

# Side Lines

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My, but how times have changed. Do you remember back when baseball was in its infancy? No, and neither do I; but I have heard plenty tales concerning this great native American sport of ours. In the ole' days the umpire was more or less taken at his word, and that was that. He was the boss, so to speak, and what he said went. It all does for that matter, but what the poor "ump" has to take after calling a close one—he gets everything thrown at him but the kitchen sink. And, today, if kitchen sinks didn't cost a fortune and if there were a few more strong men in the grandstands I feel quite confident that the poor "ump" would be collecting them, too.

Again, today a baseball team has really played a game when it wins by a score of 1 to 0. But in the ole' days a team just wasn't considered anything if it didn't clout out at least a couple' hundred runs. And when those fellows played baseball, man, they played ball! Six, eight, ten hours a day and longer.

I recently came into possession of a newspaper clipping which originally appeared in The News and Observer many years ago. This particular article was sent in to The N. and O. by Mrs. Henry Denton of Route 2, Middlesex. It concerns a baseball game between Seven Paths—a little community about 19 miles east southeast of Louisburg—and Gold Valley, in July, 1890.

## It Was A Great Ball Game

The Gold Valley boys left home at noon and walked eight miles, barefooted, for the game. The game started at 1:30 P. M., and the battle raged for six and a half hours. The final score? 240 to 169. To quote the story: "Ben Gay was on the mound for Seven Paths and was in great form, allowing only 162 hits. But he did not receive good backing from his teammates. Come Whitley did the hurling for Gold Valley and allowed only 93 hits and got good support from his mates.

Several feature plays were made by members of both teams, but T. Denton, better known as Slim Denton (for he wore pants 25 inches in the waist and 51 inches long) made a spectacular catch in centerfield when he climbed a tree to rob Ben Wood of a hit to the woods. Peter Denton, who held down second base for Gold Valley, was great in the pinches but otherwise he had 63 errors to his credit. Crad Brantley made the greatest hitting average, getting 47 hits out of 77 times at bat.

Umpire Nate Strickland's decisions were fair and above reproach. If a batter struck at a ball that didn't go squarely over the plate, he called it a ball and said that he'd be confounded if he called anything like that a strike; but that brought no protest from the opposing team.

Tinker Denton came near causing a sensation when he hit a double home run, making two trips around the circuit. Umpire Strickland said 'twas fair. Thus the game went for the whole afternoon. Umpire Strickland said that only darkness could halt such a wonderful game, which he said was the finest he had ever seen. Nearly 300 people attended."

Boy, that may be back in the good ole' days but those days aren't forgotten by the ones who remember them. Besides, we have some "Lulas" today just about that good. Baseball is The American Sport! You can really have fun at a good ole' ball game. And if you don't believe it, then just let yourself out of the "mothball fleet" awhile and come out and watch. It won't kill you, honest. And if it does, so what! Can you think of a better way to die than watching good ole' A. C. C. Bulldogs wallop the pants off our opposing teams?

## Flyers Win Over ACC

The Atlantic Christian College Bulldogs came out on the bottom in the scrap between Norfolk Navy here in the Wilson Municipal Stadium, Tuesday night May 1st. The strong Navy team won the game 10 - 3.

The Flyers jumped off to a quick three run lead in the top of the first inning and never relinquished it. They added two more runs in the third and one in the sixth before the A. C. C. Bulldogs tallied.

The Bulldogs scored one run in the bottom of the sixth on Jay Clark's double and Neal Carlton's single. They scored twice again in the seventh when Bobby Tart doubled after Nick Siganos singled and Clark had walked.

Nick Siganos was the only A. C. C. player to hit safely twice. He came to bat officially five times. Jay Clark, who got a double in two trips and scored twice, and Bobby Tart, with a double in four attempts and two runs batted in to his credit were other Bulldog batting leaders.

The big guns in the Flyer's bat barrage were Johnny Dalessio, with two safeties and three REI's to his credit in four official times at bat, and Ronny Zadia, who drove in two runs and hit safely in five official trips to the plate. Both Zadia and Dalessio tallied once. Between them they accounted for seven runs.

# A. C. C. Scores Third Conference Win Of Season

## ACC's Bulldogs



Kneeling from left to right are Raymond Fleming, Neal Carlton, Nick Siganos, Tom Callahan, Armond Colombo, Bobby Horne, and Manager Henry Woodard. Standing in the second row are Coach Robert Reynolds, Gilbert Ferrell, "Scoop" McCrary, Jay Clark, Leroy Pittman, Bobby Tart and "Rocky" Ingraham. In the third row are Johnny Brown, Mil Felton, Roy Tart, Reid Ingraham, Ed Lane, Roger Philyaw, and Manager Ed Alston.

## McComas To Be New Basketball Coach At ACC

Atlantic Christian College has a new basketball coach.

Dr. D. Ray Lindley, president of ACC, recently announced that Jack McComas, former North Carolina State college cage star, has signed a contract to become the new coach of the Bulldogs basketball team.

Besides coaching basketball, the 26-year old native of Shelbyville, Ind., will teach in the department of physical education here.

### Building Program

Having dropped football, A. C. C. hopes to import some Indiana cage talent in order to build up its basketball team.

McComas will succeed Bill Crutchfield, head football coach at ACC, who also guided the basketball team for two seasons.

The new ACC coach is one of the players responsible for the birth of big time basketball at N. C. State in Raleigh. He was a member of the first Southern conference basketball team that State's mentor, Everett Case, turned out in 1947. He also played on the State champions of 1948 and 1949.

McComas forfeited his final year of eligibility at State when he signed a professional baseball contract with the Boston Braves.

### Will-O-The-Wisp

During his three years with the Wolfpack at State, McComas became one of the famous "Hoosier Hotshots" who brought bigtime basketball to the south. He played both forward and guard on the State team. Known for his speed he was often referred to as "will-o-the-wisp" by sports writers of North Carolina.

A good shot and strong on fundamental play, McComas was best known for his driving lay-up shot that propelled him in the air almost the full length of the foul circle and lane as he went in for the basket.

### Baseball Player

McComas was also a member of the North Carolina State college baseball team. He played during the 1948 and 1949 seasons for coach Vic Sorrell. Batting right-handed, he slammed out 13 homeruns during the two seasons with State.

After signing his contract with the Boston Braves he was sent to Denver, Colo. From there he went to play with Des Moines in the Western League. Last year he played part of the season with the Capitols of Raleigh in the Carolina League.

McComas has his degree in rural and industrial recreation at N. C. State.

He is married and has one son. McComas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McComas, Shelbyville, Indiana.

He is an army veteran of World War II, having served in Europe.

## ACC Defeats Guilford

In their first North State Conference baseball game of the season, the Atlantic Christian College team edged out Guilford, 3-2. Bobby Horne pitched a six-hit ballgame. Good team-work supported Horne throughout the game.

A home run by Neal Carlton with Bobby Tart on base tied the score with Guilford in the last of the fifth inning. Guilford had previously scored single runs in the third and fifth frames.

In the last of the ninth the roof caved in. Nick Siganos singled to leftfield. "Honest" Jay Clark singled to bring Siganos home with the winning run.

## Bulldogs Take N. S. C. Win Over High Point

The Atlantic Christian Bulldogs chalked up their second conference win of the season Saturday, April 14th at High Point.

Coach Bob Reynolds used three moundsmen in the contest. Gilbert Ferrell, the starting hurler was credited with the victory, his second of the season.

The Bulldogs grabbed the lead in the first inning and never relinquished it. They scored two runs in the opening inning, added five more in the second, one in the fourth, one more in the seventh and five in the eighth and two more in the ninth.

High Point was held scoreless until the third inning when they tallied twice. They scored four and six runs in the seventh and eighth innings respectively.

**First inning:** Colombo singled and went to second when Siganos walked. Clark struck out. Then Carlton singled bringing Colombo and Siganos across home plate.

**Second inning:** Colombo drew a base on balls and went to third on Siganos's single. Clark walked filling the bases and Tart walked clearing Colombo. Then Fleming singled the bases with a single and went to second on the throw to home. Fleming went to third on Felton's single and scored on Morgan's error.

**Third inning:** High Point's Ridge singled and went to second on Fleming's error. Ridge scored when Davidson tripled. Davidson scored when Denis grounded out at first.

**Fourth inning:** Carlton tripled and scored on a triple by Fleming.

**Seventh inning:** Callahan walked to open the inning and then stole second and third bases. He scored on Siganos's single.

**Eighth inning:** Tart singled and stole second then went to third on an error. Felton walked and stole second. Felton singled driving in Tart and Pittman and scored himself on a hit after going to third on a wild pitch. Brown stole second and scored on Colombo's single. Ingraham, who had walked scored on McCrary's single.

Reid Ingraham who relieved Gilbert Ferrell on the mound in the seventh inning, walked four Pinthers in succession, allowing two more runs to score. Swiggett drove in three more runs with a timely single.

**Ninth inning:** Tart was safe on Lisk's error and scored when Carlton lashed out his second triple of the day. Neal Carlton scored on Felton's infield out.

## Marines Defeat Bulldogs

The Atlantic Christian Bulldogs suffered their first defeat of the ball season on Monday, April 2, when they lost to the Cherry Point Marines 2 - 0. Tom Langston pitched a three-hitter game against the Bulldogs to aid the Marines in their win. In their first encounter here the Marines lost to the Atlantic Christian team, 7-3. The Bulldogs played their opening baseball game of the season against the Marines here in the Wilson Municipal Stadium.

Both Marine runs were unearned—a fielder's choice and an error leading to one score in the third inning, and a wild pitch and passed ball leading to the other in the fifth inning. Reid Ingraham was the losing pitcher for the Bulldogs.

## It Happens Every Spring

By "PRO"

This is a term used in after-winter sports. By this, I mean activities which will take place indoors and outdoors. The college intramural department has a well-rounded program the whole year round. Football (touch), basketball, and volleyball have been taken up thus far.

There are many students who do not know the aim in intramural sports. To make a long story short, the aim is to give the students who do not participate in organized sports the ability to acquaint themselves with the fundamentals dealing with activities within the school.

Why not participate in the program? Ping-pong, badminton, tennis, horseshoe, and softball still remain on the program. Coach Bob Reynolds and Ted Ingraham enjoy seeing individuals participating in their intramural programs.

## Softball Begins

The intramural department of A. C. C. has announced the opening of softball. Director Ted Ingraham has stated that all the games will be played on the new athletic field, now known as Hackney Field. Coach Reynolds's Skills and Sports class will furnish umpires. During the past few years softball has been a very good game to participate in as well as watch. The respective intramural directors request that everyone possible take part in this sport since it will be the last sport on the intramural program. In this sport, the directors also state that spikes will not be worn on the new athletic field.

## Coach Reynolds' Team Defeats Elon 8 - 5

The Atlantic Christian Bulldogs beat a favored Elon College baseball team, 8 - 5, in a North State conference game here, Saturday afternoon, April 21st, in the Wilson Municipal Stadium.

This gives the hard hitting Bulldogs a won - lost conference record of 3 - 2 for the season to date.

The Bulldogs started the scoring with a lone run on singles by Bobby Tart, Ed Lane and Milburn Felton. They added two more in the third inning. Armond Colombo singled to lead off; Jay Clark followed with a single sending Colombo home and Tart tripled to right center field scoring Clark across home plate.

In the fifth inning Elon tied the score with a three run rally. The big blow in this inning was a homerun by Doug Quackenbush with Carroll Reid on base. Hank DeSimone drove in J. C. Brewer with the third run.

## Bulldogs Win Opening Game

The Atlantic Christian College Bulldogs got off to a good start here Friday afternoon, March 18th by taking an easy victory of 7 - 3 over the Cherry Point Marines in the Wilson Municipal Stadium.

At the close of the seventh inning the Bulldogs had the game on ice, so to speak, and the spectators were wishing the game would end in a hurry so they could get home out of the cold wind. In spite of the March breeze the majority of the A. C. C. students remained to see the Bulldogs march off the diamond in jubilant victory.

### Field - day for A. C.

That beautiful and ever so welcomed three - run homer by Bobby Tart in the seventh, the hitting of Jay Clark, who had a perfect day at the plate, sensational catching and fielding by Raymond Fleming, plus the fine hurling of Gilbert Ferrell, who went the full nine innings, were the big factors in the Bulldogs' opening day win.

The Marines got off to a quick start by scoring a run in the first inning on two hits. Francis Goodyear was the first batter up for the Marines and pounded out a single to centerfield. The second batter up, Hector Faberille, clouted a hard ball deep in centerfield to bring Goodyear across home plate for their first run of the game.

They scored twice in the fifth inning on three bases on balls and two more hits. The fifth was the only inning in which Ferrell was in any trouble at all. But from there on he was complete master of the mound with the situation well in hand.

### Tied in Fifth

Tom Callahan started off the fifth inning with a good hit to leftfield for a single. Armond Colombo made it to first base on a grounder to second, which Faberille missed. Nick Siganos got a single on a bunt and Callahan high-balled to third and on across the plate when Al Strouse missed a pitch to third. When Jay Clark hit a single to rightfield, Colombo and Siganos burned the pay dirt across home plate to tie the score 3-3.

### Fleming Stars

Raymond Fleming was really in the game—right in there under the ole' ball, too. He made the best play of the day, a sensational running catch to snag down Al Strouse's long line drive toward the leftfield fence and doubled Goodyear off second. He showed real grace and form by getting that left hand high in the air just in the split second to make a beautiful catch. The drive was bound to hit the fence if not possibly gone over it. Fleming did O. K. at the plate, too, getting two safeties in five times at bat.

### Four Runs in Seventh

The ballgame was tied, 3 - 3, until the last of the seventh inning when the Bulldogs really got hot and sent four men across the good ole' paydirt at home plate. Armond Colombo started things rolling when he drew first base on balls. Nick Siganos made it to first on a bunt and Colombo plowed over to second. Then dependable Jay Clark rapped out his third single of the day—a good grounder deep in rightfield—driving Colombo across home plate with the tie breaking run. Bobby Tart was next up in the batter's box, and with the form and grace of a "Pro" he really socked that piece of horse-hide. Boy, what a beauty it was, too! A homer right out of the ball park cleared the right-center field fence by at least 3 feet. Tart's homer brought Siganos and Clark across the plate ahead of him to put the game in the bag for the Bulldogs.

### Tom Pulls a Callahan

Tom Callahan had a couple of arguments with the umpire, Ted Ingraham. After one of these he was reprimanded by Coach Reynolds. One of the A. C. C. boys

Atlantic Christian came right back in the bottom of the same inning to score two runs and go out ahead again. Tart started the inning off with a double and Neal Carlton and Mil Felton walked to load the bases. Tart then scored on a passed ball and Carlton came across when the pitcher, Jimmie Weaver, made a bad throw at home trying to catch Tart.

In the sixth inning Elon scored another run on a double by Quackenbush and a single by Riley.

Coach Reynolds' Bulldogs put the game in the bag in the eighth inning with three additional runs. Felton lead off with a walk. Then Tom Callahan and Bobby Horne singled loading the sacks. Colombo then singled for the second time driving in Felton and Callahan with the sixth and seventh runs. Colombo then scored on Clark's third single of the day.

Elon scored one last run in the ninth inning in a hopeless attempt to possibly tie the score but failed.

Bobby Horne went the full nine innings against Elon to get credit for his second win of the season. Previously this year he beat Guilford, 3 - 2, and suffered his only loss at the hands of E. C. C., 10-8.

Tom Callahan, who started off the baseball season in the infield position, did a fine job as catcher again. Tom really looks good behind the plate, and A. C. should be justly proud of this promising young catcher.

## Bulldogs Return Bohunkus Trophy To ACC Campus

On Wednesday afternoon, April 25, in the Wilson Municipal Stadium here the East Carolina College Pirates defeated the A. C. C. Bulldogs 10 - 8 in their first encounter of the baseball season. It was a humiliating defeat that the Bulldogs wouldn't soon forget so naturally they were just waiting their chance to seek revenge in a return match. The Bulldogs had that chance Wednesday afternoon, May 2, in Greenville when they played the E. C. C. Pirates. With the lust for victory in their minds the Bulldogs had sweet revenge in the end when they so skillfully won the game, 6 - 5, over the Pirates.

In this particular victory the Bulldogs had the honor, privilege and joy of returning the Bohunkus trophy—an ole' oaken bucket painted blue and white, a symbol of victory between these two arch rivals—to the A. C. campus. The Pirates took the trophy back to Greenville with them this past winter at the close of the basketball season. The Pirates won possession of Bohunkus when they beat A. C. in their last basketball game.

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asked what the umpire said about his chewing tobacco. Tom said that the "ump" said, "I don't mind the wind, but this rain is too much."

### Let's Go Bulldogs

The Marines landed, but they certainly didn't have the situation well in hand. We have shown them once, fellows, so let's go to town, Bulldogs!

Runs batted in—Cherry Point: Faberille, 3; Atlantic Christian: Clark, 2; Tart, 3. Two - base hits—Faberille, 2. Home run: B. Tart. Base - on - balls off—Cherry Point: Fenn, 2; Pesovich, 4; Albinnas, 2; A. C. C.: Ferrell, 9. Hits off—Cherry Point: Buchanan, 2 in 3 innings; Fenn, 4 in 2 innings; Pesovich, 4 in 2 innings; Albinnas, 1 in 1 inning; A. C. C.: Ferrell, 7 in 9 innings. Winning pitcher—Ferrell. Losing pitcher—Pesovich.



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