

SPORTS CORNER

By Doc Crumm

This is my last column to you. I have been associated with the News Letter staff for two years, and I enjoyed my work more each year. In writing, I tried to bring to you the highlights of athletics at State Teachers College during 1950-52.

I want to say, thanks to the many athletes who performed during these seasons, thanks to the athletic department for their wonderful cooperation, and, most of all, thanks to you for supporting your teams and school paper.

As many of you have heard me say, "No one thing causes anything." The growth of your team and newspaper was caused by you. Thanks a million.

Baseball is the sport that will end the athletic year at S. T. C. according to sports experts, more people witness baseball games than any other sport in the United States. When your school played its first home game against North Carolina College, I was surprised at the attendance. For some reason baseball has been the neglected sport in American Colleges. During my stay here I have seen the interest in baseball grow. The school has not had a diamond club long. Like all other schools, reasons can be given for not fielding baseball teams in the past. Forget those reasons. The foundation for our present baseball team stemmed from grads like Nan Weeks, William Mullins, "Peanut" Pailin, Mcowan, Johnny Williams, and other performers like Red Thompson, James Hoggard, James Wilkes, and others. These fellows played together in 1948 and '49 as a group which liked to play ball. Coach Williams used to practice his boys against the Elizabeth City Elks and usually the Elks won. Last year Fayetteville was the only college foe that Elizabeth City encountered, but this year an attractive schedule was drawn up by the Athletic department listing about five or six school-boy games and a few independent nine frames. Yep! Quite a jump. . . . Former athletes James Boone, Edward Camen, Leon Thornton, and James Riley visited the campus recently. All are serving in the Armed Forces, and after conversing with them, each one wishes to return to S. T. C. and resume his studies. . . . Three home runs in a college game is somewhat of a record. Can any of you after session lecturers offer any comment, pro or con? (Eliz. City and N. C. College). . . . Against the Sportsmen Athletics, Jimmy Greer got a three bagger and a stand up double his first two times up. In two games right-handers Randall and Freeman have fanned eight batters each.

Thomas, .375, Davis, .333, and Hoggard, .213 are the teams leading hitters. Thomas has 16 appearances and 6 hits; Davis has 15 trips and 5 bingles, and Hoggard has appeared at the plate 14 times and got 3 hits. . . . The last three months in any school is the time to write articles of any description. Why? In schools and outside of schools, people assume a nonchalant attitude toward activity. Why? Tis, Springtime.

Teachers Win 18-4

May 17—With pitcher Rocky Randall and leftfielder James Hoggard hitting four baggers, the S.T.C. baseballers trampled the South Norfolk Aces of Norfolk, Virginia 18-4. Randall was up only six hits, four runs and walked four. To top this feat, he collected a triple, a homer, and a single to lead the Pirate's hitting attack. Hoggard connected in the fourth inning for his homer with one on.

This victory ran the local college's win column up to three, and they have lost five.

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Elizabeth Cit	18	11	1
South Norfolk Aces	4	6	19

Umpires: C. Thompson and A. Williams.

1951-52 BASEBALL TEAM

Name	Position
Earl Thomas	Catcher
Harry Freeman	C, P, 2b, 1b
Winston Brown	Pitcher
William Simon	Pitcher
Robert Scott	P, RF
Vernon Randall	Pitcher
Raymond Reddrick	P, LF
Landon Miales	First Base
John Cashwell	2b, RF
James Wilkes	2b, 5b, SS
Alfred Marbley	2b, SS, 3b
Atlas Davis	SS, 3b

Fielders

Mathew Timberlake	Utility
James Hoggard	C, R
James Greer	C, R
Encis Brown	L, R
J. C. Williams	
Luther Williams	

Coach—J. H. Williams.
Managers—William Andrews, Santiago Burrell and Dewey Clarke.
Scorer and announcer, Doc Crumm.

A & T Bulldogs Bite

Whew! 19-3, and they call it baseball. This sounds more like a football score, but it happened when A & T College of Greensboro, North Carolina walked over the State Teachers Pirates. Statistics from the game are not in detail, but according to Coach J. H. Williams, hurler Harry Freeman started on the mound for the losers and checked the Bulldogs with 4 hits and struck out 6 in six frames. The Pirates went down swinging 21 times. (Strike outs) Richards got credit for the win, while Freeman suffered his first defeat. Errows proved costly to the losers.

Bethlehem, Pa.—(I.P.)—Forty students have been dropped from Lehigh University for failure to meet academic standards, Dr. Wray H. Congdon, dean of students announced here recently in issuing a report of students on scholastic probation. Another group of 39 undergraduates has been suspended for the second semester for excessive absences from classes during the last term.

Those dropped from the university include 13 sophomores, 12 freshmen, nine juniors, four seniors and two in the general college division. The Committee on the Standing of Students placed 194 students on scholastic probation for the spring term in compliance with university regulations.

SLUGFEST — N. C. COLLEGE WINS, 18-15

Freeman and Thomas Clout Homers

Although second-baseman Harry Freeman and catcher Earl Thomas hit th jackpot, S.T.C. bowed to the N. C. College Eagles of Durham 18-15 in a game that was interesting to watch. The Eagles flew high in the first inning when catcher Smith hit a single into right center field to score Smith and two other Eagles as N.C.C. led 3-0. Dudley was hit by pitcher Randall and Green struck out. Earlier battle had lined out to third baseman Atlas Davis, and Johnson was SO'd by Randall.

Elizabeth City came on and tabbed little Payne, diminutive hurler for N.C.C. for 2 hits and 6 runs. Leading off, Marbley received a base on balls; Hoggard was thrown out, third to first, Atlas Davis was safe on Shaw's shortstop error. Thomas hit to the shortstop, forcing Marbley out at third, but was safe on a fielder's choice, and finally left fielder Reddrick hit a long single into dead center field to score Davis and Thomas. Freeman came up next and smashed a hard low drive across third into deep left field for the first home run of the game, driving Reddrick home. Encis Brown bounded to third but was safe on an error. Miales received a base on balls, and Randall drove one of Payne's curves into right field, of which Johnson of N.C.C. should have retrieved. This error caused Brown and Miales to score. Marbley, lead off player for S.T.C., grounded to first-baseman Dudley, who made the easy out unassisted. As the Pirates took to the field, cheers could be heard all around the campus.

The Eagles bounced back five runs each in the second and third frames to lead 13-6. E.C. tallied one in the fifth (Thomas). N.C.C. got 4 more in the sixth and one in the ninth. Rallying in the last four innings, the E.C. Pirates scored 3 in the sixth, 2 in the seventh and eighth, and one in the final stanza.

Plummer got a home run in the ninth with none aboard for North Carolina College.

	R	H	E
North Carolina College	14	18	9
Elizabeth City	10	15	12

Winning pitcher—Payne, McQueen in third, Darden in seventh.

Losing pitcher — Randall, Freeman in fifth.

Starting battery, N.C.C — Payne and Smith.

Starting battery, E. C.— Randall and Thomas.

Double plays, 1—(6-4-3) Marbley, Wilkes and Miales.

Left on base, N.C.C.—12.

Left on base, E.C.—10.

Strike out for S. T. C.—Randall 2; Freeman 4.

(In the 5th inning, Wilkes replaced Freeman at second and Freeman replaced Dandall on the mound for S. T. C.)

Umpires: Woodhouse and A. H. Williams.

The book review, "The Other Side Of Hell", that appeared in the last issue, was done by Miss Esmeralda Forbes. Due to spacing, her name was omitted and the editors would like to give her credit at this time.

Mazor's Sports Angle

Hats off to the Elizabeth City State Teachers College baseball team! Although they have not defeated any college opponents, the Pirates have chalked up three wins over local Virginia semi-pro teams. It was swell to see many of you turn out to support our home game. Next baseball season should find S. T. C. with a greatly improved team and better attendance.

Cheerio to all of you! The time has come when we will all return home. Of course our minds will turn to tennis, swimming and hiking. I wish you the best of luck during your summer vacation, and an enjoyable one. I will be looking forward to your return next year. So long until then.

—Mazor Slade

Pirates Split—Loose to Shaw University, but Slap Athletics

With the powerful sticking of Harry Freeman and Encis Brown, the S.T.C. baseballers lost to Shaw University at Raleigh 12-10, but revenged this defeat by blasting the Athletics of Portsmouth, Virginia 16-8. In the Shaw game, Freeman bagged two singles and a 375 foot home run over the right-center field wall. Edmunds was the winning hurler and Raymond Reddrick was the loser for the Pirates.

Buckeye Scott was the star of the Athletics' game as he gave up only two hits and four runs in six complete innings. Rightfielder Encis Brown almost had a perfect day at the plate as he banged out five safties in six attempts. Brown collected three doubles, two singles, and scored four runs. Winston Brown relieved Scott on the mound for the Pirates in the seventh frame and gave up two hits and two runs.

The Pirates made only four miscues as their all around play seems to have improved. Their best defensive play of the season thus far was seen in the second Portsmouth Athletics' game, when shortstop Atlas Davis picked up a hot grounder, with the bases full, and fired to catcher Earl Thomas to trap the runner at home plate, and Thomas threw to first-basemen Landon Miales, who retired the batter, and the first base runner, who had started to second base, was forced out by this magnificent play. Robert "Buckeye" Scott was accredited the winning pitcher.

Along with this victory the Teachers Pirates have now won two and dropped three. The only victim has been the Athletics, twice. A. & T College, N. C. College and Shaw University have liquiated the Pirates. The locals have yet to gain their first college win for 1952.

Cambridge, Mass. - (I. P.) - Planning for the future of Harvard University on the assumption "that we shall be partially mobilized but not in a global war for many years," President James B. Conant proposes "serious readjustments" in the educational pattern of Harvard's student body, most of whom, he believes, will have served two years in the armed forces before entering college. Dr. Conant points out that some arrangement "between extreme acceleration and our present schedule would seem to be desired."