

PLAYING THE GAME

With LEONARD LOBRED

The oldest game in America has come to Carolina—at last. Already having been in the Dixie lacrosse league for two years, the Carolina Indians are stepping out this spring in an eight or nine-game schedule which includes the best teams of the South and some of the leaders of the East.

It is improbable that the Carolina Indians are related to the American Indians who were playing the game of lacrosse when Columbus or somebody discovered this land in 1492 or thereabouts. But the game is almost the same, except that it is now played on well-sodded fields instead of in the country. The Indians played with long clubs, and sometimes an entire tribe would chase over miles and miles of countryside after a single ball.

Carolina athletes have played lacrosse for two years now, and are hoping to gain recognition by the athletic council so that letter awards will be given. Four schools—Washington and Lee, Virginia, Duke and Carolina—make up the Dixie league, and only Carolina doesn't recognize the sport officially. Duke's athletic council approved it several weeks ago when boxing was abolished and lacrosse accepted in its place.

The drive for recognition has been hard—at this school at least. The Washington Lacrosse club and Loyola of Baltimore in addition to the Dixie league members have taken note of lacrosse activities hereabouts and have slated contests with the Indians for this spring. Lafayette and Lehigh are possible foes. The 1941 schedule includes games with Lafayette and Lehigh again, and Navy, the national champions, and Swarthmore.

As a sport lacrosse has been received wholeheartedly by the Carolina student body. Large crowds have spread out around the coed field to watch the Indians perform, and last year several stuck it out through very muddy mud and thick fog to see Duke play. Now, with the best team in their three years, the Indians expect even larger groups to see their very manly sport.

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Intramural Sports Start Wednesday

RECORD TURNOUT IS EXPECTED FOR SPRING MURALS

In every direction that a person may wander on the Carolina campus this week he finds numerous students engaged in practicing softball or tennis. On every available intramural field, in every space between the dormitories and around every fraternity house can be heard the crack of the bats and the thud of balls contacting gloves. Everywhere boys are sharpening their batting eyes and perfecting their fielding ability. All of this

Students interested in officiating in intramural playground ball this spring are requested to meet in 304 Woollen gym at 5 o'clock this afternoon to take the test on rules and regulations.

points to the fact that the intramural seasons will get underway Wednesday afternoon when play in tennis and playground ball is started in both the dormitory and fraternity league.

Year in and year out the spring quarter sports have attracted more enthusiasm than either of the other two quarters and this year it appears that the largest turnout in intramural history is in store. When questioning the managers of all the organizations as to what kind of playground ball team they have the only response that can be obtained is that "Herman Schnell might just as well give us our championship awards now as we have the best playground ball club on the campus." As for tennis it is much the same story, with all claiming to have the campus champions. Other sports which will take place during the later part of the quarter are the old standby, track, and two new ones, water polo and horseshoes.

For the past two years Zeta Psi has walked off with the fraternity playground ball laurels, last year defeating Sigma Chi in the play-off by a 6-2 score and the year before stopping Beta Theta Pi 5-4. The year before that the Zetas went to the finals before falling to Sigma Nu by a 5-1 score. During these years the Zeta

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Golfers Get Ready For Spring Session

With the qualifying rounds for varsity golfmen definitely set for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, Chuck Erickson, local links mentor, devoted yesterday to last-minute planning and preparation for what is expected to be one of Carolina's most enjoyable springs on the fairway and green.

In expressing the hope that UNC's trips to the golfing wars would be highly fruitful, Erickson was quick to point out that in order for his club-swingers to attain top honors in either state or conference play they would have to perform an act not accomplished in the last five years—that of ending Duke's reign of terror. The Blue Devil linksmen have won a double title all the way back to 1935, and haven't been defeated since Carolina turned in an upset win over them three years ago.

DUKE RANKS HIGH
Headed by clever Skip Alexander, Duke has snowed under numerous top-

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Golf, Tennis Teams Prepare For Spring

Carolina Netmen Take On Colby Today At 3

Wardlaw Opens Tar Baby Season Tomorrow



Carolina's Baseball Co-Captains Topkins, Stirny Lead Nine With Top Second Base Play

By SHELLEY ROLFE

The chances are that if some smooth, suave city slicker, equipped with the usual adornments including one black cloak reaching to the ground and a well-oiled and curled moustache, came to Chapel Hill and blandly announced to the local citizenry that he had a mortgage on the University and the only way he would be satisfied would be by taking either the bell tower or the Carolina second base combination of Matty Topkins and George Stirnweiss as payment, the slicker would be told to take the bell tower with no questions asked.

It isn't that folks hereabouts do not appreciate the beauty and tradition of the bell tower. But after all, these are amazing times when there is no sentiment, and so, while the tower may attract a stray tourist or two now and then, it is not very productive in an economic sort of way and can be used only for decorative, noise-making and time-telling purposes.

On the other hand, Topkins and Stirnweiss are extremely productive and in time may prove to be a much bigger attraction than even the bell tower. Before June rolls around enough big league scouts will have beat enough paths to Chapel Hill to retire all bonds on the Carolina Inn. The pair produces base hits, amazing fielding plays, double plays and still more astounding fielding plays until the fans have come to expect these things as a matter of course and sit up only when they do not occur.

The bell tower has its points, as every person who has ever perused a freshman handbook will readily attest. But after all, which is more important, it or a winning baseball team?

There may have been some doubt in Durham circles last year that Stirny and Topkins were the best keystone combination in the conference. After all Duke had to watch out for its Russ Bergman and Crash Davis. But there can be no reasonable doubt this spring that the Carolina pair is as close to the tops as a duo can get without being ruled off the field for unfair competition. Mr. Bergman has left Duke for the Yankee chain, and since he did not go with the Athletics it is believed he has been forgotten about in Durham.

AGAINST PENN

Stirny and Topkins gave some indication of how they would perform in the field by turning in a double-play in the Penn game that came at a juncture when it saved Lefty Cheshire for much further embarrassment. There was much amazement in the stands at the time, after all it had snowed two days ago, the field was wet and soggy and it was only the second official game of the season. There was no need for strangers to whistle in amazement. Matty and George turned in upwards of 10 twin killings last year in 18 games and this can be considered as highly satisfactory considering the fact that aside from Emerson and the Duke field, most college baseball diamonds are glorified rock piles.

The fielding and throwing of the Tar Heel co-captains is not the only reason that the major league scouts are trampling on each other in a mad rush to get the pair's signatures down in black and white on a convenient contract. Both have hit over .300 their previous two years of varsity ball.

Stirny bombed a cool .320 in 1938. Last spring he was in a severe slump

Freshmen Divide For Practice Game

Carolina's freshman baseball team opens its 13-game schedule tomorrow afternoon by engaging Wardlaw Prep school on the freshman field at the east end of the intramural field.

Wardlaw Prep, which annually makes a trip to the South during its spring vacation, arrived in Chapel Hill Tuesday afternoon and has held daily practice sessions since then.

SQUAD IN ACTION

Freshman coaches Ham Strayhorn and Jim Tatum got the first look at the frosh squad under fire yesterday afternoon in a short practice game and discovered many glaring errors. Against frosh pitchers the batters had trouble in connecting. Tatum went to the mound so the men could get some hitting practice and the fielders some practice in what to do with a ball with men on bases. The results were better, and a tentative first team won the abbreviated contest by several runs with Tatum doing most of the pitching for both teams.

DEANS' HOME RUN

Larry Deans, playing first base for the number two team, got the longest hit of the day when he drove one far over the right fielder's head for a home run off Tatum's offerings. Tommy Oswald, keystone man on the first team, Bill Honan, first team third baseman, and Chick Evans, first string catcher, tripled.

Joe Nelson, Howard Hodges, Charlie Moore and Harry Bryant performed the hurling duties during the game. Nelson and Hodges both looked good.

STARTING LINEUPS

Starting lineups were: First team—Evans, c; Nelson, p; White, 1b; Oswald, 2b; Hearn, ss; Honan, 3b; Miller, lf; Barrier, cf; and Roberts, rf. Second team—Lyon, c; Hodges, p; Goforth, 1b; Singletary, 2b; Childers, ss; Saunders, 3b; Paine, lf; Snell, cf; and Currin, rf.

Strayhorn and Tatum substituted freely and every man who was issued a uniform played in the game.

Frosh Fencers Lose To Wardlaw, 5-4

Wardlaw prep school fencing team—which happens to be part of the baseball team now here—took the first of a two meet series with the Carolina freshman yesterday, defeating the Tar Babies 5-4. This afternoon at 4:30, the second meet will be held in the gym.

The Wardlaw boys just about repeated last year's trick, cinching the meet in the eighth bout. Walter McGee and Dave Meyers, stalwarts of last year's outfit, again showed the way, although a newcomer, Keppel, won more bouts than Meyers.

IMBREY STARS

However, it was a Carolina fencer who starred in the meet—Howie Imbrey. Tall, red-headed Tar Baby, Imbrey took three out of three for the only perfect record of the day, allowing only seven points in the bargain. Imbrey was on, there was never any doubt about that. It was surprising, though, for all the others were way

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KENFIELDMEN ARE HIGHLY FAVORED OVER MAINE TEAM

By WILLIAM L. BEERMAN

Barring snow, sleet, or other acts of nature, Carolina's varsity tennis team plays its second match of the season this afternoon against Colby college netters, a group of well-bred lads out of Maine currently touring the south.

First action begins promptly at 3 o'clock, on the regular clay courts.

John Kenfield, the man who has coached tennis at Carolina for two decades, was not a picture of utter satisfaction yesterday as he watched, advised, and competed with his small team. Father of national championship outfits for six straight years, Kenfield isn't sure exactly where the 1940 crew will end up. The Rood brothers and Frank Fuller, who held state, Southern conference, and other titles between them last year, are missing.

EVERETT'S FATE

The fate of Harris Everett was still unknown yesterday. Ineligible because of an "E" on a course, Everett will have to be scholastically okayed by early next week if he is to play this season.

Kenfield makes no bones about Everett's ability. "He might mean the difference between a good and bad team," the coach admitted. "In practice and exhibition games last year he seemed capable of taking about anybody we had."

But, Everett or no Everett, Kenfield still has a presentable club of tennis experts. Co-Captains Charlie Rider and Bill Rawlings, short and tall redheads respectively, are now in the No. 1 and 2 positions—also respectively. Both have been playing neat practice rounds in singles, and work well together as a doubles unit. Walt Meserole has progressed from the lower part of the ladder to No. 3 spot, and is dependable with a consistently good game.

Zan Carver played very little last (Continued on page 4, column 1)

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most of the way and did not pull out of it until almost the end of the campaign, nevertheless, he managed to finish up at .302. Topkins broke in 1937 with a .340 splash. He missed the next year due to pneumonia but came back last year with a .357 batting mark. What makes the figure even more remarkable is that the first 20 times he went to bat, Matthew collected a grand total of two safe blows.

Both players have started off batting this year as if they mean to make it three seasons over .300. Topkins couldn't start the Maryland game be-

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