



SOFTBALL OUTFIT IS IN TOURNAMENT

Fast Event Opens In Hendersonville Next Wednes.; Entries From 2 States

With a season's record of 28 wins and 9 losses, the softball team enters the fast Hendersonville tournament next Wednesday night against some of the strongest competition in North and South Carolina. Since many of our employees live in Henderson county this tournament will give them a good opportunity to see our team in action.

The opponent for Ecusta in the first round has not yet been announced, but it's certain to be a tough one. Clubs entered from Western North Carolina include Enka, Asheville Elks, Waynesville, Tryon, Hendersonville, Army Store of Asheville, Canton, Oteen, and many others. South Carolina entries include Dunean Mills of Greenville, Union, Foster Burns of Spartanburg and Coca-Cola of Greenville.

Prior to this tournament, the softballers have a doubleheader scheduled with Hazelwood in Waynesville Saturday night. This pair of important Smoky Mountain League contests should serve as good conditioners for the Hendersonville tournament.

Below are the batting averages, not including the doubleheader with American Legion Wednesday

Still Going Strong

Our former Ecusta athletes are continuing their sparkling performances they started the first of the season.

Tom McCall recently won his 20th game of the season for Mooresville, and thus became the second pro pitcher in the state to break the 20 mark this season. He is also hitting a fancy .302. Roy Whitaker's 12-5 won and lost record with Mobile makes him a leading Southern League chunker. Gil Coan is batting .340 for Chattanooga and is leading the league in stolen bases with 38, including several thefts of home. Along the grapevine, they're saying that Washington is now regretting sending him back to Chattanooga—that some of the oldsters have failed to come through for the Senators.

night:

Name	AB	H	Pct.
Ed White	111	41	.360
Rusty Carland	115	42	.336
Roy Head	111	35	.315
Roy Carter	71	22	.310
Lawrence Holt	107	32	.299
Fritz Merrell	97	25	.258
Bob Jennings	59	15	.254
Morris Dorn	92	23	.250
Ed Allen	97	24	.257
Grady Carland	54	12	.222
Jack Wilber	88	19	.216
Jim Griffin	32	6	.187

Stopping at third base adds no more to the score than striking out.

There is no surgery by which a new idea can be grafted to a closed mind.

Two Important Games Facing Baseball Team This Weekend At Camp Sapp

Much Enthusiasm In Model Airplane Club

A fast growing hobby, that of building and flying gas model airplanes, has taken root here and several employees of our companies and employees' children are members of the local model airplane club.

The model planes and gas engines are far from being toys. The models are replicas and scale models of famous civil and military planes. The engines are powerful miniatures, some of them capable of making 125 miles an hour. The scope of the sport has reached tremendous proportions. Several weeks ago 120,000 people attended a show on Long Island, N. Y., while one at nearby Greenville, S. C., drew a crowd of more than 10,000.

The local club has been using the Ecusta baseball field for flying its planes. It is hoped that a field meeting all flying requirements can be obtained in the future.

Members of the local club who are employees of Ecusta or sons of Ecusta employees are as follows: William Fetzer, Gene Eggert, Cecil Smathers, Wayne Kerber, Frank Kerber, Bruce Petit, Ed Edwards, Jack Edwards, Dobin McCrary, Larry Dixon, Jr., Buzzy DeBord, Bobby Clark, Eric Neumann, and J. M. Winget.

Martel Mills Provides Competition Saturday, Enka Here On Sunday

Making an amazing comeback during the past month, the Enka baseball team must continue its sterling play for the three remaining scheduled games in order to qualify for the championship playoffs in the WNC League. The most important games are scheduled this week end—a game here on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. against Martel Mills and another Sunday at Camp Sapph

The final regularly-scheduled game of the season will be next Saturday afternoon September 6th., against Green River. After the games that day, the top teams will meet to lay out the playoffs.

The latest victory came Tuesday over Hazelwood, 6-5. Er Suttles was again in rare form spacing five hits, while pointing out three of Ecusta's 13 runs. David Sams drove out a run with the bases full in the 7th inning to spark a five-run rally that Hazelwood was never able to match. Jack Alexander also had a distant triple during the 7th inning and drove Hoss Starnes home with the winning run in the 8th. Rick Orr hauled down a long drive in the eighth to run out two certain Hazelwood runs.

Losing only one game since the last issue of The Echo, the team to Sayles 8-2 on July 26, the team proceeded to turn back Hazelwood Champion, Beacon, and Hazelwood in a row. Hazelwood fell to Sayles 7-5, Beacon 9-1, and the most recent Hazelwood victory was 6-5.

Below are the batting averages including the Hazelwood game Tuesday:

Name	AB	H
Jack Alexander	75	30
Rick Orr	68	24
David Sams	52	18
Wilson Gregory	21	5
Ray Byrd	52	14
Chick Loftis	62	15
Harold Stamey	46	11
Grover Suttles	39	9
Ralph Morris	62	14
Footsie Case	16	3
Noah Goode	45	8
Bill Young	22	2

WNC STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Hazelwood	13	13
Beacon	10	10
Enka	9	9
Green River	8	8
Sayles	8	8
Champion	7	7
ECUSTA	6	6
Martel	6	6

Brushing Up The Sports

RAY HAS BEEN A LEADING HITTER IN INDUSTRIAL BASEBALL FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

ALTHOUGH 39 YEARS OLD HE IS STILL ONE OF THE FASTEST MEN ON THE TEAM.

SAY I FORGOT WHAT POSITION I'M PLAYIN'

HE HAS PLAYED ALL POSITIONS EXCEPT PITCH AND FIRST BASE. BLALOCK, HAZELWOOD'S OUTSTANDING PITCHER RECENTLY SAID: "I'D RATHER PITCH TO ANYONE ELSE IN THE LEAGUE THAN RAY BYRD."

RAY BYRD

JACK D. MORGAN

Tickets For Duke-Tennessee Football Contest Available

Tickets for the Duke-Tennessee football game in Knoxville Saturday, October 4, are available and can be obtained by calling Jack Alexander at Extension 248. There are 74 tickets available and those who went to the Tennessee-Alabama game last year will be given priority for this year's game.

Price for the tickets will be \$4.00 and transportation on the chartered buses will be approximately \$3.50.

PICTURES IN SPORTS NEWS; NEW FORMAT IS ADOPTED

The weekly Sports News which has been so popular since Jack Alexander started it December 13, 1946 is being published in different format now. The sheet now contains pictures and is printed by the Champagne Job Printing department. Anyone interested in receiving the Sports News can be put on the mailing list by calling 368.

TROPHIES ARRIVE

The handsome trophies which will go to those who were outstanding in the Interdepartmental league have arrived and will be

presented soon. Control will receive the team trophy and the individual awards for the best hitters and the best sp