



Interest Is High In Baseball, Softball

NINE BRACES FOR RUGGED SCHEDULE

League Members Expected To Be Much Stronger This Season

The fever is spreading—the baseball type, that is. With the opening of Ecusta's baseball season a topic of conversation so popular last summer will be revived again.

Expecting stiffer competition from league members, the local diamondmen are bracing themselves for a tough schedule. The men realize that other teams have added new blood and the second place which Ecusta held last year



CLINT MORRIS
First Sacker

will be harder to hold this season.

Manager Jack Alexander will depend on men like first baseman Clint Morris, shown above, to carry Ecusta through another year.

Golfers Entertain Champion Sunday

Seeking to make matters even-Stephen after last Sunday's 9-3 loss to Dayton Rubber, our golfers entertain Champion at the Brevard course Sunday afternoon, April 27.

Captain Charlie Russell, Jack Wilber, Wayne Conn, George Sexton, Jimmy Poteet, Bob Duckworth, Chris Rogers, and Bill Jordan composed Ecusta's team in the opener.

SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

May 3, Hazelwood there; 10, Canton there; 17, Beacon here; 24, Enka there; 31, Martel here.

June 7, Green River here; 14, Sayles there; 21, Hazelwood here; 28, Canton here.

July 4, Enka here; 5, Beacon there; 12, Martel there; 19, Green River there; 26, Sayles here.

August 2, Hazelwood there; 9, Canton here; 16, Beacon here; 23, Enka, there; 30, Martel here.

September 6, Green River here.

SOFTBALL

May 2, *V. F. W.; 9, Rosman; 16, Brevard College; 12, *Baptist church; 27, *Brevard Hardware.

June 6, *Kiwanis; 13, *American Legion; 24, V. F. W.

July 4, *Rosman; 11, *Brevard College; 15, Baptist church; 22, Brevard Hardware.

August 1, Kiwanis; 8, American Legion.

*Indicates second game, starting at 8:30. First games at 7:30.

GOLF

May 4, Beacon at Municipal; 11, Sayles here; 18; Postal at Beaver Lake; 25, Moore General here.

June 1, Enka at Beaver Lake; 8, OPEN; 15, Dayton at Waynesville; 22, Champion at Waynesville; 29, Beacon, here.

July 6, Sayles at Municipal; 13, Postal, here; 20, Moore General at Municipal; 27, Enka, here.

Bob Anders' Greens Capture Honors

Ponder's Red team came up fast at the finish but not fast enough to catch Anders' Greens in the ping-pong tourney. Both teams had a couple games to play but they could not have any effect on the final result, except to make it closer, so all remaining games were cancelled.

The final standings were:

Team:	W	L	Games To Play
Greens	90	51	3
Reds	86	56	2
Whites	57	86	1
Blues	53	91	0

Inter-Departmental League Is Planned

The Athletic department has announced that there will definitely be an Inter-departmental Baseball League this summer and final plans for the loop will be drafted at a meeting of all managers in the Athletic office Monday, May 5, at 1:30 p. m. All departments planning a team are requested to have a representative present.

At this meeting several important items will be ironed out such as days and times of games, practice sessions, etc. The league will have a president, reporter, scorekeeper, and in general, be patterned after the W.N.C League.

Teams expected to enter are the Pulp Mill, Refining, Maintenance, Machine Room, Control and Champagne. In departments where there are not enough players to form a full team, it is suggested that these departments consolidate with other departments confronted with the same problem. It is hoped that a six-team loop will be formed, or at least one having four entries. Last year teams were entered from Machine Room, Champagne, Control-Maintenance, and Pulp Mill, with Machine Room winning.

Bowlers Lose 3-0 But Still On Top

Running into a red-hot Western Produce team last Tuesday night, our league-leading Ecusta bowlers were humbled 3-0 in a match on the Brevard alleys, but fortunately, they are still on top in the standings.

The visitors rolled a 2842 total against 2637 for Ecusta. Our individual scores were Morris, 545; Colwell, 556; Galloway, 505; Rogers, 490; Straus, 541. Averages for the year are Morris, 175; Galloway, 173; Rogers, 172; Colwell, 169; Straus, 169.

Team	W	L
Ecusta	66	36
Reed and Abee	64	38
Enka	59	43
Allen Transfer	57	45
Transylvania Times	56	46
Champion	53	49
Asheville Tire	39	63
Western Produce	37	65
Stikeleather	50	52
Hendersonville	29	73

MERRELL'S TEAM OPENS PLAY MAY 2

Hustling, Hard-Hitting Team Forecast; VFW Is First Foe

Ecusta's softballers, with their eyes set on a successful season, get their first taste of competition Thursday night in an exhibition game at the high school field with Hendersonville. The locals inaugurate their Transylvania Softball League schedule Friday night, May 2, against V.F.W. on the same field at 8:30 p. m.

Since April 17, the team has been drilling hard and playing Manager Fritz Merrell feels his



"HUSTLING" MERRELL

men will develop into a hustling, hard-hitting combination. With better competition expected from other league members, the locals will have to be at their best to stay among the leaders of the loop.

Leading the pitching crops will be speedballer Jim Griffin and Merrell. For the opening game, the lineup will probably stack up as follows: Morris Dorn, c; Griffin, p; Rusty Carland, 1b; Captain Ed White, 2b; Oliver Taylor and Jack Wilber, infielders; Roy Head, Grady Carland, and Lawrence Holt, outfielders. The remainder of the squad will be chosen from Robert Head, Robert Jennings, Dan Edens, Lloyd Orr, Jack Moore, Vincent Dixon, and J. C. Moffitt.

Plans for exhibition games at Camp Sapphire on Sunday afternoon are being formulated.



BASEBALL SEASON OPENS APRIL 26 -- SOFTBALL STARTS APRIL 29

FISHING SEASON OPENS AT CAMP SAPPHIRE JUNE 1.

GOLF SEASON BEGINS.

ECUSTA STILL LEADING IN W.N.C BOWLING LEAGUE.

Boy! I wish I was a bed post like my Uncle Joe.