



Beep Ball: Sport for Handicapped

By Robert Eller
Sports Editor

"Tonight we are going to prove to you that you can hit what you can't see," said Sam Roundtree, a member of the Winston-Salem Recreation Department's pioneer Lions Beep Ball team. And with that, Alderman Larry Little, Recreation Director Nick Jamison, County Commissioner David Drummond and other city officials and Recreation Commission members proceeded to blindfold themselves, step into a batters box and take five swings at a softball emitting beeping tones.

Beep Ball is in its first year in Winston-Salem. The game was developed in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1964 when the principal of Colorado Springs School for the Blind recognized the need for a softball with an audio tone that would enable blind persons to play ball.

The Columbine Chapter of Telephone Pioneers responded by producing the first softball developed by one of its members, an engineer named Charlie Fairbanks. Since then the game has grown steadily in popularity in the country and there are presently approximately 30 teams in the United States. Six of those teams are located in the Southeastern area in Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Wilmington, Atlanta and Nashville.

The Winston-Salem team was organized in the spring of 1978 through the joint efforts of the Old North State Chapter of Telephone

Pioneers, the Lions Clubs of Forsyth County, the N.C. Department of Human Resources Division Services for the Blind and the Special Recreation Department of Human Resources Division Services for the Blind and the Special Recreation Department of the Winston-Salem Recreation Department.

The game is played somewhat different than softball with each batter receiving five strikes and a team four outs per inning. There are seven segments of the playing field each 23 feet wide. A blindfolded player is put in each of the seven areas. Two sighted player assistants are stationed behind the seven fielders.

A sighted pitcher stands 21 feet from a blindfolded batter. A sighted catcher is behind the batter. Eight base cones, each emitting a constant tone, when turned on are placed 36 feet from home plate and 21 feet apart in a circle.

The sighted pitcher then pitches the "beeping ball" to the batter. As he releases the ball he will call out "ball" to alert the batter the ball is coming. The player at bat will listen for the sound of the beeping ball and swing at the ball when he hears it.

When the batter hits the beeping ball and it passes the play line, the 36 foot arc that is bounded by the base cones, in fair territory he had a hit. At this point several things happen simultaneously.

One of the player assistants behind the playing field will call out the number of the field segment in which the ball has landed. Only the fielder in that segment is permitted to go after the ball. At the same time one of the eight bases is activated at random.

The batter, upon hearing the tone from the base, will walk as fast as he can or run to the base. If the batter reaches the base before the fielder reaches the ball, the batter is out. If the batter reaches the base before the fielder locates and retrieves the ball the batter has scored a run.

If the fielder retrieves the

ball before the batter reaches the base the batter is out. If one of the fielders catches the ball before it hits the ground the side is automatically retired. At the completion of a play the sighted catcher assistant will return the batter to the bench and bring another batter to the batters box.

When the teams are retired, the player assistants will walk the players to the bench and return to the field with new players for the field positions.

Six innings comprise a standard game. The game with the government officials was the third exhibition game played by the team against sighted opponents. They previously had played the Konnoack Hills Lions Club and the City Yardbirds, a city league softball team.

The team played its first game against another blind team last Wednesday at Warnersville Community Center in Greensboro against the Greensboro team. The Greensboro team will come to Winston-Salem to play on September 13 at Miller Park Recreation Center. The team practices each Wednesday night at Washington Park field located just off Broad Street. Volunteers and spectators are welcome.

Aggies

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Between the linemen and the backs is a linebacking corps regarded by many as the best in the MEAC. George Small, Glenn Inman, Roland Wooten and Dennis Coit are all outstanding football players.

"We certainly feel confident about our personnel on defense as we prepare for the start of the 1978 season," McKinley said. "We have an experienced group, and physically they should be a tough assignment for the opposing offensive linemen."

The big question surrounding the A&T football program will be the quarterback position. The pre-season choice is sophomore William Watson, a 6-2, 190-pound strong-armed thrower from Detroit, Michigan.

Indians Cop Second Title

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The Winston-Salem Indians completed a sweep of post season baseball tournaments in the city last Sunday when they claimed the championship of the Winston-Salem Invitational Tournament by beating the Winston-Salem Pirates 6-1 behind the four hit pitching of Mike Smith. The Indians, fourth place finishers in the Western Division of the Winston-Salem Baseball League during the regular season, came on strong to win their second straight league tournament title early this month and kept up their outstanding play going through the WSIT undefeated.

The Pirates, Cinderella team of the tournament, suffered both their tourney losses at the hands of the Indians. They were dropped into the losers bracket by a 7-6 loss to the champs in the events third round. They then bested the Danville Dolphins 12-6, beat the Walnut Cove Tigers 12-11, and nipped the defending champion Pond Giants 3-2 to get to the championship game.

The Indians gained a berth in the finals by walling Halifax, Va. 18-2, and stopping the Pond Giants 9-7, in addition to beating the Pirates.

The championship game began Friday night August

24 but was stopped by lightning in the bottom of the fifth inning with the Indians leading 5-0. The game was resumed at that point on Sunday night.

The Indians, winners of four of the six events, opened the scoring in the first inning when Rod Osborne doubled with one out and scored on a single by Curt Gibson. They added another run in the second on two walks, a single and a groundout. They built their lead to 5-0 with three runs in the third. Ted Petree doubled with one out and after Curt Roseboro walked Danny Brendle singled Petree in Roseboro and Brendle advanced to second and third respectively when the throw from the outfield got away. Odell King forced Roseboro at the plate and Mike Smith followed with a double scoring Brendle. King scored the final run of the inning on Rod Johnson's single. Smith was out at the plate trying to score on the hit ending the inning.

Smith had a no hitter going when the game was stopped in the bottom of the fifth inning, and had not allowed a runner to reach second base. Chuck Burney was safe on an error by the first baseman in the third, and Jeff Tuttle was on first by virtue of the second baseman's error when play was halted.

Rams

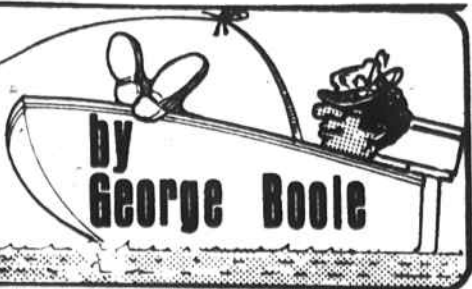
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Livingstone in their home stadiums.

Coach Hayes says of his Rams, "We've got good, seasoned personnel and had good success recruiting. Injuries are the key to this season. We were injury-free last year until the 7th game. We've got to stay healthy to keep the championship."

Hayes consistently refuses to make number predictions. "We'll just play each game as hard and as clean as we can. We'll look at the won/lost numbers when the season is over."

FISHING



Jerry Graham, known to come back with a good catch, was skunked down to a three fish catch as he sat between George Gunter and a fisherman from Midway. Fish were being taken on Jerry's right and on his left, leaving him to suffer a real defeat for the trip.

If you are ever caught in a similar situation where fish are being caught nearby you can do something about it providing you are among friends. I emphasize this trick is not to be use with strangers.

Using cut bait or a minnow, I prefer cut bait when fishing for crappie, and a cane or fibreglass pole so I may place my bait just where I want it.

Now for the trick when the other fisherman pulls his fish out he has to take his fish off the hook and most likely he has to rebait his hook especially if he is using minnows, during this break, if you are accurate place your bait in the spot where he fished while he is preparing or

baiting his hook.

It is better to use this rig without a float so your bait will sink fast to the fish that are suspended. As the line sinks, start your retrieve from the fishing area of the other fisherman.

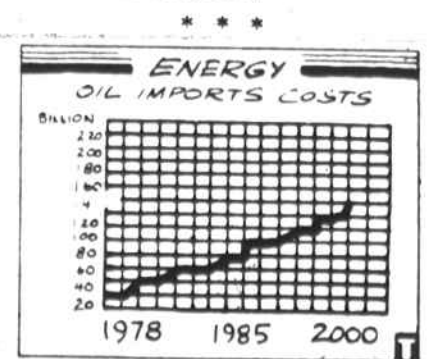
Chances are you will get as many fish as the buddy. If you are using a rod and reel, make sure you are good at flipping your bait. You must never foul up the other fisherman's line. If your fishing buddies are not congenial you had better lay off this method and find yourself another spot. Good fishing buddies share a producing spot.

I have fished with fishermen where we had to fish back to back sharing a producing stretch of water: now that is real congeniality. There is always enough fishing fun and fish for everyone. Don't forget we are going into the crappie fishing season of the fall. This season could give you your best fishing for the year. It is worth a try so get out there and stop whimpering about the heat.

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