

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 discharge.

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 out.

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 ever 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 consistent. In Shelby, he hit .232-enough to keep a job, but not enough to get one in the big leagues.

This season, however, he has conquered that problem. He was named the outstanding rookie in the Yankee spring training camp Thursday and thus received the James 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, he played first base in high school. But the Yankees quickly discovered his hurling prowess.

He once told me that if he didn't make it to the majors 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 attack almost completely failed everytime he went to the mound.

He was the hard luck pitcher—you know the kind.

Last season, he lost eight games before latching on to 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 ball club. A nucleus—something the Yanks have needed for years.

A good outfielder, a good infielder and a good pitcher could be enough to soar the Yankees back toward the top of the American League circuit.

I wish Whitaker, Ferraro and Peterson luck, but it should be added that I'm one of the Yankee haters.

# Heels Divide Two With Cavaliers

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



Carolina's John Wilson Slides Into Second Base

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

—DTH Staff Photo by MIKE MCGOWAN

## Casper Holds Four Stroke Second Round Lead In GGO

GREENSBORO (UPI)—Billy Casper fired a four-under par 67 to go 10 under and take sole possession of the early second round lead in the rain-delayed \$137,500 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament Saturday.

Casper, at 132, held a four-stroke edge over South African Gary Player, who eaged his final hole to also finish with a 67 for a two-day total of 136.

A rain storm Friday forced postponement of the second round until Saturday.

Also touring the 7,034-yard Segefield Country Club course with a 67 was Miller Barber of Sherman, Tex., who said 1968 has been "the best I've had" since he turned pro in 1958. His total was 137.

Tommy Aaron, Tom Weiskopf, Tery Dill and Joe Campbell were at 139. Arnold Palmer "just didn't get any of the little putts" and missed "putts five times from about five feet" to card an even 140.

Julius Borso, tied with Casper for the first round lead

with a 65, was still on the course late Saturday afternoon.

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 rainout.

Casper, who is playing in his first tournament since the San Diego Open two months ago, said he did not mind playing 36 holes Sunday. "I think everybody is ready to do what has to be done."

Player, who described himself as "a physical fitness nut," said he liked the idea of doubling up Sunday. "I've been exercising and I think I'm in as good physical condition as anyone on this course. I don't think anyone who is fit minds playing 36 holes."

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

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 started.

## Dooley Announces Signing Of High School Grid Star

North Carolina football coach Bill Dooley Saturday announced the signing of a standout high school grid star.

He is Burt Culver, a 6-3, 210 pound fullback and linebacker of Delmer, Del. He was named to the Delaware All-State team in three sports—football, baseball and wrestling.

"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."

By OWEN DAVIS  
of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

It was a fitting ending for a long and interesting day of baseball.

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 of a 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 stint.

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 inaugurating its Atlantic Coast Conference slate. Virginia is 6-7, 3-2 in the conference.

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

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

run over the right center field fence.

The Heels broke their scoring drought in the bottom of the fifth.

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 Elliott.

Carolina notted the score in the sixth.

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 home.

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 quelled 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 hitless.

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 out.

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