

SPORTS

RAMBLES OF THE RAMBLERS

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**MR. BROOME PRESENTS
LOVING CUP TO TEAM**

Fine Expression of Appreciation From Hickory Merchant; Gift Appreciated

Mr. Broome, of the Belk-Broome Department store of Hickory, has given a loving cup to the Rutherford College baseball team of 1929. Mr. Broome felt that this was the finest way of expressing his appreciation for the fine work of the team. The trophy, we are sure, is also an expression of the very high esteem Mr. Broome holds for the institution. It will be remembered that this cup is being given to the Southern champions in baseball for 1929.

It is with a great deal of gratefulness and pride that this cup is accepted. We assure Mr. Broome of our appreciation for this gift.

**RUTHERFORD COLLEGE
ENDED SEASON MAY 15**

**Ramblers Victorious Over
Wake Forest Freshmen in
Beautiful Pitchers Battle**

Rutherford College ended the 1929 baseball season here last Wednesday in a rather auspicious manner by downing the Wake Forest Baby Deacons 2-0 in a beautiful pitcher's battle. Tellis Bumgarner, who has been a member of the Rambler staff for the past four years, sang his swan song, and pitched his mates to one of the most impressive victories of his career. The tall hurler was invincible and he had the Freshmen at his mercy throughout the entire nine innings. Only once did the Deacons threaten, this coming in the fifth when a Wake Forest player reached third with two out. An easy fly by the next batter ended the frame. The Deacon's downfall came about through the loose playing of their infield. Taylor, bespectacled hurler of the Freshmen, worked out a beautiful game and under ordinary circumstances would have chalked up a victory. The Burke county collegians were only able to get seven hits off of his delivery. Boots Buff got two of these, one a triple and the other a single. Buff also sang his swan song after efficiently playing short-stop for the Ramblers for the past four years. Leaky Smith, Rambler second baseman, played a beautiful game, gathering in some hard chances that were labeled hits.

The Ramblers Wednesday concluded one of the most successful seasons in the history of the institution. They won 19 games out of 21 played. One of these losses was to the strong Duke Freshmen, the other to Weaver College. The team always exhibited clean sportsmanship and always played as hard with a five-run lead as if they were the same number of runs behind. Other teams in the State can take their hats off to these hard playing dashing Ramblers.

RAMBLERS' BATTING

Players	G	Ab	R	H	Pc.
Hartley 3b	21	84	25	36	.428
Buff, ss	21	85	28	33	.388
Ward M, cf	20	85	24	31	.365
Agee, 1b	20	78	19	23	.283
Smith, 2b	19	74	16	21	.284
Bum. W, rf.	19	75	10	20	.267
Kirk, lf	17	51	23	16	.312
Ward L, c.	17	67	14	17	.254
Berry, p.	7	20	11	7	.350
Quick, p.	7	24	2	4	.165
Bum. T, p.	11	39	10	20	.513
Cox, rf.	5	11	1	1	.091
Payne, c.	4	15	6	9	.600
Seldon, ss.	1	1	0	0	.000
Average of regularly squad					.334

SOUTHERN CHAMPIONS



Front row: (left to right) Agee, 1b; Hartley, 3b; Coach Weaver, with Master Charles Weaver; Smith, 2b; Buff, ss; Ward, L., c; Second row: Bumgarner, T., p; Bumgarner W., rf; Quick, p; Kirk, lf; Seldon, ss; Baker, p; Berry p; Ward, M., cf; Nixon, manager; Third row: Ledbetter, p; Cox, rf.

**Rutherford Ramblers
Are Southern Champions**

**NINETEEN GAMES WON
WITH ONLY TWO LOST**

**Was a Brilliant Season; Fans
Are Pleased; Record
Unexcelled.**

Rutherford has won the undisputed Junior College championship of the state in baseball for the fourth time consecutively. With very little opposition, the Ramblers played through every club they met except two. At no time in all the twenty-one games played did the Ramblers meet their superiors. Out of the twenty-ones games one was lost to a Junior college and one was lost to a Freshman team of an A grade college, leaving the final number of games nineteen won and two lost. This is a record that has possibly never been beaten in all Junior college baseball.

Not only is Rutherford state champions, but they are Southern champions in Junior college circles. A challenge was sent out through the Associated Press, and it was not accepted by any other Junior college, to play a series of games with any Junior college in the south. Since the challenge was not accepted, and since there is not on record anywhere in the south anything that will come near the record of the Ramblers, they may be justly considered the Southern Junior college champions in baseball for 1929.

There are several reasons for this brilliant record. It would be all but impossible to lose with the efficient coaching of Weaver, the strong array of pitchers—Berry, Bumgarner, Quick, and Baker, the cock-sure in and out-fielders, and the heavy batting that character-

**ANNUAL BANQUET GIVEN
HONORING LETTER MEN**

Former Teachers and Prominent Men Present, Speeches Heard.

Saturday evening, May 18, was a delightful occasion for all athletic letter men at Rutherford, for it was at that time that the annual athletic banquet was held. The athletes had been eagerly looking forward to the banquet, and it was rumored that some of them had been training for the occasion by going without food for three days previous to Saturday evening. So Coach Weaver may be assured that at least some training rules were observed during the season.

Possibly twenty letter men were present. Also some visitors were present, namely, Prof. Foster Starnes, former President of Rutherford College; Hon. Harold Hatcher, former football coach at Rutherford, and Mr. D. W. Alexander, of Connelly Springs. Prof. Billups, who acted as toastmaster, called on the visitors for speeches, and all of them responded with helpful remarks.

Other speakers were, Professor Holt, Tellis Bumgarner, Luke Ward, Claud Quick, Wynn Berry, Caldwell Nixon, manager, Coach Weaver, and A. B. Bruton, man-

ager of the team of 1928. Just before the close of the banquet Coach Weaver awarded stars to T. Bumgarner, L. Ward, M. Ward, Claud Quick, Otis Buff, and Baxter Kirk. Letters were awarded to L. Smith, Wynn Berry, Willis Bumgarner, Spencer Agee, George Hartley, and Manager Caldwell Nixon. Also an election was held to determine who should be captain of the baseball team of 1930. Wynn Berry, a Morganton boy, was elected captain.

Then the boys gave Professor Johnson a note of thanks for his work in preparing the banquet. The note of thanks also included Verna Berry, Myra Wagg and Jane Goode, who served as waitresses.

work on the part of the team could produce a team of this kind. Never was the fans disappointed in the played the whole team. Never were the team demoralized because of a lack of cooperation among the players. Time after time the spectators were thrilled by a seemingly impossible catch or a home run. Only the very best coaching and the most efficient

**RAMBLERS TEAMS HAVE
3 THREE-LETTER MEN**

Basketball and Baseball Captains Elected For Next Year.

Rutherford has this year only three men who participated in all three of the major sports to the extent of receiving a letter or star. These men not only played in a sufficient number of games to receive this recognition, but they played a type of athletics that was commended from the side lines. Rarely ever did these men disappoint the fans.

Bumgarner, T., played end and back field in football, guard in basketball, and pitched in baseball. Bumgarner, W., played end in football, guard in basketball, and outfield in baseball. Quick, Claude, played end in football, forward in basketball, and pitched in baseball. All these positions were well filled when these men played. They all had a share in the splendid athletic record of Rutherford this year.

Quick Elected Captain Basketball.

Claude Quick of Charlotte, has been elected to captain the basketball squad for next year. Under the direction of Quick, the

**METHODISTS SPRINKLE
MARS HILL DEACONS**

**Ramblers Defeated Baptists
On Mars Hill Field;
Score 13-8.**

By Ralph Whitley.
The Ramblers pounded out a 13 to 8 victory over the Mars Hill lads here May 4.

Claude Quick, a young right hander, turned in a brilliant mound job while his mates were hammering the offerings of Albritton for fifteen hits one of which was a home run by "Leaky" Smith.

The Ramblers were able to tally in all the frames except the fifth and eighth. They were able to tally in the initial frame when Ward, M., doubled to right field and second, later on Bumgarner's T. double to left field.

The Rambler's were able to tally four times in the seventh inning. Smith, the first man up, polled out a home run. Ward I. and Quick were given free tickets to first base; Kirk fled out to third. Ward L. scored on Buff's single, this was followed by Hartley's single which sent Buff galloping home and Hartley did likewise when Ward M. singled to center field Ward M. and Bumgarner T. both got three hits out of our trips to the plate and Buff got three for five. Riddle starred for Mars Hill by getting three safeties out of five trips to bat.

"Leaky" Smith, Ward M. and Bumgarner T. took what honors were dished out to the Ramblers in slugging. Smith getting two safeties out of four times up, one being a double and the other a home run. Ward M. and Bumgarner T. both got three hits out of four chances, each getting a triple, double and single. Riddle starred at bat for Mars Hill by getting three hits out of five chances and these being a triple, double, and a single.

Score	R.	H.	E.
Rutherford	13	15	4
Mars Hill	8	10	4

Score By Innings	R.
Rutherford	122 103 40x—13
Mars Hill	022 010 140—8

Batteries: Rutherford, Quick and Ward L.; Mars Hill, Albritton J., Bost and Albritton.

GREAT SEASON

Morganton, May 25.—Rutherford college has just completed the most successful baseball season in the history of the institution, winning 19 games and losing two. These 21 games represent contests with the junior colleges of the state besides several contests with A grade colleges and members of the big five freshmen. The Ramblers won the state junior college title in a walk for the fourth consecutive year. It seems also that they have added to their laurels this year by annexing the junior college championship of the entire south. No member of the Southeastern Athletic association, junior college conference of the southern states, has a record to compare with that of the Ramblers.

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