Dale Gibson

New Crop Will Help Yankees

The New York Yankees are like beer. Either you hate them or you love them.

The Yankees have been dead for a couple of years. Their death was pronounced with the departure of such greats as Bobby Richardson, the gentlemanly second baseman from Sumter, S.C.

It was pronounced when Tony Kukeb left for the Army and couldn't whip himself back to the old Tony after his

Mickey Mantle, one of the all-time greats, keeps trying and doing well, but he's just not the same old slamming Mantle.

There are others-many others. The ones who once made the Yanks an almost unbeatable crew year in and year

But they're gone now. The way has to be made for some young promising talent.

I had the opportunity to observe three of these young hopefuls in their first year of professional baseball.

It was in Shelby, N.C. where the Yankess fielded a class A farm club for two seasons.

Outfielder Steve Whitaker, third baseman Mike Ferraro and pitcher Fritz Peterson were among the bright eyed hopefuls to grace the Shelby diamond.

Whitaker, who has already played his first season in Yankee Stadium, was the Shelby team's slugger. He hit 21 home runs in his first season there-a league record.

There was never any doubt in the minds of the Yankee front office big wigs that Steve could make the majors-if he could over come one problem-his temper.

Besides setting the home-run record, Steve came close to setting the league record for being thumbed from games by the umpire.

He wouldn't get mad at bad calls or what he thought were bad calls. He fought with himself. A ground out to the infield was cause enough for him to throw his batting helmet against the fence.

A league rule prohibited this. Steve seems to have overcome that problem and if he has, he could be the next Yankee superstar a la Roger Maris. Third baseman Ferraro has already clinched the hot corner position on the Yankee squad for the upcoming season.

At Shelby, Mike was as deft a fielder as could be ordered. His trouble came at the plate. An occasional hit but nothing Casper fired a four-under par consistent. In Shelby, he hit .232-enough to keep a 67 to go 10 under and take job, but not enough to get one in the big leagues.

This season, however, however, he has conquered that second round lead in the rainproblem. He was named the outstanding rookie in the Yankee delayed \$137,500 Greater spring training camp Thursday and thus received the James Greensboro Open Golf Tourna-P. Dawson Memorial Award. In the grapefruit league this season. Mike is hitting a whopping .365.

Fritz Peterson was always a promising pitcher. A Southpaw, Gary Player, who eaged his he played first base in high school. But the Yankees quickly final hole to also finish with discovered his hurling prowess.

He once told me that if he didn't make it to the majors 136. in two years, he would quit baseball. That was 1964.

In 1966, the Yankees called him to the big city. He won 11 and lost 11 that year-pretty good for a rookie on a low second division club.

The next season, he had real troubles though. The Yankee with a 67 was Miller Barber attack almost completely failed everytime he went to the of Sherman, Tex., who said 1968 has been "the best I've

He was the hard luck pitcher-you know the kind. Last season, he lost eight games before latching on to 1958. His total was 137. his first win, 1-0.

Fritz will be back this season and he will be better. These three fellows could provide the nucleus of a good Palmer "just didn't get any ball club. A nucleus—something the Yanks have needed for of the little putts" and missed

A good outfielder, a good infielder and a good pitcher five feet" to card an even could be enough to soar the Yankees back toward the fop par 71 for a two-round total of the American League circuit.

I wish Whitaker, Ferrar and Peterson luck, but it should Julius Borso, tied with be added that I'm one of the Yankee haters.

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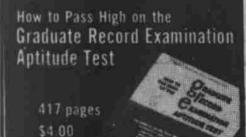
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Heels Divide Two With Cavaliers



Carolina's John Wilson Slides Into Second Base

. . . In First Game Of Saturday's Doubleheader With Virginia

Casper Holds Four Stroke Second Round Lead In GGO

course late Saturday af-

Casper said he "putted quite

well" for his four birdies and

14 pars going into the final

two rounds of the richest PGA

Tournament so far this year.

Both rounds were scheduled

for Sunday because of Friday's

Casper, who is playing in

rainout.

GREENSBORO (UPI-Billy with a 65, was still on the sole possession of the early

Casper, at 132, held a fourstroke edge over South African a 67 for a two-day total of

A rain storm Friday forced postponement of the second round until Saturday. Also touring the 7,034-yard

Segefield Country Club course do what has to be done." Player, who described himself as "a physical fitness nut," said he liked the idea had" since he turned pro in Tommy Aaron, Tom Weiskopf, Tery Dill and Joe

of doubling up Sunday. "I've been exercising and I think I'm in as good physical con-Campbell were at 139. Arnold dition as anyone on ths course. I don't think anyone who is fit minds playing 36 holes." "putts five times from about

Saturday was the first day the GGO was played under clear skies. Rain fell Wed-

Featuring:

nesday during a Pro-AM Tournament. It was cloudy most of Thursday and a downpour forced postponement of Friday's action after 67 golfers had played their 18 holes. Another 69 had not

his first tournament since the San Diego Open two months ago, said he did not mind playing 36 holes Sunday. "I North Carolina football coach Bill Dooley Saturday anthink everybody is ready to

> dout high school grid star. He is Burt Culver, a 6-3, pound fullback and linebacker of Delmer, Del. He was named to the Delaware All-State team in three sports-football, baseball and

"We're very happy Bury has decided to enroll at Carolina,' Dooley said. "He's a blue chip football prospect, and in addition, he's an outstanding young man."

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Carolina Drops First, 4-1 Captures Second In Ten, 3-2

By OWEN DAVIS of The Daily Tar Heel Staff It was a fitting ending for a long and interesting day of

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the tenth inning. Bobby Elliott drew a walk to salvage a 3-2 UNC victory over Virginia in the second game ofa doubleheader.

The Tar Heels lost the opener, 4-1. The twin bill lasted five hours and the second contest went three extra innings before Carolina pushed over the

decisive run. David Lemonds was the winner in relief for the Heels. His record is now 2-1. The sophomore lefthander struck out five in his five inning

John Yarey started for UNC, going five innings-and allowing two runs on two hits. He struck out six.

Bill Kelley was the loser for the Cavaliers. He went all the way in evening his record at 2-2.

Carolina brought its season's record to 6-2 after the split, 1-1 in-inauguarating its Atlantic Coast Conference slate. Virginia is 6-7, 3-2 in the con-

Virginia jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning of the second game on a double, wild pitch and sacrifice-

Carolina was continually frustrated attempting to score. Two UNC baserunners were thrown out stealing in the second frame and Bruce Bolick was stranded on second in the fourth. The Cavs added another run

in the fifth when pitcher Kelley slammed a 385-foot home

Dooley Announces Signing Of High School Grid Star Culver made his decision to

attend UNC Saturday. He had received more than 50 scholarship offers from schools nounced the signing of a stanand narrowed his final choices to the University of Tennessee, University of Wisconsin and

North Carolina. He sparked his Delmer team to a 9-1 recorded in footbal last fall and led the state

The Tar Heels finished the 1967 season with a 2-8 record.

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run over the right center field

The Heels broketheir scoring drought in the bottom of

Elliott reached second on a baseman Boger and Doug Lanham got an infield hit. Bill Estes walked to load the bases and one out later Lemonds, pinch hitting for Yancey, hit a sacrifice fly to score

Carolina notted the score in

Charlie Carr and Elliott consecutively singled with one out and Lanham walked to load the bases once again. Eddie Hill then lifted a sacrifice fly to center and Carr raced

Neither team could score in the regulation seven innings and Lemonds repeatedly was in a jam until the tenth.

Virginia filled the bases with none away in the seventh but a double play and strikeout saved him. A single and two hit batters loaded the bases with two out in the ninth but a nifty off-balance throw by shortstop Bruce Bolick guelled that threat.

The Cavs put three men on base again in the tenth with one away. Lemonds toughened in the clutch for the third time and forced two pop flies to escape the inning.

The tenth inning was appropriate; Carolina won after loading the bases.

Bolick, Skip Hull and Carr singled with one out but Carr's hit stayed in the infield. Elliott. on a 3-1 pitch, backed away from a high-inside delivery to force in Bolick.

The first game was eternal frustration for the Heels. Carolina left eight men on

base in the first three innings and could not score until the fifth although Virginia starter Stan Owens walked seven.

Tom obusney, not 1-1, went the route for UNC and absorbed the loss. He gave up only five hits and whiffed nine. Owens was the winning

hurler. He lasted only 4 1-3 innings and was wild. David Greer relieved Owens in the fifth and held Carolina

The Cavs scored all their runs in the first. Buskey was tight, hitting the first batter and walking the second. Three singles and an error

later, UVa. had four runs. UNC, after loading the bases in the first and third and leaving two on in the second, finally scored in the fifth. Carr reached base on a

fielder's choice and two walks later, scored on an infield Carolista Jewelry Designers

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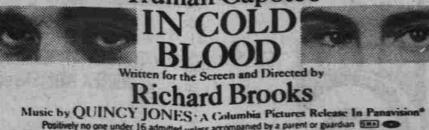
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