

Sports

By Martin Harmon

SPORTIN' with MARTIN

Margrace And Grover Tie Third Game

Grover Endeavors To Finish Series This Afternoon

Bill Huffstetler Stars

As this is written, the fast-flying Grover softball team awaits the gong for the third game of the first pennant series for the championship of the Kings Mountain Softball League, holding two to nothing lead by taking the Margrace 6-5 in the first game and 6-0 in the second.

This same Grover team has come out of the doldrums to play real championship ball, and to knock this column's prediction for a Max Scheffel sweep to the series. In the first game, the Margrace looked like a sure bet, with only one defeat and thirteen league wins. Grover had been pretty lucky to finish third, and many were confident the series would be ended in three games—with the Margrace champions.

There's no doubt whatsoever that the Margrace is missing Ray Kirby in the outfield, for the former high school star patrolled left field amazingly well all season, and his big bat drove in many runs. Then too, Jess Jenkins has been severely hampered by his spiked foot on first.

But it is impossible to take credit from Grover. Gambling his second-string pitcher, Bill Little, Manager Crisp showed his genius as "Little Bill" kept the few Margrace hits well-scattered, except for one, inning. Then the ace "one-hit" John Gold, won a beautifully pitched three-hitter the following afternoon to send Grover further ahead.

For the last few weeks a football story or two has been gaining the national sporting pages occasionally, and each day the fall sport king is getting more publicity. In two weeks softball will be forgotten, the minor leagues will be buying moth balls, and football will be back again with reams on reams of publicity and balhoo for star teams and exceptional players.

Again there will be surprises and upsets.

At Carolina, Ray Wolf is preparing for one of the school's greatest squads, if George Stirweiss can replace Crowell Little. Duke needs tackles and flanks, and State could use a few good second-stringers. Wake Forest isn't saying much about that strong freshman team, because some of them left school, but the Baptists should be stronger than last year. Only for Davidson is there pessimism. Who will sparkplug her weak squad this year? Anyway, it should be Carolina, Duke, State, Wake, and Davidson in the Big Five, with the first two positions to be settled definitely in Chapel Hill on October 29.

Rambling: I started to pick an all-star softball team, but it was a little too hard. Graham Gammon, Charlotte News, says that Jake Early will return to the injury-racked Hornet lineup when the Hornets return home Thursday night. And Gene Goforth, fast ball pitcher for the high school for the last three years goes to Charlotte for a try-out with the same Hornets. Goforth whiffed twenty men in one game last spring. Carolina will probably be more afraid of George McAfee than any other back on October 29. And, barring accidents, Carolina's next all-American will be Gates Kimball, who as a sophomore, will take over Hank Bartos' tackle post. Gates weighs 198 pounds—solid muscle he acquired as a gunner in Uncle Sam's fleet.

Farmers of Union County who use poison on their cotton regularly have a low infestation of boll weevils.

With Bill Huffstetler coming in from third base to pitch the Margrace snapped out of their two game lethargy to tie the score at two all in the seventh inning yesterday to prolong for another day the five-game series for the championship of the City Softball League. The game was called on account of darkness.

Pitching a nice seven-hit game, "Old Noah" also starred at bat, getting two of the five Margrace hits, and scoring the second run. Though the Margrace played without the services of Manager Charlie Moss, first baseman Jess Jenkins, and center-fielder Red Layton, the second-half winners played heads-up ball throughout to stay in the race.

The tie today necessitates another game, at least, as Grover failed to annex three straight, having won the first, 6-5, and second, 6-0. Thus, as it stands now the Margrace must still win three in a row to take the flag. Odds-in favorites to win in four games at the most, the Margrace fell before a seemingly rejuvenated Grover team. Many fans thought Grover was ultra-lucky to finish high in the race in the second half, but it was a different story with the chips on the table.

Should the Margrace win today, it is expected that the fourth game, actually the fifth, would be played on Friday and the fifth Saturday, though league and team officials could not be reached for a statement. Spectators considered yesterday's game by far the most exciting of the series. The Margrace drew first blood in the fourth as Humphries led off with a single to right, was sacrificed to second by Catcher Carl Moss took third on Barber's infield out, and scored as Hoffman erred Keeters throw.

Grover tied the score in the fifth as Hope singled to center, took third on Keeter's double and scored on a perfect squeeze play, after Blalock had filed out. The Crispmen then took the lead in the sixth on Beck Shuford's triple and Preacher Hoffman's single.

The Margrace made the final game saving run as Wild Bill Huffstetler doubled, took third on Ben Goforth's second hit of the ball game, and scored as Skinny Jenkins laid down a perfect bunt. Goforth died on third as Slim Huffstetler went out short on first.

Again Grover threatened as Shuford lined out another clean hit after two were out, but Wells flew out to end the inning and the game, as umpire Oates called the game on account of darkness.

Manager Crisp surprised many last Thursday by sending "Little Bill" Little in the mound in the first game, who delivered a one-run victory as mates climbed on Manager Charlie Moss for seven hits and six runs. However, three errors by Slim Huffstetler in the first inning aided materially in Grover's first batch of four, as the Margrace men were almost helpless in all but the sixth inning. After adding three in this big inning, they went down in order in the seventh.

The second game was all Gold, as "One-Hit" John turned in a very well pitched three-hit shutout, and his teammates again found Manager Moss no problem, and the Margrace playing anything but championship ball. Only Layton, Humphries and Carl Moss secured hits off Gold, and the Margrace made five errors.

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Margrace:	AB	R	H	O	A
Humphries	3	1	1	2	0
Moss	2	0	0	0	0
Barber	3	0	0	3	0
B. Huff	3	1	2	1	3
Goforth	3	0	2	0	0
J. Jenkins	2	0	0	1	0
Huff (Slim)	3	0	0	6	0
Allen	1	0	0	3	2
Eaters	2	0	0	3	1
McDaniel	2	0	0	2	0

Grover:	AB	R	H	O	A
Carner	3	0	0	1	0
Hepe	3	1	1	0	0
Keeter	3	0	1	0	0
Blalock	3	0	1	2	3
Geld	2	0	1	2	3
Royster	3	0	1	3	0
Crisp	3	0	0	1	1
Shuford	3	1	2	1	0
Wells	3	0	0	3	0
Hoffman	2	0	1	0	2

Errors: Hoffman 2; (Slim) Huffstetler.
Runs batted in: Jenkins, Gold, Hoffman.
Two base hits: Keeter, B. Huffstetler.
Three base hits: Shuford and Blalock.
Base on balls: off Gold, 1.
Sacrifice hits: Moss, Jenkins, Gold.
Umpires: Oates and Bost.

FARM QUESTIONS

Q.—Can I use seed saved from hybrid corn for planting next season?
A.—Definitely, No. The North Carolina Experiment Station is now conducting some important and valuable research with hybrid corn and indications are that the hybrids will outyield ordinary varieties by 10 to 20 percent but the hybrid does not reproduce its kind. New hybrid seed must be produced or purchased for seed purposes.
Q.—How can I increase the size

Standings In New Tennis Tourney Little Changed

Carpenter Trims Huffman

By Whittington
Standings in the new tennis tournament are unchanged except for one change in the second round between Charles Carpenter and Budy Huffman. Carpenter, the challenger, won the match 6-3, 6-2.

Although Huffman had previously challenged both Jones Fortune and Paul Stewart, he failed to advance. Yesterday's match was Huffman's last due to his departure for his home in Columbus, O., tonight.

Standings are as follows:
Seniors: Same as last week.
Juniors: 1. Paul Stewart, 2. Jones Fortune, 3. Charles Carpenter, 4. James Littlejohn, 5. "Flash" Ware, 6. Martin Harmon, 7. Jack Randall, 8. J. W. Jenkins, 9. Bobby Allran.
Other persons wishing to enter the tournament may do so by notifying "George" Whittington.

The definite date for ending the tournament has been set for Saturday, Sept. 10th, and the positions will then be arranged according to who has occupied highest positions longest.

of eggs laid by my pullets?
A.—Ray Deacon says egg size is inherited and little can be done to build this up by feeding a particular ration or handling the birds in any particular way. Egg size must be bred into the flock so head your breeding birds with pedigreed males which have large egg size back of them. The time is coming in North Carolina when poultry breeding will receive the same attention as the breeding of the animals on the farm.

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OLD MILL IN SOFT BALL WIN
The Old Mill Wildcats continued to play softball by nosing out the Coxa Mill softballers 2 to 1 on the Phenix Mill grounds Monday afternoon.
The game, by far was one of the best of the season, with the outcome in doubt until the fifth inning when Mitchem hit a home run down the right field foul line to give the Wildcats the victory.
The Coxa boys made a desperate effort to tie the score in the seventh when they were out when a single and an error placed runners on second and third, but the next man up flew out to end the game.