

East Pigeon - The Winner And Still Softball Champions

They Won Much More Than Their Smug Expressions At Tourney



The girls from East Pigeon repeated their 1950 victory at the CDP Softball Tourney at Champion Park. Left to right: Mejetta Thompson, Charlene Henson, Velma Singleton, June Smith, Iva Lee Bum, Charlie Henson (Coach), and Ruby Lee Deaver. (Photo by Teague-Hawkins Studio, Canton).

Softball Tourney at Champion Park. Left to right: Mejetta Thompson, Charlene Henson, Velma Singleton, June Smith, Iva Lee Bum, Charlie Henson (Coach), and Ruby Lee Deaver. (Photo by Teague-Hawkins Studio, Canton).



Saunook boys took the title away from Allens Creek, last year's winner in the softball contests. Left to right are: Red Smathers, Hooper (Coach), J. B. Rhinehart, Charles Sparks, Pete Hill, Ernest Dillard, Manuel Hooper, William Plemmons, Cliff Shook, Sparks and B. Hall. (Photo by Teague-Hawkins Studio, Canton).

# East Pigeon, Saunook CDP Softball Victory

## Bears Use Passes To Beat R-S

Central High of Rutherfordton-Spindale won the first half of their game Monday night on their home field, but the Black Bears of Canton won the second half a little more decisively and captured the game, 13 to 7.

In a hard fought battle that had been postponed from Friday night because of rain, the Bears made use of the passing arm of Burnett and the sticky hands of Stamey to set up their first score and to make the second one.

The first half of the game was scoreless, but the Wildcats of Central High ran circles around the Bears. They made five first downs to only two for Canton, and they gained 111 yards on the ground to 28 by the Bears.

A touchdown by the Wildcats was narrowly averted in the first half, when a 15-yard penalty stopped them after they had reached the Canton ten. Most of the entire half was fought on Canton's side of the field, with the Bears unable to push out and the Wildcats unable to push over the goal line.

During the half-time period, however, something must have happened. Either the Wildcats were exhausted or Don Hipps was not. Anyway, the Bears came back on the field, took the kickoff and started flying down the field. The drive covered 70 yards, most of it through the air. The final three yard plunge was by Burnett, but Morgan's attempt to make the extra point on another plunge was not good.

Again in the fourth period the Bears wisely decided to get busy. A combined passing and running attack climaxed by a 27 yard toss from Burnett to Stamey in the end zone, plus the extra point by Morgan, provided the game winning margin.

The Wildcats were far from ready to concede the ball game, however. Recapturing some of the fire of the first half, they too went into the air and scored on a 40-yard pass from Freeman to Dixon. The extra point was booted, and the game stood 13 to 7.

The clock settled it, however. Not enough time remained for either team to do much. It was a well played game between two almost equal teams. The Wildcat line outcharged the heavier Bears time after time, but reserve strength was decisive in the second half.

	C	Central
First Downs	10	9
Yds. Gained Rush'g	79	150
Passes Attempted	11	11
Passes Completed	6	5
Yds. Gained Passing	107	63
Passes Intercepted By	0	0
Punting Average	35	33.3
Yards Kicks Returned	45	43
Opp. Fumbles Rec'd	0	0
Yards Lost Penalties	45	20
Canton	0 0 7-13	
Central	0 0 7-7	

Hank Soar and Cal Hubbard, American League umpires, were formerly pro football players with the New York Giants.

## SPORTS in BRIEF

By HANK MESSICK

THAT American League race gets hotter and hotter as home plate approaches. The Indians of Cleveland hurt their chances tremendously by losing two in a row to the Yanks, but the defeats merely put the Yanks back on top by the split hair. Boston is trying hard to pull up, and might do it yet since they are only three games behind, but attention is centered on the Indians and Yanks. I wouldn't bet any money, if I had any, on either one.

THE race over in the National League keeps promising fireworks that may develop yet. A few weeks ago Brooklyn led by twelve games and seemed on their way to making it a run over. Now they're down to four, and anything may happen. A lot of headaches was caused the other day when Brooklyn catcher Roy Campanella got hit in the head by a pitched ball. Until the news came that he wasn't seriously hurt, the Bums were broken men.

Acclaimed the greatest safety device for boxers since gloves came into use is the new "mat" for the ring floor. It keeps heads from cracking upon a knockdown. The plastic combination allows no thud, no bounce—you just stretch out and sleep.

OF SOME local interest, perhaps, is this story which we can vouch for. Two young high school ladies were discussing their ideal man. No need to say, of course, that he would be a football player. One of the sisters sneered, nodded to her companion, and said, "Her dream man would have to weigh 600 lbs. be seven feet tall and six feet wide." The other girl smiled and said: "She's just sore because her boy friend is seven feet tall and only weighs 140. They call him '\_\_\_\_\_'." We won't use the name, but if someone is skin and bones and you subtract the skin what do you have?

APPARENTLY the International Boxing Club was not too disturbed over the uproar resulting from their refusal to allow the Turpin-Robinson fight to be broadcast or televised for home consumption. They're going to do the same thing with next week's bout between Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep. Again certain theatres can pay for the privilege of showing the fight over television, for a price, to those who can get tickets, and later all theatres will have films of the fight. In other words, unless you pay you won't see or hear. No doubt it makes a lot of money, but I predict trouble that it will lead to something, a Congressional investigation maybe, since everything else is being investigated these days.

AT a student body meeting this week, Coach Weatherby got up and talked at length about the Lenoir and Waynesville bands that will perform tomorrow night about nine o'clock. When he completed his remarks, he asked if anyone else had anything to say. Band Director Isley stood up and said: "Lenoir and Waynesville will play football before and after the bands perform."

CONGRATULATIONS are due Bethel High. For the first time the student body can see their Blue Demons in action on the home field. Now if only they had someplace to sit and a fence around the field.

NEWS of Lenoir's loss to Valdese was received here with mixed emotions. Some thought that the logical conclusion was a victory for the Mountaineers, but others felt that Lenoir would be all fired up and eager to show the world they're better than they seemed by tearing down the local lads. Anyway, everybody is planning to go out and see who is right Friday night. After all, it might work in reverse.

COACH Weatherby reports that with the exception of Miles Stamey, the entire squad will be ready for action.

## UP ONCE AGAIN - - - By Alan Mauer

SACHEL PAIGE OF THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS, WHO IS GETTING HIS 2ND SHOT AT BIG LEAGUE PITCHING (BOTH THANKS TO BILL VEECK). IT'S A PITY HE NEVER GOT THE OPPORTUNITY IN HIS PRIME—HE'S BEEN PITCHING SINCE 1927!



IN HIS EFFORTS FOR ST. LOUIS HE'S SHOWN HE'S STILL TO BE RECKONED WITH FOR ABOUT 5 INNINGS IN THE NEGRO LEAGUE HE PITCHED 3- INNING STINTS, 6 AND 7 TIMES A WEEK.  
IT WAS 3 YEARS AGO IN JULY VEECK FIRST BROUGHT HIM UP TO HELP THE INDIANS TO A PENNANT—HE WON 6 AND HAD THE LEAGUE'S 2ND BEST ERA—2.47

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## 4 Birdies Out Of 5 Scored For Fazio

By GEORGE FAZIO  
As told to Frank Eck

AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor My most thrilling experience in golf was winning the 1946 Canadian Open at Beaconsfield in Montreal. Dick Metz and I had finished tied with 278 at the end of regulation play.

In the playoff I thought Dick had me. He was five strokes up going to the 13th. At the 18th I was two up. I had picked up seven strokes on five holes, the result of four birdies.

Of course, tying with Ben Hogan and Lloyd Mangrum for the National Open at Merion last year was another big thrill in my book.

I thought I had a chance to win when I played the final round with Al Bessilink. I thought my 287 stood a good chance. What helped me was the back nine of the morning round on the final day.

After shooting a 40 on the front nine I came back in 32 with three straight 4's, five on the 18th.

I might have won if I hadn't taken a five on the last hole. My second shot hit in the rough and it proved costly. On the afternoon round I had a 70. Then I got my big thrill when I learned, after Hogan finished, that I had tied him and Mangrum.

(George Fazio, born in Norristown, Pa., in 1912, apparently is improving with age. Last year was his best, on the pro circuit. He first toured the trail in 1941.)



GEORGE FAZIO Remembers Montreal

Joey Maxim won the American light-heavyweight championship from Gus Lesnevich on May 23, 1949.

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## Hominy Girl Elected Soft Ball Queen

(See pictures, page one, sec. two)

The East Pigeon girls and the Saunook boys ended up on top of the CDP Softball Tourney in the finals Wednesday night at Champion Park in Canton.

The girls defeated Francis Cove by an overwhelming score of 25 to 8, and made it two championships in a row. The boys scored a decisive victory over Center Pigeon, 13 to 6.

Between games Wednesday night, the CDP softball queen was selected and crowned. The honor went to pretty Miss Shirley Jones of the Hominy team. Beauty as well as playing ability were factors in the judges' decision.

Other entrants in the contest were Hettie Franklin of Francis Cove, Shirley Rhodamer of South Clyde, Lyda West of Center Pigeon, Mary Sue Sparks of Saunook, Jean Surratt of Beaverdam, Mary Sue Justice of Upper Crabtree, Jewel Evans of Cruso, Shirley Berry of Allens Creek, Judy Enslay of Morning Star, Alpha Williams of White Oak, Mary Young of Thickety, Pauline Bishop of Lower Crabtree, Bobbie Thompson of East Pigeon and Polly McElroy of Iron Duff.

Tension mounted as the second round of the tournament began Monday after a long layoff. Cruso girls met those of Morning Star and won 15 to 12. East Pigeon girls took the measure of Thickety 8 to 2.

Meanwhile the boys were busy with Morning Star knocking Iron Duff out 13 to 4, and Saunook barely edging Thickety 7 to 6.

Tuesday brought the semi-finals, and the ladies from Francis Cove won 10 to 8 over Hominy. East Pigeon girls continued toward the championship by defeating Cruso 9 to 5.

Saunook boys were able to beat West Pigeon by one run, 7 to 6, and Center Pigeon assured itself of a place in the finals by defeating Morning Star 3 to 1.

Then came Wednesday, the finals, the queen, and the end of another season of CDP softball. The tournament was under the direct supervision of Jack Justice and Nazi Miller, with C. C. Poindexter general manager.

**Square Dancing To Follow Canton-Sand Hill Game**  
Canton's Recreation Department will sponsor a free Square Dance at the Armory Saturday night after the Canton-Sand Hill football game. The dance will be in honor of the Canton and Sand Hill players and a large crowd is expected. There will also be exhibitions in Square and Buck Dancing, along with other features. Music will be furnished by Fred Carpenter's String Band. Recreation Director C. C. Poindexter will supervise the program.  
The String Band is sponsored this week by Canton Drug Store, Buchanan's Store, Canton Beauty Shop and Sid's Grill.  
Bill Meyer, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was a catcher with the Chicago White Sox in 1913 and with the Philadelphia A's in 1916 and 1917.

## Blue Demons Meet Ben Lippen Tomorrow In First Home Game At Bethel

Full of spirit after their opening win last Friday over Weaverville, the Blue Demons of Bethel are looking forward to a historic moment tomorrow. The occasion will be the first game in history ever played on the Bethel field.

Ben Lippen provides the opposition for the Demon team that emerged uninjured from their first game. Coach Poindexter predicted a win, but said that it might be a rough experience for his relatively inexperienced team.

As for the game, against Weaverville, the coach explained: "It was a good hard fight, but they kept pulling in their ends to where their tackles should have been, and our boys took advantage of it."

Poindexter particularly praised the work of the line, but remarked that "The backfield did very well considering the fact that none of them had ever played in a varsity game before."  
Games in the past that were scheduled for the home field were either played at the Waynesville or Canton fields. Tomorrow marks the first occasion a home game has been played at home. It is scheduled at 2 p.m. The entire body will be on hand, and many it will be the first they've seen their team play.

Then tentative lineup by the coach as: Ends, Bill Jones and Wayne Howel.

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