, that the Badin players could easily hold their own in this supposedly faster company.

The first game of the season was played in Kannapolis, where Badin lost

10 to 5. The next two games were home games, and resulted in victories. Erlanger then won from Badin in Erlanger, and the next week these two teams played an eleven inning tie-game. Out of the following seven games, Badin won four, defeating Kannapolis, Concord, Winston-Salem, and Albemarle. Erlanger and Thomasville won their games.

Beginning with 2 to 1 defeats at the hands of Kannapolis and Erlanger, Badin lost seven straight games. The seventh was played in Sumter, S. C., where the team played great ball, only to present the game to Sumter by one bad slip, a bonehead play by one of our base runners. York pitched the best game of his life, and should have been entitled to at least a tie-game, if not a victory.

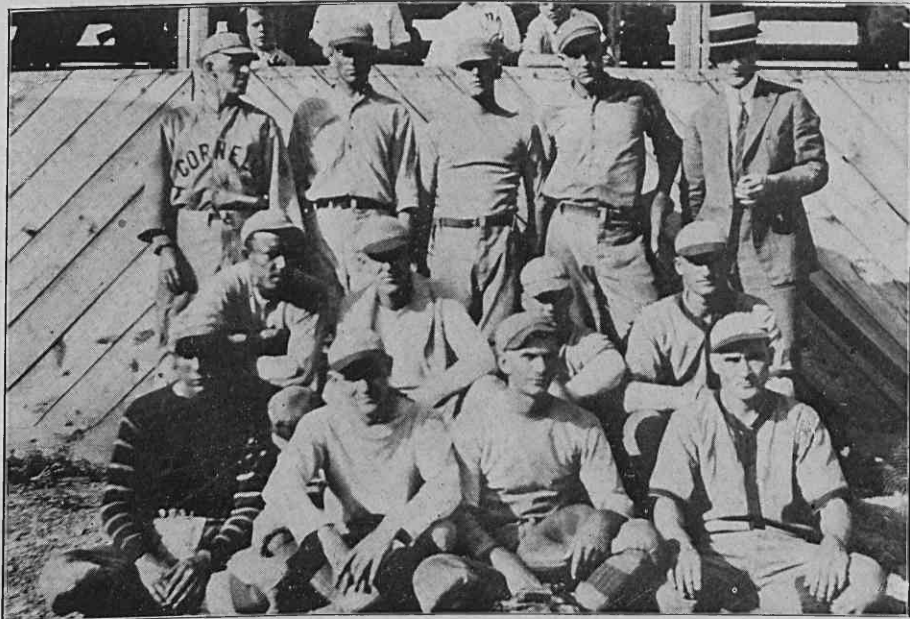
This long losing streak was broken by a tie-game against Cross Roads, when the two teams battled for twelve innings on Tallassee diamond, the game being called on account of darkness with the score two to two. That happened on July 27, and from that date until and including the eighteenth of September, Badin played fifteen games, including the two with Cooleemee, and lost but three of them! To end things right, the team won seven straight, thereby making up for the disastrous losing streak.

Among the teams which were defeated during this winning period were Albemarle and Cross Roads. Albemarle lost two out of three; thus Badin won the season series by taking three out of the



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five games played. Cross Roads was defeated three straight, which gave Badin three out of four, the fourth game being the twelve-inning tie. The final game was one which brought joy to the Badinites, for "Lefty" Wilson brought his team over feeling confident that it



BADIN BASEBALL TEAM, 1920

SITTING—T. Vann, D. Cooper, Kearns, Strathen; KNEELING—C. Vann, York, Gamwell, Harris; STANDING—Quinlan (Coach), Sykes, Black, Shoe, Smith (Manager)