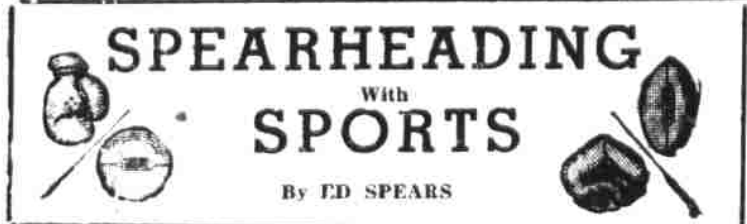


# Ecusta Rallies for 9-8 Win



HAZELWOOD HAS lost a pair of games the hard way—both by one-run margins. Enka put the heat on in the sixth to win 3-2, and Ecusta came from behind in the eighth to win 9-8. In the first game Hazelwood's deficit of hits cost the victory, but this wasn't true at Ecusta, where it looked like old times as Milner, Dudley et al. brought about a change of pitchers early in the game and apparently had a safe lead of 7-1 after four innings. It seemed to be in the books that Ecusta would start connecting with Dudley's tosses, which is no reflection on him as Elmer was doing an excellent job in this unusual position. And it was too much to expect Griffin to head off the paper plant batters that crucial eighth—it takes an experienced fireman to do a job such as he faced, with two runners on and no one out.

IT WOULD BE a mistake to count Hazelwood out of the league pennant race this early in the season. Give Manager Jack Smith a couple of regular pitchers—which he expects to have before June—and the defending champions will get back in the groove again. Fielding has been top rate from the start... only one error thus far... and hitting is getting back to par. As soon as pitchers are available to round out the team's strength Hazelwood will hit the victory trail.

ONE OF THE last year Hazelwood regulars, leftfielder Oliver Young, is trying out with Forest City in the new league down there. Oliver took a trip to Arkansas earlier this season to try out with a team there, but was told he was a little old to break into organized baseball... however, he has decided to go ahead with his ambition. He is getting regular use in the Forest City outfield and looks pretty sure of surviving the player list cut-down later this week. There are few men who can outshine his fielding work, and if his hitting shows improvement Oliver should rise in the professional game.

A QUICK WAY to get free of civilization for a few days is a trip to Hazel Creek, according to Roy Parkman after a fishing jaunt there last week. Hazel Creek comes from the Smoky Park area into Fontana Lake, is almost inaccessible by land, and has been uninhabited for a number of years. The creek abounds in native speckled and rainbow trout, as Mr. Parkman, Guy Massie and four friends from Sylva found during their four-day expedition. They crossed Fontana in a barge, taking a jeep with them, and went upstream about 13 miles to camp. Fish didn't find the lure attractive until the sun came up, but there were no complaints about their biting habits during daytime, and the group had a most enjoyable trip to remember. They saw only one other fisherman during the time. The place isn't recommended by Mr. Parkman as a good warm-weather visiting spot... too wild and too likely to be full of rattlers.

FISHING REGULATIONS for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park were announced last week by Park Supt. Blair Ross. The season will open May 16 and continue through August 31. There will be no size limit either on trout or bass, but the creel limit is 10—of either or both types. State permits will be required according to the territory fished. Fishing will not be allowed on Lands Creek, Mingus Creek, Chestnut Branch, Raven Ford and all tributaries upstream from the Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina; and all waters of the middle prong of Little Pigeon River above the mouth of Ramsey prong in Tennessee. All other Park streams are open.

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## Hazelwood Lead Slips In Eighth Inning Uprising

### Clint Morris Holds Hazelwood After Suttles Is Belted From Mound

Victory again slipped out of Hazelwood's hands in the final stages of play as Ecusta made the eighth their big inning and wrote a final score of 9 to 8 Saturday afternoon.

Elmer Dudley, utility infielder and outfielder the past two seasons, was Hazelwood's starting pitcher, and with errorless backing and the old time punch at the plate was ahead for seven stanzas. The score tightened to 8-5 going into the second half of the eighth, and Dudley left the mound after walking the first two Ecusta stickmen, Carland and Head.

Billy Griffin took over under pressure, and Ray Byrd, Ecusta catcher, connected for a single over second base to drive Carland home and send Head to third. Clint Morris was played out by Dudley, who had shifted to third base, on a hard running foul catch. Goode hit a grounder to Shook at shortstop, who tossed home but not fast enough to get Head. Sams swatted a fly to left field, which Ammons caught, but the tying run came home as Byrd beat the toss-in. Rick Orr slapped a double to score Goode and put the home team ahead 9-8.

Morris, who had relieved Grover Suttles on the hill in the fifth, struck out Ammons, first Hazelwood batter up. Smith reached second on a fielding miscue—Ecusta's sixth in the game—and Dudley advanced him to third with a single. Bill Miner, with a home run and two singles in four previous times at bat, popped out to Morris, and centerfielder Head made a pretty catch of Troutman's line drive to end the game with the tying—and possibly the winning—run on base.

For four innings the game was all Hazelwood's. When Milner's homer into far left field brought in two runs in the third, Hazelwood led, 5-1, and added two more off Shook's single and Head's error in the fourth.

Playing before their official first home season crowd of 400, Ecusta nibbled away at the score from there on out. Leftfielder Morris gave Hazelwood only one hit the five innings he tossed to be the decisive factor in what otherwise was a batting duel.

**Box Score**

Hazelwood	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Shook, ss	4	2	2	2	0	0
Ammons, 3b	5	0	0	2	0	0
Smith, c	3	1	0	3	0	0
Dudley, p	5	2	2	1	5	0
Milner, cf	5	2	3	5	0	0
Troutman, 2b	4	0	1	0	4	0
Powers, 1b	4	0	1	7	0	0
Case, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Harris, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Price, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Griffin, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	8	10	24	11	0

**Ecusta**

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Goode, 3b	5	2	2	2	2
Sams, ss	4	1	2	1	0
Orr, rf	5	0	2	0	0
Alexander, 2b	4	0	1	2	3
Clayton, lf	3	0	0	2	0
Garland, 1b	3	1	1	8	0
Head, cf	3	1	1	1	0
Byrd, c	3	2	2	10	0
Suttles, p	1	0	0	0	4
Morris, p	3	1	1	5	0
Dockens, ph	1	0	0	0	0
Case, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	9	12	27	14

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**Postal Team Wins Match With Dayton**

Rubber Plant Golfers Defeated 8½ to 3½ In Opening Industrial Loop Match

Postal Accounts took the measure of Dayton's Industrial golf league team Sunday afternoon at the Waynesville Country club, winning with an 8½ to 3½ score in the first match of the season.

Guy Deitz of the Postal Accounts number one pair made the 18 holes in 72 shots for low score of the day. Deitz and Clark, who scored 76, gave Postal a clean sweep (3 points) over R. L. Hendricks, 76, and Jonathan Woody, 80.

The Postal second-ranking pair was as fortunate in its foursome. Newman, 81, and Holly, 88, received another 3 points by underscoring Eric Clauson, 83, and Whitner Prevost, 80.

Dayton's number three pair, Dr. Boyd Owen, 91, and Zeno Wall, 82, salvaged half a point against Arnold, 85 and Murdoch, 86. And the fourth section of the Dayton team, M. H. Bowles, 84, and Joe Davis, 83, provided three points by defeating Beckley, 84, and Smith, 87.

## BOSTON OPENS BASEBALL SEASON



THE HONOR OF OFFICIALLY opening the 1948 baseball season goes to Boston as Gov. Robert F. Bradford of Massachusetts prepares to toss the first ball in the morning opener between the Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Athletics Red Sox Manager Joe McCarthy (left) and veteran Athletics Manager Connie Mack (right) look on (International)

## Philly Coach Says Lively Ball, Slider Harm Hurlers

BY FRANK ECK  
AP Newswire Sports Editor

PHILADELPHIA — Coach Cy Perkins of the Phillies believes he has the answer to most of the sore arms in major league baseball.

The man who caught more than 1,700 games in 15 years with the Philadelphia Athletics blames much of the pitchers' arm troubles on the lively ball and the slider.

"The trouble with the pitchers today begins with their fear of the batters," says Perkins. "Anytime you get a chance to visit a big league park during hitting practice just watch what happens to any three batters.

"Usually they take three swings each. That's a total of nine swings. You'll find most of the time that only three out of nine balls hit in practice go for what we call base hits.

"During spring training at Clearwater the Cardinals were taking their pre-game licks. One of the batters drove a line drive back at a Cardinal coach who was pitching batting practice. The drive nicked the peak of his cap and turned the peak around to the side of his head. A few inches and the coach who was pitching would have been hit in the eye.

"That's just an example of how the lively ball can impair a pitcher's morale."

Perkins is not advocating return of the ball used years ago but he would like to see pitchers work a lot harder on their control.

"Years ago, I'll admit, the ball was deader but the pitchers practiced control," says the usually silent Cy. "Today they practice knucklers and sliders.

"In my opinion the slider is the most harmful pitch ever to come into baseball. It's an unnatural pitch.

"For years every hitter, with few exceptions, has been worried about a hook. If the young pitchers today would spend as much time on a good curve ball than the effort they put into a slider they'd have nothing to worry about.

"You never hear anyone say 'What a great slider he has,' but you will hear them rave about a pitcher's curve ball or his fast ball.

"The slider looks to me as if it's thrown with an elbow twist. That's where, all your operations are. There's absolutely no percentage to the pitch at all."

Perkins believes that Ed Rommel, an American League umpire since 1938, and Emil (Dutch) Leonard, 17-game winner for the Phils last year, are two of the few pitchers who ever perfected the knuckle ball delivery.

"Too many kids are trying it today and that's another reason



Cy Perkins

for so many operations," claims Cy. "Sore arms in the old days? Why the only time we ever heard of a sore arm was when some darn fool told a rookie pitcher to sleep with his arm in the pull-man hammock, you know, that little cradle that's supposed to hold your personal effects.

"Here's an example of what a pitcher lacking proper control does to the team's morale. Suppose you're playing shortstop and I'm pitching and I have three balls and one strike on the batter. Why, the shortstop gets the jitters and pretty soon it catches the whole infield.

"But if a pitcher has his control and gets two strikes and a ball on a batter you watch how the shortstop and the rest of the team perk up. The main thing is to get that ball over the plate. Most batters don't hit safely once in three times they hit the ball, anyway. The percentage is on the pitcher's side but most of them don't know it.

"Those who do know it, fear the lively ball because it comes back at you like a shot out of a cannon."

Perkins, born in Gloucester, Mass., 52 years ago, has either caught or hit against some of the game's top pitchers, like Lefty Grove, Herb Pennock, George Earnshaw, Lefty Gomez, Red Ruffing, Joe Bush, Urban Shocker, Waite Hoyt and Bob Shawkey.

During his career he caught well over 2,000 games yet he has fingers like a pianist. Earnshaw is teaching the young Phillie pitchers how to pitch and Perkins is showing the young catchers how to catch, without breaking their fingers.

But when Cy isn't catching he's observing what the pitchers are doing and the deliveries they're fooling with.

"If they'd only get wise to the percentages there'd be a lot less sore arms," he concludes.

## Too Many Hunters Haunt Woods, Officials Complain

By VINCENT BURKE  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Forest officials fear that the national forests are becoming overstocked with hunters.

If the boom in hunting and fishing continues as expected, they predict the supply of game in many areas soon will be too small to meet the demand.

Lloyd W. Swift, chief of wild life management for the forest service says the total supply of game animals in national forests still is increasing. But for the first time in many years, the rate at which sportsmen are taking game from the forests is increasing faster than the rate of increase in game animals.

Last year 4,650,000 persons hunted the 152 national forests or fished their lakes and streams. That compares with the pre-war high of 3,540,000 in 1941. This year an even bigger turnout is expected.

As recently as seven or eight years ago the supply of game was

doubling every 10 years. Now the rate of increase has declined to about one-third of that. The limitation of the land is beginning to show up. Some forests are fully stocked; a few are overstocked.

"The only answer is to make better use of what we have," Swift said.

He hopes for changes in state game laws to reduce the "bag limit". Gradually, Swift believes, sportsmen will become more concerned with the "purely recreational aspects" of the forests and less with killing game.

"In the past we were meat hunters," he said. "We wanted to kill game for food and we wanted to demonstrate our prowess as hunters.

"But nowadays many veteran hunters won't shoot at run-of-mill deer. Unless they can get a prize specimen, they're content just to get a kick out of looking at wild game. Many of them are carrying

# Mountaineer Nine Beats Cullowee Will Play Brevard Here Wednesday

## WTHS Bunches Hits In Fourth To Take 3-2 Win

Waynesville high bunched three runs across home plate the fourth inning to forge ahead of Cullowee here Friday afternoon, and held on to the lead for a 3-2 win. Wednesday at 3 o'clock the Mountaineers make their fifth start of the year against Brevard here.

Jack Ammons pitched nine hit ball against the visitors. Waynesville managed only four safeties off two Cullowee moundsmen, but got three of them in the decisive fourth to send Cagle to the sideline.

First blood was drawn by Cagle, who singled and was knocked home by W. Hooper in the second.

Bill Owens, leading off in the lower half of the fourth, laid a single past the first baseman. Caldwell was struck out, but David Price and Bobby Robinson followed with one-base hits over third, the latter bringing Owens home.

Craig grounded to third, but Tilly played for home and tossed wild, letting Price score. Burgin fled to left field, and the catcher took the toss-in to stop Robinson, but dropped the ball.

Cullowee moved into position to do some damage the fifth, when R. Hooper and Taylor got to base on hits. The next two batters popped up to short, however, retiring the side. The Mountaineers also put runners on in the sixth, when Bryson hit two batters, but were played out before scoring.

The final tally was made in the seventh. Taylor singled, Tilly banged a high one to centerfield which popped out of Owens' glove, and Taylor rounded the bases. Ammons bore down on the next batter, however, and brought the game to a close with a strikeout.

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