

**WILD PITCHES**

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Well, hello again, baseball fans. Believe it or not, I'm back on the mound chunking wild pitches again. Get up to the plate now, but stay loose or you may not be able to get out of the way of my high inside pitch; and I'd sure hate to bean anybody in the last game of the season.

Good old baseball season is almost over, here at L. C.; and although the boys have won a few games and lost a few, things have not been too exciting. Therefore, I think I'll take you outside of Louisburg to a game played back in 1951. Although I didn't actually see the game, I read about it in the May issue of *Sport*; and it was one of the most unusual games that I've ever read about. It took place only a few miles from here, in Tarboro, N. C.

Tarboro was a member of the Coastal Plain League and was a farm club of the Philadelphia Athletics. Things had been going from bad to worse for the Tarboro Club, and the mother club was ready to give it up. Tarboro was in the cellar, attendance had dropped off; and to top it all, the directors of the Coastal Plain League was voting Tarboro out of the league. However, before the team broke up, the Tarboro fans saw one of the biggest games ever to be played in organized baseball. Here is the way that Lewis Heilbronner described it in the May issue of *Sport*.

"It happened the night of June 2, with Tarboro playing a home game against Wilson. Joe Antolick, the visiting team's manager, had previously managed Tarboro, and there was a friendly but hot rivalry between the clubs. Tarboro fans always cherished a win over Antolick.

The two clubs played on fairly even terms until the fifth inning, when Tarboro came to bat. Bill Carr the first man up, lined a double. Milburn Felton reached first on an error and Carr went to third. Manager Joe Rullo came through with a single; Carr scored the first Tarboro run. Manager Antolick of Wilson brought in a new pitcher but Johnny Wolf of Tarboro hit a grounder which the second-baseman booted, and Felton scored, with Rullo going to third. Jim Stevens walked and the hitting vendetta continued when Ray Shiffner doubled. Again, Antolick produced a new pitcher. By this time, with four runs in and nobody out, the local fans could smell blood. The league doormat was getting some sweet revenge and the home folks were enjoying every bit of it.

The new pitcher walked the first man to face him, Bob Brown. Russ Hand, Tarboro's catcher, also walked. There were only 400 fans in the stands but when Tom Davis, the Tarboro pitcher, smacked a solid single to score runs six and seven, they could be heard for miles. Bill Carr, who had started it all off, loaded the bases by walking. Antolick waved in another pitcher, his fourth. By this time, the Tarboro fans were really having themselves a ball game, but what had gone before was nothing compared with what was to come. Felton slammed a base-clearing double to make the score 10-0 and manager Rullo scored run no. 11 with another double. Johnny Wolfe, swinging from his heels, blasted a home run to make it 13-0. And still nobody out. But at least, manager Antolick reflected as he surveyed the carnage, nobody was on base. However, that condition was soon remedied. Stevens tripled, Shiffner singled, and Brown walked. Antolick, desperate, put himself in to pitch. The hapless manager couldn't find the plate at first and when he did, Bill Carr knock-

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**Campbell Is Defeated By Louisburg**

Louisburg defeated their arch rival and continued their win streak as they won over Campbell 6-5.

Campbell was leading 2-0 after the second inning. In the third the Wildcats tied the game two all as Gary Morris led off with a single followed by a walk by Price and a single by Brickhouse — all with a Campbell error. Campbell added a run in the fifth to regain the lead. Louisburg took the lead for the first time as Gary Morris hit a base loaded single to score two runs to lead 5-3.

In the eighth inning Louisburg added two more runs on a home run by Ben Price. In the ninth Louisburg stopped Campbell's rally just in time to win 6-5.

Gary Morris led the "Wildcats" as he got two hits in three official trips to bat. Maness led Campbell with a home run and two singles in four times up.

**P. J. C. Defeats Louisburg**

P. J. C. snapped The Louisburg "Wildcats" a one game winning streak in an eleven inning game played at P. J. C. The score was 5-4.

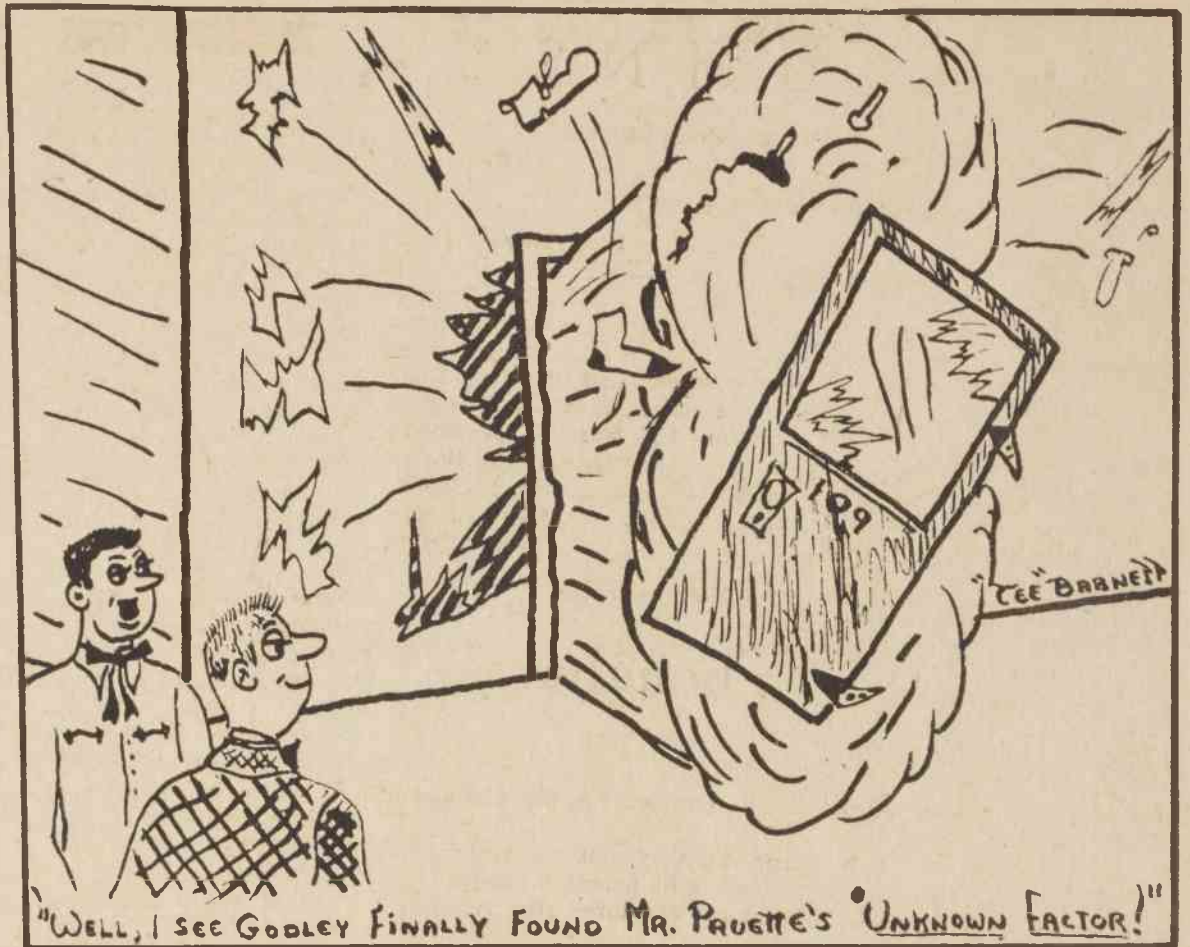
Scott, P. J. C.'s left handed pitcher, held The "Wildcats" hitless until the eighth inning when Gary Morris got an infield hit. In the ninth Louisburg tied the score 4 all when Plug Brickhouse tripled, a walk by Fred Ransom, and a single by Jerry Faulkner, along with a passed ball produced three runs.

P. J. C. won the game when Keels singled with a man on base to win 5-4.

Chittum led P. J. C. with three singles in five times to bat. Plug Brickhouse led The Wildcats with a triple and a single in four times to bat.

ed his pitch over the fence for a grand-slam homer. Moments later, run 21 scored and not an out had been recorded. In fact, 25 batters came to the plate before Wilson retired a man. The inning dragged on and so did Wilson's agony. Before the third out, 24 runs were scored by Tarboro, seven pitchers were used by Wilson and the fans were all dizzy. A number of records for organized baseball were set. Among them were the run total for one inning, number of batters in one inning (29), number of batters before an out was made (25). Bill Carr set three records by scoring four runs himself, getting three hits and driving in seven runs. The final score of that unforgettable evening of baseball (?) was 31-4."

Boy, wasn't that some game? I guess I'm not such a wild pitcher after all. At least I haven't beamed anybody yet, and the game is over. Besides, my space is about used up; so, I guess I'd better be getting out of here. This is your old wild pitcher saying thanks for sticking around for the game, and have a good vacation. So long, now.



**Batting and Fielding Average of L. C. "Wildcats"**

Name	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	rbi	Sb	DP	BB	SO	Pct.	PO	A	E	FA
Brickhouse	11	47	11	16	3	2	0	5	2	4	4	11	.340	31	31	8	.886
Tippett	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.333	0	1	1	.500
Perry	11	40	9	13	2	1	0	4	1	0	6	8	.325	17	0	2	.895
Price	11	48	13	15	0	1	1	6	4	8	6	10	.313	35	27	5	.925
Ransom	11	45	14	14	4	2	0	9	2	0	3	12	.311	19	1	0	1.000
Faulkner	11	46	9	11	2	0	2	10	2	1	5	16	.239	30	2	5	.865
Womble	11	41	5	9	1	0	1	5	1	11	5	3	.220	105	1	2	.981
Frazier	9	32	3	7	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	9	.219	40	0	6	.869
Morris	10	32	3	7	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	6	.219	3	21	3	.889
Mangrum	11	38	4	8	1	0	0	4	2	2	2	6	.210	11	21	5	.863
Nelson	5	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	.111	0	13	1	.750
Hurley	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	.000	0	4	0	1.000
Matthews	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	.000	0	0	0	.000
Barbour	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000

**Pitching Record of L. C. "Wildcats"**

Pitcher	G	IP	H	R	SO	BB	HB	W	L	Pct.
Nelson	5	23	21	16	10	10	2	1	0	1.000
Morris	10	73.7	95	57	24	12	2	4	6	.400
Matthews	2	2.3	4	7	1	4	2	0	0	.000
Hurley	1	1	1	4	0	3	0	0	0	.000

**Louisburg Wins Over Chowan**

Louisburg got ample revenge over the Chowan "Braves" for an earlier defeat. The "Wildcats" bats were red hot as they pounded four Chowan pitchers for twenty-three hits to win 19-4.

Chowan took a two run lead in the top of the first, but Louisburg came through in the bottom of the first to take a 4-2 lead. A single by Price, double by Perry, a single by Ransom, and a double by Faulkner accounted for the runs.

In the third Chowan tied the score 4 all, but again The "Wildcats" came through to take a lead they never lost. A single by Brickhouse, double by Ransom, and a home run by Faulkner, his second of the year made the score 7-4.

In the sixth inning fifteen men went to bat for the "Wildcats" with nine runs crossing the plate on seven hits, along with three Chowan errors, and three walks. Price led off with a single, Perry tripled, singles by Brickhouse, Ransom, and Womble, two errors, a walk by Morris, Price collected his second hit of the inning, two walks, Ransom's second single for the inning gave the "Wildcats" a 16-4 lead.

Louisburg added another run in the seventh and two in the eighth to finish with a score of 19-4.

Frank Gibson led the "Braves" with 3 for 4. Ransom and Price led the Wildcats with 5 for 6 and 4 for 5 respectively. Womble and Perry each added three hits to the heavy Louisburg attack.

"Daddy, why do the ladies always bring their knitting when they come to the house?"

"It gives them something to think about while they're talking."

My husband would never chase after another woman. He's too fine, too decent, too old.

**Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Officers Are Installed**

The New officers of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. are George Ellen Marks and Robert Stainback, presidents; Jackie Farrow and Josh Scull, vice-presidents.

The installation service was held in chapel, Friday 15, 1953. The 1952-53 presidents, Phyllis Bailey and Bob Kennedy led the group in prayer; and Bob read the scripture. The new officers took their oaths; and, at the end, Phyllis closed with the benediction.

**Ben Price Is Ping Pong Champion**

A new champ is born! Ben Price, who excels in basketball and baseball, recently added another laurel to his athletic achievements. In record-breaking time Ben Price defeated "Tee" Barnett for the championship. The day was warm and the spectators few in number, but Price was really hot. In the preliminaries, Barnett defeated Manning, Merritt, and Denning. Price defeated Sadler, Powell, and Godley.

Ben Price, one of the most popular students of Louisburg, richly deserves the title: "Ping-pong champ of Louisburg, 1952-1953."

To show the gratitude of our school, Robert Stainback, as director of the Ping-pong tournament, presented Price with a "gold" medal of achievement at chapel. Congratulations to the new champ of Louisburg — Ben Price!

**Sigma Pi Alpha Initiates New Members**

The Lambda chapter of Sigma Pi Alpha initiated four new members during the spring semester. The new initiates into this national honorary language fraternity are Alice Lee Dennis, Louisburg; Marvin Jordan, of Weldon; Jacqueline Farrow, Waves; Thomas Shutt, Roanoke Rapids.

Paul Bunn of Graham, a senior member was singled out for high honors in language when at the National Congress of the fraternity held in Raleigh on April 25, 1953, he received a scholarship award for high attainment in language work and in general scholarship.

**Surprise for Miss Bethea**

One Wednesday night, there was a long-distance call for a person in Wright Dorm. This person just happened to be at the gym where Miss Cooke had taken her a few minutes before.

As the unknown entered the parlar a group of excited girls burst into the words of, "For She's A Jolly Goodfellow." Forgotten was the phone call as Miss Bethea was presented gifts from the girls in Pattie Julia Wright Dorm.

What brought all this on? Miss Bethea's trip to Europe this summer with the Youth Caravan. The girls just wanted to show they appreciated what she had done for them this year and to wish her the best "bon voyage."