

SPORTS

Some Series

Single Men Win Title

Baseball in Badin was brought to an appropriate close on Saturday afternoon, October 23, when the Single Men decisively trimmed the Married Men in the final game of the series for the championship of the town. The game was a cracker from start to finish, a rally in the eighth inning being responsible for the three big runs which won the battle. In the fifth inning, with the score 4 to 3 in favor of the Benedicts, Eddie Cotton caught one of York's fast ones on the end of his trusty bat, and sent the old ball sailing over the right-field fence thereby tying the count. The family-heads threatened to come right back into the lead, but fine fielding behind Jackson cut down their aspirations. Then the fellows who still have their freedom made that spurt which resulted in three runs—and the papas went home to receive consolation from their worthy spouses and their optimistic offspring.

The first game of the series was played on Saturday, October 2. The less said about it the better, for the single boys won it easily 9 to 1—the one run being a consolation score! On the following Saturday, the Benedicts came a little closer—the scoreboard showed six big runs to their credit but nine for the victors. And the third game partly justified their belief that they could still play baseball, for with "H. R." Wake pitching his one-time famous "spitter" the Married guys crossed home plate nine times, while the Bachelors counted but eight. This victory gave the Benedicts great hopes, and they talked about coming back and winning the next two—but they didn't. No, Sir! The single fellows decided otherwise, and you have read what happened in that game on the twenty-third.

Thus ended the season of 1920. This series uncovered some mighty good baseball, and gave all participants, including the spectators who did everything but actually play, several enjoyable afternoons. The "loyal fans" were in attendance, for no game would be complete without Mrs. Wake, Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. York, and Mrs. Harry Smith. And then there was "Joe" Taylor and "Pop" Coff-

man to josh the single fellows, while Scottie pulled hard for the unmarried chaps.

It was a lot of fun to see "Doc" Moore run, and even the Benedict rooters yelled, "let him hit it." But the doctor fooled them before the series was over—he drove in a couple of runs, and made two nice catches, too. Harry Smith played great ball at shortstop; "H. R." pitched like a leaguer and caught a couple on the end with his old bat. Clyde Nash finally got his hit, Parks pulled a line drive out of the ozone, Kiley walloped one for three bases, and a long list struck out quite often—and it wasn't always the Ump's fault! The single fellows made their share of good plays, collected some hard hits, yes, and even struck out, but they won the title, so we won't give any one individual honorable mention—we will wait until they get married, too!

Baseball

It might be stated that a good move was made in securing the services of Mr. W. L. Quinlan, a graduate of Cornell University, to act in the capacity of coach, as it was through his efforts that the boys have had instilled in their minds

the spirit of team-work, which was very evident in their play during the latter part of the season. Mr. Quinlan, during the short period he has been in Badin, has done credit to himself in the way he has handled the team, and the indications are that when the season of 1921 rolls around Badin will be represented by the fastest amateur team in this section of the country. Several of this year's team will no doubt be with us next spring, which will give Mr. Quinlan a nucleus with which to build up a machine which will not hesitate to compete with the strongest teams in both North and South Carolina.

It is Mr. Quinlan's intention to start early next spring, and go through the fundamentals of baseball first, after which these principles will be applied in actual practice. In this way the boys will absorb what is needed to make a first-class team, and it will also eliminate to a great extent the bonehead plays which were in evidence in spots the past summer.

It is hoped that when the time rolls around everyone will give Mr. Quinlan and the boys the needed encouragement, for I believe with that assistance everyone will feel satisfied that their efforts have not been in vain.



CHAMPION MIDGET TEAM

STANDING—Morgan, Smith, Lefler, Hill, Taylor; KNEELING—Carmichael, Gomo, Cherry, Butner, SITTING—Capt. Snyder, Willeford, Parrish