

With The TAR HEELS

By Dick Jenrette

Bones McKinney, probably the best basketball player ever developed in this state, is still going strong on the hardwoods, despite approaching middle age and the terrific summer heat. Bones, who during the winter months performs as a professional cager for the Washington Capitals, is working for the City Recreation Department in Raleigh during the summer and is a great favorite with the kids. But he still takes time off for an occasional basketball drill.

The former Carolina star was seen sweltering in 90 degree heat the other day while playing with some of State College's Indiana basketball stars. And old Bones was doing right well for himself. It will be remembered that he performed for the 1946 Carolina team which won the Eastern NCAA basketball title and then lost to Oklahoma A & M, 44-41, for the National championship.

One of the favorite topics of conversation between State and Carolina sports enthusiasts has always been which was the better basketball team—Carolina's 1946 champions or the State quint of this past season, conference champions and also NCAA tourney participants. Seeing McKinney drop in hook shots, overheads, and tap-in shots against some of the State stars the other day leads us to believe the 1946 White Phantoms would have fared rather well against the 1948 Wolfpack.

College Records Mean Little

Baseball is a funny sport at times. For example, why is it that a team can be trounced convincingly in one game of a doubleheader and then hand an equally bad defeat to the same opponent in the second game, a few minutes later. The answer to that probably is the pitching. But how can you explain a player whose batting average in college hardly matched his weight and who then proceeds to go to the pros, improving his average the higher he goes in the pro ranks.

Such is the case of Tom Clayton and Jack Hussey, both former Tar Heel baseball players. Tom, who hails from Roxboro, had little luck during his college career. His batting was bad and fielding erratic, but perhaps some scout saw future promise in Tom. That summer, just after his unimpressive college play, he signed with Red Springs, of the Class D Tobacco State League. He hit considerably better at Red Springs and gained a big jump to Savannah, of the Class B Sally League this summer. Savannah has been in seventh place in the loop for most of this summer, but Clayton was batting in the cleanup spot and providing most of the offensive punch.

For some reason, the Philadelphia Athletics, whose farm system Tom is a member of, decided he needed a little more training in a lower league, so Clayton now plays for Martinsville in the Carolina League. But we noticed he hit three home runs in one game the other day and his average is above .300. He has a good chance for advancing to a higher league next season.

The case of Jack Hussey is similar. In 1943 the High Point boy batted only .268 for the Tar Heels. He fared even worse when he returned from the war in 1947. But Hussey didn't give up baseball. Instead he signed with Goldsboro of the Coastal Plain League, and now is burning up that Class D loop with an average of over .400. He ranks high in home runs and runs-batted-in and is considered a good bet to move up to a higher classification of ball soon.

Blair Pitches for Colerain Now

A few short notes: Buck Hardee, Carolina catcher in 1947, is managing the Whiteville Comets and coaching the Columbia. (See WITH THE TAR HEELS, page 4)

Norm Sper Narrowly Misses On Olympic Diving Team

Misses Third Place In Platform Diving By Only .29 Points

Norm Sper, University head cheerleader and Conference diving champion, placed fourth in the final Olympic high platform diving trials Sunday at Detroit, thereby missing a place on the 1948 Olympic diving team by the narrowest of margins.

Dr. Sammy Lee of Pasadena, California, won the event with a score of 144.37 points. Second, third, and fourth places were separated by only .57 of a point, with Carolina's Norm Sper fourth. Second place was won by Ohio State's Bruce Harlan, who had already won first place in the 3-meter diving trials Friday. Third place was won by Miller Anderson also of Ohio State, who had placed second to Harlan in the 3-meter dive. Harlan scored 128.69, Anderson 128.41, and Sper 128.12. The Olympic team for this event was made up of the first three finishers. Sper missed the boat by only .29 of a point.

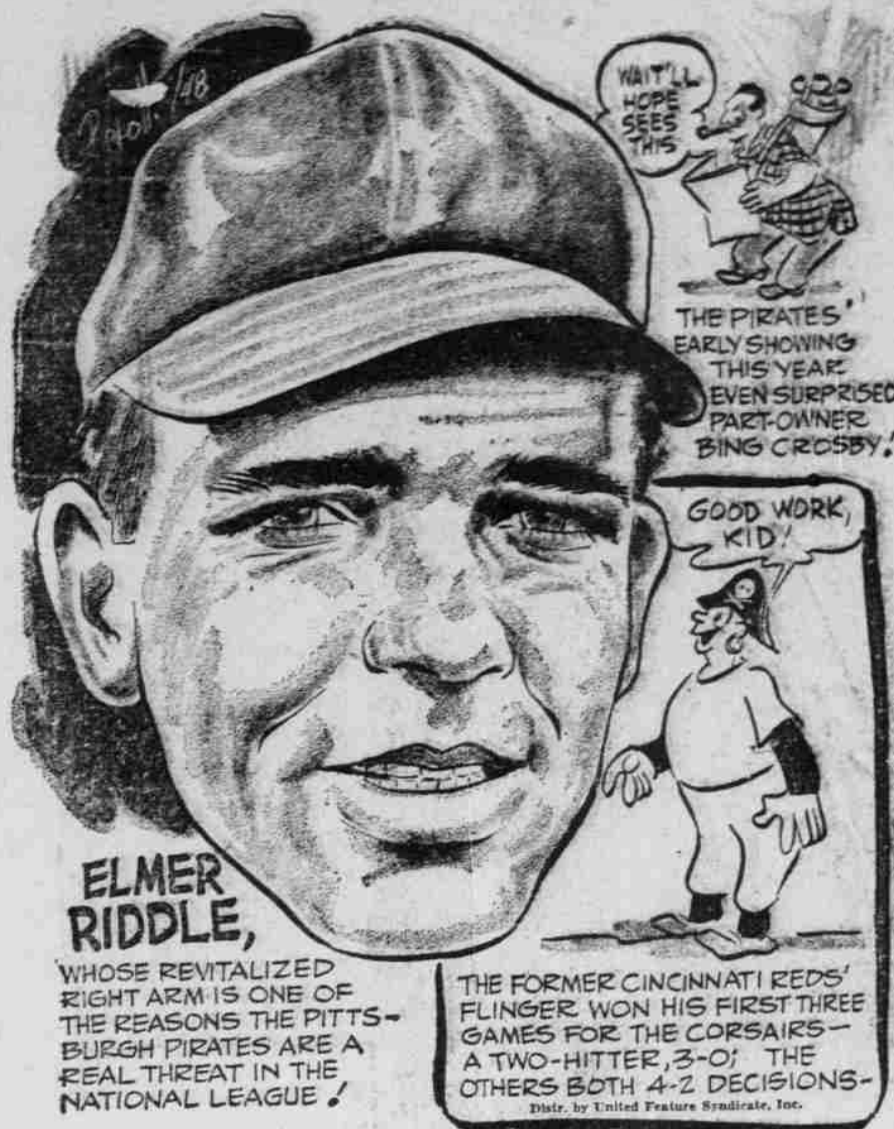
Sper had injured his neck about a week ago while practicing at the Los Angeles Olympic pool and was forced to miss a week's practice while undergoing x-ray treatment at the Hollywood Hospital. Just what bearing this injury had on Norm's performance Sunday at Detroit is not known here.

He had previously won the national AAU title in the high platform event in 1944. In the same year he had also won the national title in the 3-meter diving event. Bruce Harlan won the national AAU 3-meter springboard title and the NCAA title in the same event in 1946. Miller Anderson was a double winner in NCAA competition in 1947 and again in 1948, winning both the 1-meter and the 3-meter diving events. Anderson also won the national AAU high platform title in 1943 while in the Army Air Forces.

Randall Hudson, coed from Tarboro, also failed to make the Olympic team when she could do no better than fifth in the women's 200-meter breaststroke on Saturday.

Randy qualified for the finals in this event in trials run off Friday. The field of eight finalists was led by Miss Jeanne Wilson. (See SPER, page 4)

Returning to Top Form?



Grads, Mangum Battle For Softball Honors

The Grads and Mangum met yesterday on the intramural field in the first game of a best two out of three series to determine the intramural softball champion for the first summer session. They will play again today at 5 o'clock and if a third tilt is needed it is scheduled for tomorrow.

Both moved in the final round of play after winning semi-final games Thursday. The Grads defeated Victory Village, 6-3, while Mangum edged the Law School, 5-3.

Three out of four titles have been decided in the tennis tournaments with the other crown on the verge of being settled. Ray Morris copped the open singles honors by besting Charlie Rice, 6-2, 10-8. Morris was also a member of the open doubles championship duo with John Kenfield Jr., which edged out Rice and Stan Gruner for the title, 7-5, 8-6.

In the closed singles play Las Dameron won over Tom Southerland, 7-5, 6-2. The closed doubles title was not settled late yesterday. Dameron and Paul Keenan had advanced to the finals. A semi-final match between Dr. A. M. Jordan and Southerland and Harry Brown and Charlie Stevens would advance the winners to the other final round.

The intramural golf pitching tournament that was being held on Emerson field closed yesterday with the title-holder not known at the Tar Heel deadline.

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Simmons Among U.S. Olympic Hopefuls Leaving Wednesday

New York — Floyd (Chunk) Simmons, former Southern Conference hurdles champion and member of the pre-Olympic track squad which toured Europe last summer, is among the 65-man U. S. track and field squad assembling in New York for "processing" before sailing for London on Wednesday. The Olympic hopefuls will sail on the S. S. America.

Simmons merited his spot on the Olympic squad by finishing third in the National AAU decathlon event held at Bloomsfield, N. J. June 26. The National crown was won by an outsider, 17-year-old Bob Mathias of Tulare, Calif., who piled up a total of 7,224 points in the 10-event grind. Defending champion Irv Mondschein of the New York Pioneer club was second with 7,101 points, followed by Simmons who had a total of 7,054. Simmons, now representing the Los Angeles AC, left the University of North Carolina earlier in the year in order to devote full time to training for the big test and a trip to London. The Charlotte, N. C. trackster holds several Southern Conference track titles.

Headed by speedsters, Nel Patton, Barney Ewell and Mal Whitfield, the U. S. team appears strong enough to carry on the tradition of American domination in the Olympic track and field. Ewell, six-time winner of the national sprint championship, had not been reckoned to win the trials final but he hit the tape a good two feet in front of famed Mel Patton, the world's (See SIMMONS, page 4)

Legion Play Ends As Chapel Hill, Wake Forest Tie

The area one, league three, American Legion junior race closed Friday in as tight a finish as could be expected among three clubs without a three-way deadlock. Durham's rampaging nine who made a strong bid to move into the State elimination play by taking a doubleheader on Thursday capped their play by beating the first place Chapel Hill team to drop them back into a tie with Wake Forest who routed Garner.

Both teams hung up records of 15 wins against 5 defeats while the desperate Bulls pulled in one notch to the rear with a 14-6 record.

In getting back on top, or at least in a deadlock, the Baptists evened things up with Chapel Hill for dropping them out of first place a week or so ago after they led the pack for most of the season.

Talbert Takes Title

Spring Lake, N. J. July 11—William F. Talbert of New York won the annual Spring Lake Bathing and Tennis Club invitation tennis tournament today when top-seeded Gardner Mulloy of Miami was forced to default in the final round.

Second-seeded Talbert stroked his way to easy wins three-set final, 6-1, 6-1, as Mulloy tried to continue despite a severe case of infected feet.

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His worst weather and road conditions in 15 years of auto test and speed driving were faced by Robert McKenzie, 44, of 718 Abbott Rd., when he piloted a standard pilot model Playboy machine recently from New York to Los Angeles on his 54th transcontinental run. Nonetheless, with son Bob Jr., 21, he made the trip in 62 hours and 20 minutes.

By averaging better than 50 miles an hour, the McKenzies claim for the Playboy Motor Car Corporation of Buffalo a record in the 2000 pound weight class.

"I think we experienced every condition that could be drummed up by the weather man—snow, fog, rain, and plenty of very bad roads," said Mr. McKenzie of the March 30 - April 1 run. "There was even ice on the roads in Flagstaff, Ariz.," he added.

When the pressure was over and the McKenzies started back, Mr. McKenzie "found them beginning to put in sand to patch up the holes." Arriving back Friday, Bob Jr. headed for a good rest while his father reported on the trip before heading back west. The father is employed in the engineering department of Playboy.

In a survey of 5000 engineer-readers just completed by Automotive Engineer magazine for its April issue, "the new Playboy was selected by 55.23 percent as the best car" in the bantam-size class. Cadillac, Buick and Ford were listed as outstanding in their respective classes.

"In the high-priced and bantam size fields," the magazine said, "the clear majority selection of the Cadillac and Playboy indicated that, in the opinion of automotive engineers, the two cars have outstanding qualities this year which place them in a position superior to other makes in the same class."

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