

Playoffs Set Here Monday, Tuesday In WNC Junior Industrial League

Softball Tourney Friday Dayton To Open District

PITCHING TIPS



PIERCE FAST BALL. PIERCE STRESSES LEGS, CONDITION AND CONTROL.

The following was written especially for AP Newfeatures by Billy Pierce, ace White Sox southpaw who led the American League in 1955 in least earned runs.

By BILLY PIERCE
CHICAGO (AP)—Control and condition are the most important aspects of pitching and, luckily, I found that out while I was still struggling with my fast ball as a youngster.

Not until I had been in the majors for about five years did I even dare throw a slider and then it was only a few times late in the 1952 season. The following year I learned to control the slider and now it is one of my regular pitches.

No youngster should fool around with a variety of pitches until he has mastered control of his fast



BILLY PIERCE

Dayton Rubber will carry the hopes of the Waynesville area into the Western district softball tournament at Canton Friday night, meeting the Towne House of Asheville in the first game at 5 p.m.

Canton City takes on Hendersonville Moose at 6:15; Champion Mill plays Soco at 7:30; and Buck's of Asheville tangles with Clyde at 8:45.

No games are scheduled for Saturday with the action resuming Monday night. Monday's schedule includes Arcade vs. winner of Dayton Rubber - Towne House game; Beacon Mills vs. winner of Buck's-Clyde game; Sports Mart vs. winner of Hendersonville Moose-Canton City game.

The losers' bracket games of the double elimination tournament will go to the state tournament in Winston-Salem.

Champion Y is the defending champion of the district tournament but will not compete this year since it has qualified as defending champion of the Southern regional tournament.

34,419 Smelt Dippers
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Almost everybody with time on their hands enjoyed the 17-day run of smelt fishing in the Sandy River. A total of 34,419 people bought non-commercial dipping licenses at 50 cents each. At the height of the run even a small child with a kitchen sieve had no trouble getting a few of the small silvery fish.

STENDEL CHANGES MIND
CHICAGO (AP)—Earlier in the spring Manager Casey Stengel of the Yankees believed the Chicago White Sox lacked depth to become American League pennant contenders. Now he has changed his mind. "Good pitching, the improvement of Luis Aparicio at short and trades have changed the White Sox from ragamuffins to a strong contender," says Stengel.

ball and until his arm is strong enough to experiment with a curve. Once a pitcher gains strength in his arm he should work on conditioning his legs because he'll never be a winner if his legs aren't in shape.

Although I have developed a slider, a curve and the change of pace, I still rely on my fast ball. It is my best pitch. The reason for that is I can control it better than any other pitch and, to win you must have control.

As for condition, I manage to run 20 minutes a day in the outfield to keep my legs in shape. It's a routine I've learned never to regret.

Add diced ham to a cheese sauce and serve over green asparagus stalks arranged on buttered toast. Nice for a ladies' lunch!



LEANING INTO THE WIND, an unidentified Hazelwood batter dodges a close pitch thrown by Martel hurler Doyer in the fourth inning of the game here Monday morning. At this point, Hazelwood was still behind, 5-4, but scored six runs in the fifth inning. (Mountaineer Photo).



JAMES CARVER, who pitched the Hazelwood Lions team to a 11-5 victory over Martel here Monday, giving his team the WNC Junior Industrial League championship, also had a good day at the plate. Here Carver slams out a double in the fifth inning when Hazelwood scored six runs. (Mountaineer Photo).

Called Strikes On Gehrig Were Big Shock To Grieve

By FRANK ECK
AP Newfeatures Sports Editor

There are two 60-year-old umpires in the major leagues, three crowding 60 and three past 50. But William Turner Grieve is among the missing. He retired last January.

"I always wanted to quit before I got to be 60," says Bill Grieve who fulfilled every one of his assignments during 18 years in the American League.

The Baseball Register says Grieve was born in 1900 and that he was married in 1917. That means Curley, as they knew him in his semi-pro baseball and basketball days around Yonkers, N. Y., was wed at 17.

"That's not so," says Billy. "I was married at 21. I wanted to umpire so badly that I lied about my age. I was born in 1896. I broke into organized ball late, at 38, in the Northeastern League and came up to the majors in 1938 at the age of 42. I wanted to get into another business before I reached 65." He's now a salesman for a distillery.

Grieve had few rhubarbs during his long big league career. He was the quiet type and shied away from players off the field.

The lone exception happened late in September of the 1949 pennant race when he called Boston's Johnny Pesky safe at the plate in a close play when Ralph Houk, now Denver manager, was catching for the Yankees.

After Grieve had sent in his report to the league office in Chicago three Yankees were fined "a total of \$500 for distreating an umpire."

"Cliff Mapes, then a Yankee outfielder, waited in the runway for me after the game," recalls Grieve. "But Umpire Charlie Berry got between us. Mapes said: 'How much did you get for umpiring today's game?'"

Grieve had been umpiring too long and never had a player ac-

Hazelwood Pony Leaguers Ousted In District Tourney

By FRANK ECK
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Hazelwood's Pony League All Stars lost their first two games in the district tournament at Canton this week and were eliminated from the meet, but Canton rebounded after losing its first game and now will meet Bristol, Va., Tenn. in the finals tonight.

Hazelwood was swamped by Forest City, 18-3, Monday night, and then edged by Grundy, 5-3, Tuesday night. Canton lost to Grundy, 2-1, Monday, in a pitcher's duel, but then went on to whip Forest City, 9-3, Tuesday. Grundy in a return game, 6-3, and Elizabethton, 5-2, on Wednesday.

In Hazelwood's first game Monday night, Forest City picked up two runs in the first inning and broke the contest wide open with nine runs—including a grand slam homer by Arnold Tessenar.

Freddy James started on the mound for Hazelwood and was relieved by Ralph Edwards in the second inning. Hazelwood's No. 1 pitcher, Jack Holder, was sidelined last week when he broke a bone in his shoulder.

Champion YMCA To Meet Atlanta Squad This Week

The Champion YMCA softballers will play a four game series with the Atlanta Crackers this coming Saturday and Sunday.

A twin bill is slated for Saturday night on the Canton field with the first game starting at 7:30.

Then Sunday the two teams will play a doubleheader at McCormick Field in Asheville. The opener will begin at 2 p.m. The game will be sponsored by the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce. The doubleheader has been scheduled in Asheville in an attempt to stimulate the sport in Asheville.

The Asheville Jaycees announced that all Little League players will be admitted free to the game if they are in uniform and accompanied by a parent.

The Atlanta Crackers will bring another strong team with them into

Hazelwood, Beacon Meet In 2nd Game

Playoffs in the Western North Carolina Junior Industrial League will be held Monday and Tuesday on the Waynesville High diamond, under sponsorship of the Hazelwood Lions Club.

The playoffs will feature the league's four top teams: Hazelwood, No. 1; Canton, No. 2; Beacon, No. 3; and Enka, No. 4.

In the first game Monday at 2 p.m., Canton will meet Enka, and in the second game at 4 p.m., Hazelwood will face Beacon.

The championship game will be played Tuesday at 3 p.m. Admission for the playoff games will be 50 cents for adults.

Hazelwood won the regular season championship of the WNC league here Monday by coming from behind a 5-4 deficit to overcome Martel, 11-5.

The Hazelwood team has been sponsored by the Hazelwood Lions Club.

Schacht Clowns For 35th Season

NEW YORK (AP)—Al Schacht may be in his 35th season of clowning on baseball diamonds but there is one thing in baseball over which he sets real serious.

"I'm a bit peeved about the unwritten law in baseball," says Schacht. "Nobody answers mail. I never get an answer when I write so now I do all my bookings by telephone."

"When a fellow tells me to write him and give him my open dates for clowning in a certain park I tell him 'forget it.'"

This summer Schacht's travels will take him to Houston, San Francisco, Fresno, Tucson and Savannah.

He says he'll make additional bookings from those cities and will continue to clown before and during baseball games "as long as I can draw people into the park."

WORDEN II REPRESENTED
BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Seven of Ralph Strassburger's yearlings, scheduled to race in France as 2-year-olds in 1957, are sons or daughters of Worden II, 1953 winner of the Laurel International.

Waynesville Golf Tourney Cancelled

Cancellation of this year's Waynesville Invitation Golf Tournament was announced Wednesday by pro Ray Raynor and Warren Eller, owner of the course.

Raynor pointed out that "the big reason for discontinuing the tournament was because so many of the hotel guests wanted to play golf, but during the tournament they found that it was impossible unless they entered."

"The majority of them do not enjoy tournament golf and when we had the tournament, which ran for five or six days, they were left high and dry," he pointed out.

Raynor said the tournament officials had tried to keep the number of flights to a minimum but that the entry list had grown each year until the field numbered almost 100 last year which was the 10th event.

Raynor said that prior to discontinuing the tournament, questionnaires were sent to regular hotel guests and the results was that only about 12 per cent favored the tournament.

Raynor said there was some chance of the tournament being revived if at the end of the season it is found that the absence of the tournament is detrimental to the club.

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Greenburg Glad He Missed Ruth's 60

By HANK GREENBERG
(Written for the Associated Press)

CLEVELAND — Playing in Detroit from 1933 through 1946, with four years out for Army duty, gave me many baseball thrills, mainly because the Tigers always were American League pennant contenders.

Four pennants were won during my time in a great baseball town. It was a big thrill to get into two World Series. Playing for Mickey Cochrane was a great experience. I was with Detroit one year when he came from the Philadelphia Athletics in 1934. He was a fiery competitor.

I think he helped create a pennant winning spirit. It helped me. In fact, some of his spirit remained with me throughout my career.

When I went to Pittsburgh in 1947 it gave me the perspective of playing with a last place club. It gave me a chance to see the National League. It was a challenge, due to lights, which we didn't have at the time in Detroit.

It was a thrill to play with and against such great American League players as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Charley Gehringer, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Jimmie Foxx, Al Simmons and Cochrane. As to pitchers, I would say Bob Feller and Lefty Grove were the greatest pitchers of the last 20 years.

While I hit 58 home runs in 1938 to tie Foxx for the most homers ever hit by a right-handed batter I never considered myself a challenge to Ruth. He had 714 during his career.

Oh, I tried for the Babe's record 60 all right, I hit 12 in Septem-



HANK GREENBERG

ber of 1938 which was well above average. But I just fell short, I ran out of games.

I was glad at the time that I failed to hit 60. I wanted to see Ruth keep the record. But now I feel differently, I believe all records are made to be broken, and someday, if it helps baseball, I'd like to see someone hit more than 60. However, I don't think anyone can ever come close to his 714 total.

I guess the most important home run I ever hit came on the last day of the season in St. Louis in

1945. I was 34 and just back after 4½ years in the Army.

The Tigers were losing 3-2 to the Browns. We got two on the top of the ninth. A sacrifice put the runners on second and third, Nelson Potter, pitching for the Browns, walked Roger Kramer to set up a possible double play. But I hit a home run and the Tigers won, 6-3 and won the pennant.

Prior to that a new challenge presented itself in 1940 when I went from first base to left field. I had played first base ever since my days at James Monroe High School in New York City.

The fact that I learned to play left field enabled Rudy York to play first base and it helped Detroit beat out Cleveland for the 1940 pennant.

Being elected to the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown is something all baseball players dream about. It means being with great baseball names, many of whom were established stars when I was a kid breaking in. I feel fortunate for having the privilege of playing against some of them.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hank Greenberg led the American League in home runs three seasons and once tied for the lead. He led the league four times in runs batted in. He batted .319 in eight full seasons with Detroit. He hit .318 in four World Series and played in two All-Star games. He entered the Army early in 1941, was discharged that December as being over 28, but reenlisted less than a month later and was discharged a captain in June, 1945. He is now general manager of the Cleveland Indians.

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