

# Sports Page

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## SPORTS CHATTER

During the past year athletic activities here at Ecusta resumed a pre-war pace, and several sports, handicapped because of wartime restrictions, were once again put into action.

To start off the 1946 season, basketball went into full swing with Ecusta sponsoring both boys' and girls' teams which enjoyed a successful season considering the playing and practice conditions.

For the six home-games, average attendance of 300 was far above expectations and the girls made an outstanding record by winning ten games and losing only two. The boys didn't fare so well and won only two of their scheduled games. The season lasted from January 1st. to March 1st.

The Bowling league experienced one of its best seasons. The men's league, made up of seven teams, bowled from October, 1945, to March, 1946. During this period approximately one hundred employees participated in at least one game each. The girls' league, comprised of six teams, offered competition for fifty women employees, and was started and ended about the same dates as the men's league.

Following the regular season, a bowling banquet was held at Camp Sapphire with 85 bowlers present. At this time special team and individual awards were presented.

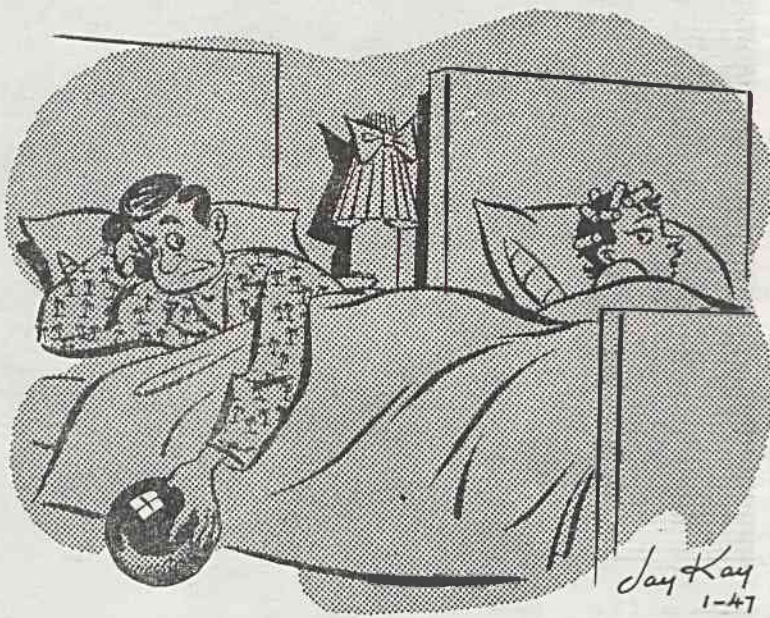
The baseball season, the first since 1941, got underway in April; Ecusta's entry in the local Industrial league finished in second place. In our ten home games, the average attendance was four hundred spectators. Highlight of the season was the game between Enka and Ecusta, following festivities at Camp Sapphire, on the fourth of July. At this game over two thousand persons were present.

Ecusta not only sponsored a company team, but we also offered competition and play to fifty employees in our inter-departmental league of four teams. This league played a three-month schedule, with two games being played each week.

In addition to our men's league, the girls formed a softball team and played six exhibition games in Brevard and at Camp Sapphire. We also encouraged the playing of softball by aiding two departmental teams in the local softball league.

Much time and consideration was given to activities at Camp Sapphire. During the summer, the athletic department sponsored a coaching school for boys between the ages of seven and fourteen. This venture was most successful. Starting June 1, and ending on July 15, some 50 youngsters were given instruction three times weekly in softball, baseball, boxing, wrestling, suffleboard, basketball, etc.

At the end of six weeks, 45 boys were presented Merit Certificate Awards. At Sapphire, the athletic department arranged to have such equipment as was necessary to en-



"DID YOU FIND A BALL WITH A THUMB HOLE THAT WAS SMALL ENOUGH, DEAR."

## Ecusta Is Third In W. N. C. League

Last Tuesday night the league leading Reed and Abee team of the W. N. C. bowling league took two of the three games from our Ecusta team. Although the leaders gained a full game in standings, we were able to stick to third place, only six games from the top. Ralph Morris had an exceptionally good set of 573 to lead the Ecusta boys. Chris Rogers, Clyde Galloway, and Captain Walter Straus also turned in fine performances of 533, 533 and 530. Morris and Rogers lead in team high averages with 177 and 175. Next week Ecusta will bowl Asheville Tire in Asheville.

able employees to have a well rounded free play period. On Sundays, special attractions such as tennis matches between our own teams and outside competition were offered. Also, several exhibition softball games were arranged.

We were fortunate in having two exhibitions given by the American Red Cross Aquatic school from Camp Carolina. Another feature which turned out very successful was the ladies' exercise class. Average attendance on each Tuesday and Thursday morning was 15 ladies.

Special attractions such as making arrangements for employees attending a big football game in Knoxville, Tenn., was attempted during the past football season. From all reports this proved highly successful. The athletic department also rebroadcast the World Series baseball games to Champagne and Endless Belt. The results were also phoned to each department in Ecusta.

Feeling a need for additional stimulation, the athletic department is now editing and mailing to interested employees a weekly "sports news". This news is merely a weekly analysis of athletic activities here at Ecusta. Early reports of this new issue are most encouraging.

## BOWLING STANDINGS

### ECUSTA BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Control	31	5
Cardinals	28	8
Office "A"	19	17
Champagne "B"	18	18
Research	18	18
Maintenance	17	19
Refining	17	19
Pulp Mill	15	21
Office "B"	12	24

### W. N. C. LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Reed and Abee	46	20
Enka	44	22
Ecusta	40	26
Allen Transfer	40	26
Stikeleather	36	30
Champion	32	24
Transylvania Times	28	38
Hendersonville	22	44
Western Produce	22	44
Asheville Tire	20	46

## Control And "Cards" Hold To League-Lead

Control and the Champagne "Cards" continued their battle for league leadership when each team lost a single game last week. The fast improving Maintenance team prevented the "Cards" from gaining on Control by taking one of their three games. Champagne "B" duplicated a similar feat on the Control team. Jim Rigdon saved the day for Control when he bowled a season third high set of 579. Other high sets were bowled by Bruce Reynolds, 553; Conrad McClure, 516; Lewis Meece, 509; James Avery, 508; Chris Rogers, 504; and Ralph Morris, 503.

Schedule for week of February 3rd.: Control vs. Office "B"; Research vs. Maintenance; Pulp Mill vs. "Cards"; Refining vs. Machine Room; and Office "A" vs. Champagne "B".

## Boys' Basketball Team Takes Oteen For Fourth Win

The Ecusta boys won their fourth game of the season when they defeated Oteen, 44 to 36. Playing steady ball through the entire game, our boys were never behind in the scoring. It was "Rusty" Carland and Roy Head who filled the hoops with thirteen and twelve points to lead the Ecusta scoring. "Skipper" Holt and Pete Dockins were outstanding on defense. Ecusta's record now stands four wins and six losses.

## Cagers Lost Close One To Martel Mills

Playing their finest game of the season our boys' basketball team lost a heartbreaker to the Martel Mills, 58 to 49. Once again it was that fourth quarter nemesis that turned victory into defeat. Leading Martel 27 to 20 at half-time and continuing this lead through the third quarter, victory was almost in our grasp. For once it was not a game of individual outstanding performances but one of outstanding team performance. Our scoring was well proportioned among all players due to a superb passing attack.

Next week's schedule will send Ecusta to Waynesville to play the Dayton Rubber Company in a single game on Thursday, February 6th. On the following Friday, a return engagement with the Martel team will be played in the Brevard college gym. A preliminary game between the Ecusta girls and the Asheville Bomberettes will start at 7:30 p. m.

## Girls' Cage Team Loses First Game

Last Saturday night the Ecusta girls' basketball team more than met their match in their game with the strong Hanes Hosiery sextet of Winston Salem. This loss broke an eight game winning streak for our girls and even though we were out-played and out-scored, the game was a very interesting contest from all angles. At half time with the score 13 to 7, our chances to win looked very promising.

In the second half, Hanes broke out with a scering spree that we were unable to handle. Final score: Hanes 34; Ecusta 16.

The following girls made the trip to Winston-Salem: Charlotte Barnwell, Sarah Avery, Willie Prince, Mary Alice Merrill, Evelyn Morrow, Evelyn Taylor, Dixie Whitaker, and Florence Snyder.

## TRAIN SCHEDULE

Carolina Special now leaves Asheville at 5:30 p. m., arrives in Cincinnati, at 7:00 a. m. and arrives in Chicago, at 2:40 p. m., central time.