

After The Ball

By SANDY GRADY

Golfers Have Set League Afire

At Main Street at noon on some day, the summer has been the Dayton Rubber outfit. They have played a sizzling game since the season in April. Other sports the Hazelwood softball team—the softball league—have gotten more than just quietly steamed up. The League schedule, winning, leading.

Two weeks of shotmaking, they've reached the lead in the Industrial League 1948 champion. The crown really hinges on how Pocatello's champion when the two meet on August 1st. In second place, 11½ points behind the leaders, whitewash the Canton club by 12 and 14 points. That's like trying to fill an ocean with the odds are very high against it.

Watauga and Hazelwood golfers practically had a handover in Asheville when they won their double battles—a tight 7 to 5 victory over

the local linksters this season has been their power ball a few yards farther down the fairway competitors. They have had some real shotmakers, men like Charlie Putnam, the Prevoys and R.L. Hendricks. These men have to work all night to chance to toy around on the green in matches. Then they step up to the tee to ball and somehow manage to keep down a few feet from their opponents.

Tables—Prevoys and Putnam

A remarkable pair on the team this summer has been Prevoys and Putnam. These two have been power ball when they faced, always shooting steadily. Prevoys had the lowest average on the gridiron, 70 for seven games. The Hazelwood golfer had the best seasons this year. Putnam, although he was well in the Asheville tournaments earlier in the year, when he was with his mates. He got one name. Putnam, like the other Dayton, had a good chance to cop the local tournament within a few weeks.

One of the outfit was R. L. Hendricks, the main spokesman as the team manager and turned in all the time. He had a 73 average for ten members of the squad and their average score was as follows:

The Watauga, 79 for seven games; Hilliard Pace, 74 for 10; Zeta Wolf, 72 in one game; Eric Clark, 61 for 10; Joe Davis, 55 in ten games; Bart Finney, 56 for Watauga; Prevoys, 47 for ten games; R. L. Hendricks, 51; M. H. Bowles, 33 in six games; and 49 for one game.

Good scores when you consider the time the

league and the averages shot by me (Sunday). At least the whole bunch will take them to the field for the league field day. A handcap tourney on the scores—will be held. Contests for putting and driving are also slated. We expect to come up with trophies from this event—not to be one they'll probably get at the banquet that Industrial League 1948 winners' trophy.

Will Fall on Church Street

things concerning the Waynesville and Hazelwood league should get unraveled Friday night when the league committee meets. President George Bricklemyer will consider several protests about rampedont such. Plans for the league play-offs at the end of the season and the entry of an All-Star team into the tournament will also be discussed...

Salutations to Dr. R. H. Stretcher for building these new bowling alleys in the basement of his building on Church Street. The alleys were scheduled to open last week. They tell us that Waynesville had a bowling alley but that it led a pretty hard life. Here's hoping their alleys will be packing 'em in all summer. It has become a great amateur sport in this country such as this needs the facilities. Whether a bowling league can be arranged with teams in this area lacking teams. It looks like a possibility.

The column is in the mellow mood, more composed local boys who were picked for the Industrial League at McCormick Field in Asheville on Ken Troutman, Jack Smith, Oliver Young and they have worked the Hazelwood team this year, fine a semi-pro quartet as you will find.

been sent entry blanks for the annual table tennis to be held at Camp Sapphire, near Brevard, N.C. Anybody who is handy with a paddle might do the event...

Bob Feathers was in town last week we asked him about Carolina's chances against Texas. He has great respect, almost awe, for Carolina's team. "I sort of think they'll beat Texas," he said. "Especially if those people come up here and game on their minds. If they do that, Carolina's mammy, Tennessee, is going to come back."

Hazelwood Pays Visit To Ecusta Saturday

Team Bangs Bright .338 In 15 Games

Hazelwood still trying to escape the less popular durability question of the home stretch of the 1948 schedule when it meets Ecusta Sunday at Ecusta.

The Hazelwood outfit is hanging around in the Industrial League second division present, after beating the top leaders, Enka, but losing to Ecusta last week end. Ecusta team which it faces Sunday afternoon is in second place and the field favored. The team had an 8-0 record but the last four games, the Hazelwood batters.

The second outfit has an outside shot to end the season in the first place. The locals have six wins, 12 losses, then schedule ends in March. Marion, Clearwater, Johnson, and Sevierville. They close the season September 4 with the Bearcats.

Hazelwood went a home game rated until August 14, when it faced Johnson Mill here.

In their wins and losses run in an erratic pattern the Hazelwood outfit has 100 powdering the ball. They have a team batting average of .338. They have squared out 162 base hits for 337 runs, 100 in fifteen games.

Oliver Young, the deadly-eyed outfielder, still showing the ball with an 8-0 record has hit nineteen times in 40 trips to the plate. Young has made a lead average all season but dropped but three percentage points in the past month.

Young's lead hitter has been John Clegg, Robinson, who made a 10-0 record. Robinson hasn't been in the picture in the past few games and has been at bat only six times. But, so far in his lead he's made a name.

Two of the most improved hitters during July have been Elmer Phillips and Ken Troutman. Phillips has hit everything that came near the plate lately and has barked his average up to point in games. He is now the fifth hardest hitting batter in the outfit. Ken Troutman who started in the plate parade has dropped his average 25 points to a .300 in the last few games. The third batter to have hit out 23 home runs, Phillips, has 24 to his credit.

Center fielder Smith still stays in the top hitting bracket. He has a .359 average now which is eleven points to his claim he was doing a better job.

No one quite exactly what has gone wrong with Bob Pitts. Jack worth, the stocky rightfielder is definitely in a mean mood. He has dropped his point in the past few games. Once the team leader he is now at in the sixth match.

Third officer Hazelwood has been facing difficulties in their hitting record for Industrial League games. Ervin Stuck has fallen 22 points to a .301 but this can probably be attributed to his lack of personal play lately. Bill Milner, the 4th fielder, who will be most known Bear football manager, has zoomed down 48 pounds and Dick Powers has slipped 17 pounds.

The Hazelwood averages for Industrial League games this season are as follows:

Player	AB	H	Pct.
Young	44	19	.431
Robinson	35	15	.428
Troutman	58	23	.396
Smith	59	23	.389
Dudley	62	24	.387
Pitts	42	15	.357
Powers	56	18	.321
Shook	15	14	.311
Milner	63	18	.285
Bryson	4	1	.250
Ammous	31	7	.219
Case	10	2	.200
Whitehead	13	2	.152
Rutherford	9	1	.111
Leatherwood	2	0	.000
Price	3	0	.000

Juniors Battle Soco Saturday

The Hazelwood Juniors will take on a strong team from Soco Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. on the high school field.

John Ray Dillard is slated to do the pitching for the Juniors.

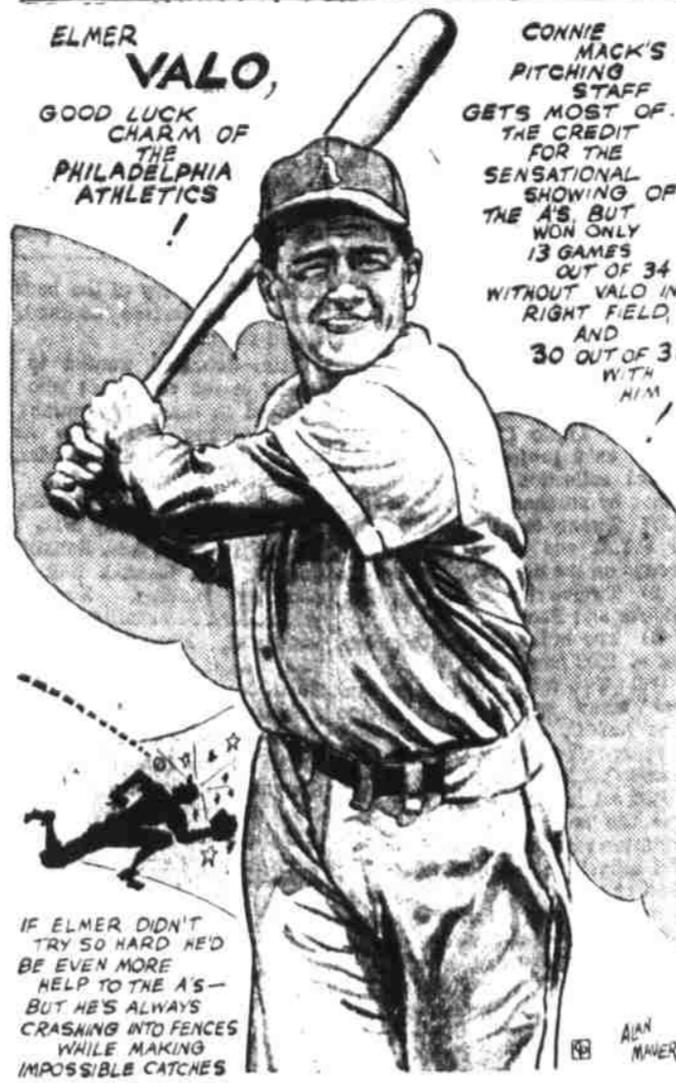
Canton Gridders Begin Practice

Coach C. C. Pindexter will have a whistle Monday afternoon in Memorial Stadium at Canton and the 1948 football season will be underway for the Black Bear grid team.

Pindexter is opening drills early this year to prep for the season opener with Sylva—six weeks away. Light drills and limbering up exercises are slated for the first few sessions. Only boys 16 and over will practice, in accordance with polo precautions.

The Black Bear will have a tough task rebuilding for next season—with just two members of the first string returning.

REAL ASSIST FOR A'S - By Alan Mauer



Bowling Center Has Big Opening On Friday Night

Another activity is added to the local sports picture at 7:30 p.m. Friday when the Waynesville Bowling Center on Church Street opens its alleys for the first time.

The opening ceremonies will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, followed by a bowling exhibition, according to Dr. R. S. Stretcher, owner of the center.

A team gathered from the Lions Club will tangle with a Rotary club. Following this contest a team from Dayton Rub-

her will meet a group from one of the other plants in this area.

Dr. Stretcher says that interest is high in forming a bowling league here this fall. Several plants have notified him that they will be interested in sponsoring teams.

"We will probably have a league by mid-September," said he. "Anyone interested in entering a team should contact the center."

The new bowling layout is of the most modern Brunswick equipment.

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A surprising Slacks team upset the W. & H. League leaders, the Tanners, Tuesday night by 8-7 and moved into second place—but you can't make the Tanners believe it.

The Tanners complain that Slacks player Robinson batted out of turn in the fading moments of the game. They have made a protest to the league offices and want the game replayed.

Regardless, the Slacks club played neat ball behind the five-hit twirling of Heney to unofficially tick the Tanners. It would be the Tanners' third loss of the season. Shortstop Stan Henry dashed two hits for three trips and tallied two runs to pace the Slacks attack. Catcher Lane led the losers with two singles for three trips.

A wild five run burst in the fifth inning put Slacks in the ball game. Teague walked. Pitcher Heney singled and Robinson loaded the sacks by walking. Dayton cracked a single to score Teague and Heney followed with another clean hit. Heney bounced out and B. Jaynes whiffed to end the inning.

The Tanners came back and threatened with three runs in the last inning, but Slacks retaliated with three more runs to clinch the win. Hits by Robinson, Heney, and B. Jaynes figured in the last rally.

The victory gave Slacks a record of six wins and three losses. The upstart team had been stuck in the second division a month ago. Slacks

now they are banging on the league's front door.

Spic & Span suffered another forfeit defeat Monday night when they couldn't field a team of eligible players against Veterans Electric.

Star of the evening was Catcher Robinson, who blasted a homer and two singles in three times at bat. The Veterans were awarded the victory by 7-0.

Regardless, the Slacks club played



Major League

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Tanners	7	3	.700
Slacks	6	3	.666
Spic & Span	5	4	.555
Iron Duff	4	4	.500
Veterans E.	3	4	.428
Allens Creek	2	5	.286

Minor League

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Parkmans	9	3	.750
High School	7	5	.583
Underwoods	4	8	.333
Nat. Guard	3	7	.300

Softball Schedule

July 30	Parkmans vs. Underwoods, Atrens Creek vs. Iron Duff.
August 2	Parkmans vs. High School.
August 3	Spic & Span vs. Tanner.
August 3	National Guard vs. Underwoods.

Veterans Electric vs. Iron Duff.

They Made the Grade

Local Four On All-Star Club

Four Hazelwood players, Ken Troutman, Jack Smith, Elmer Dudley and Oliver Young have been named to play in the Industrial League All-Star game at Asheville's McCormick Field on Aug. 11.

The opposing "dream team" will be made up from the rosters of Ecusta, Enka, Beacon and Clearwater. It will be directed by Sam Patton.

Troutman is the Hazelwood third baseman, a fast infielder and a hitter who whacked 23 safeties this season.

Smith is the Hazelwood manager. A smart catcher and steady second baseman. He directs the club from behind the mask.

Dudley plays outfield at 4 second-base, and gives the club experience and power. A long ball hitter, he leads the team in base hits.

Young is an outfielder who is leading Hazelwood with a .431 average.

The remainder of the two All-Star clubs is not known yet.

Grand Opening...!

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Waynesville, N.C.

July 30th—7:30 P.M.

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