

SPORTS---SMITH BULLS WIN FIRST THREE GAMES

STAGE SET FOR ANNUAL TILT.

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Hayes Returns to Form.

A waiting and enthusiastic throng will greet the clash between the Blue and Black of Livingstone and the Gold and Blue of Smith.

This year's team seems to be the strongest that Smith has ever witnessed. The team is in line for the North Carolina championship and with the steady guidance of Coach Scales, this task will be very easily accomplished. He seems to possess that power to get more out of the players than they really think they have. This, of course, is due to long study of the game, which he knows from every point of view. Coach Scales is an unusual coach. You never see him losing his head when all about him are losing theirs, and his success as a coach could depend largely upon this.

Charlotte will be the mecca for every loyal Methodist and Presbyterian Easter Monday, not as Mohammedans who visited their once inhabited city for the sake of prayer, but as the Grecian athletes with their spectators gathering for the olympic games.

If the oracles of Delphi have predicted the weather for Easter Monday correctly fully 9,000 or 10,000 will witness the mighty clash which will be staged at Wearn field at 2:30 o'clock.

The principal players are Hayes and Yokeley. The power of their arms will determine to a great extent the team that will wear the victor's crown.

The Bulls, however, have a great deal more of fighting instinct than the ordinary teams feeling that it is not a symbol of bad sportsmanship to tally up enough scores so as to use them on their extensive tour, which is to be made a few days after their annual clash.

McKeithan, who darts the diamond for the last time in the defense of the old Gold and Blue, still possesses that keen insight which enables him to connect with the curves and floaters of any pitcher. It will be due to his swatting along with "Home Run" Tucker that the L. C. moundsman will walk indignantly from the mound.

"Bun" Hayes has undoubtedly come back to form. His batting this year is similar to that of the "Home Run King." It is nothing to see him pound the fence at will.

"Red" Lindsay who kept up the batting morale of the '27 team, has not gotten into that wicked clog with Tucker, Hayes Horne, McKeithan, Massey, Martin, Jones, Ellis and Walker, but he will be seen very soon gliding back into the clog with the same tenacity that he had last year.

McDowell has shown up well as a young third sacker this season, but he isn't using the bat as he has heretofore used it. Of course it is only a matter of time before the players will have the same ability to bat as they now have to field, toss and run. It has been considered by a good many base ball mentors as to whether or not a good batter was as essential as a good fielder or vice-versa, and it has been found that unless both were equally as good the ax would fall upon your head. "Beware."

Horne, Ellis, Walker, Jones and Biggs are holding their own. They are making a wonderful appearance as gardeners.

The records of the two teams are somewhat equal, that is when it comes to the number of games won this season, but the ability of the "Bulls" is as superior to that of the Livingstonians as imported silk is to cheese cloth.

Watch the tilt on Easter Monday. It is set for the greatest base ball game played between two colleges. "The oracles have predicted Smith to be the winner."

Coach Scales is running his men through steam-heated rollers so as to remove all

wrinkles that will impede the velocity of the stampede that the gods have predicted.

The night and day dreams are of Umpire Wiley announcing the batteries; the climax of which is "play ball." Strike one, two, three, and the steady warrior is seen marching to the dugouts. This process will be continued until Smith has been announced victorious. L. C. shall take her spoils of war and tread the weary paths to Salisbury. O.K. Amesements. L. C. being as good a loser as winner will not return immediately but will share in the ovation made for the S. U. Bulls. There will be fun galore.

The game will be called promptly at 3:30. "I am going; are you?" "Meet me there."

SMITH WINS FIRST GAME.

Hayes Pitches Invincible Ball.

March 23.—The Smith Bulls, with undaunted courage met the North Carolina Staters on Biddle's Athletic Field. The game was featured by brilliant playing of both teams, but the brilliancy of the Staters was not illuminating enough to offset the overwhelming dark shadows of ability, confidence and eager simplicity to win.

"Bun" Hayes ascended the mound, invigorated by the cheers of the student body, rejuvenated by vengeance, and inspired by his worthy teammates. "Play ball," yelled the umpire, and the players obeyed the command. And Hayes, with his look of solitude and confidence, began his duty. Just as fast as the batters could swing three consecutive times the Bulls would begin to pile up their scores.

The outstanding players for the Staters were Stroud and Long; for Smith, Hayes, Tucker, McKeithan, Biggs, Jones and Horne.

There was a little ragged playing on both teams which was responsible for a few of the scores.

Results by innings:
State |0|0|2|1|0|0|0|3|0|—6
Smith |2|0|0|0|1|4|0|0|0|—7

PITCHFORD WINS HIS FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON.

March 24.—"Monk" Pitchford began his moundsman duty against the A. T. sluggers. The game held every one in suspense until the last. The scores were tied several times which were either broken by Tucker or Lane.

It was not until the last half of the 8th and 9th innings that the Bulls realized their full strength.

Pitchford's arm was wild at times and at these points of wildness "Horse" Lane sent ball after ball sizzling over the fence.

Coach Bynum sent his ace pitcher, "Raeford," in to counteract the batting of the Bulls, and of course his pitching ingenuity was not sufficient. However, the change made by Coach Scales was too scientific and when the A. & T. Sluggers were trying to investigate the scientific shift, the Bulls piled up the winning score. Massey led, Hayes followed and others sent the ball in almost every direction.

Scores by innings:
A. & T. |1|0|0|1|2|3|0|0|2|—9
Smith |0|0|1|2|1|0|3|0|3|—10

Umpires: Wiley and Harris.
Batteries for Smith, Martin and Pitchford.
A. & T., Raeford and Kelly.

BULLS TRAMPLE ALBION ACADEMY'S YEARLINGS.

March 26.—Ramseur held the Albion Yearlings spellbound for a five inning game. The team arrived late due to bus troubles.

The Yearlings showed wonderful prospects; for instance, the first baseman, the third sacker and the short stop, Captain Bullard. The Yearlings were outclassed by far. The final score was 8-4.

TWENTY-ONE LETTERS AWARDED TO FOOT BALL PLAYERS BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ATHLETICS.

On the night of March 31, a banquet was given to the entire foot ball team in which several delicious courses were served.

Prof. Jackson was master of ceremonies. The meeting was opened by singing, "Here comes old S. U." This song brought back the happy reminiscences of the old grid days.

There were talks made by Prof. Jackson, Dr. Douglass and Coach "Randy" Taylor, sponsors of the occasion. There were also talks made by the graduating Captain, Mr. A. C. Caviness, and the Captain of the grid team of 1928, Mr. Leon Steele. The talks made by these men were centered around preparedness to play, the importance of athletics, the relation or bearing that it has upon a successful life, and the exhibition of fair play and co-operation.

The letters were awarded by Dr. Douglass and in his speech to grid warriors of Smith he admonished them to forever keep the fighting spirit of Smith and whatever they attacked in life the conquest would be easy.

In the conclusion of his speech he left the sportsman's creed by Glenn Frank, President of the University of Wisconsin.

I. I will not break training for the satisfaction of achievement is more durable than the satisfaction of appetite.

II. I will not give up in the midst of a contest, just because I may be, at the moment, tired or discouraged, save in rare instances of utter exhaustion, there are always untapped levels of energy upon which men may call, and I am in honor bound to my fellow players to give to the contest the untapped levels as well as the surface layer of my energy.

III. I will subordinate my playing to the playing of the team, for I have no right to let my vanity stand in the way of victory, to sacrifice sportmanship for the

spot light, or to trade group achievement for personal applause.

IV. I will keep my head however hard I am hit, for to lose my temper is treason to the team, since I cannot have a cool head and a hot temper at the same time.

I will be modest in victory, knowing that if I have kept the faith of the sportsman in play, the victory is but a common product of the compined play of my fellows, even if I gave a star performance at a critical moment, and knowing that the moment of victory is life's severest test of a man's character.

VI. I will be game in defeat for only the weakling whines the fortunes of contest run against him.

The letters S. and certificates were awarded to the following men: A. C. Caviness, Capt.; T. Steele, Assistant captain of 1927; W. Coleman, S. Blue, J. Henry, G. R. Dockery, O. Jordan, O. Williams, A. Hall, Wm. Fowlkes, J. P. Massey, F. D. Battle, Jas. Bryant, C. Walker, Ed. House, G. G. Lyerly, J. O. Ellis, F. Bogle, G. E. McKeithan and T. L. Plair, Manager of 1927.

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