

SPORT SLANTS

IT STARTED IN INDIA

We are happy to say that this year, we girls will have a chance to become acquainted with a game relatively new in this district — Badminton. This game had its origin in India and probably developed along with battledore and shuttlecock, the ancestor of modern tennis. The first special court for Badminton was constructed in Poona, India, in 1873. In about that same year the sport was introduced into England by army officers from India. From England the sport was brought to Canada and then to the United States. It is only recently that the sport has had more than a meager following in this country, although there have been Badminton clubs in some of the eastern cities for as long as fifty years. The sport has not as yet reached the stage of national tournaments in this country, although such tournaments have been conducted for many years in the European countries and Canada. Recently, it has been included in the sport programs of schools in the United States.

Any number of players may play in a game of Badminton, but not more than four may play at any one time on the same court. It is something like tennis and again something like ping pong. Like these games, it is played with rackets, a net, and a white object called a bird. This bird consists of a small white rubber ball, only half of which is used, and about whose middle is securely tied a garland of small white feathers. This head is to keep it from moving too quickly from player to player, or falling too quick

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RESULTS OF THE WEEK-END GAMES

The Duke University's Devils, held at bay for two periods, swept across the green of Davidson's stadium in the second half to crush a game and fighting Davidson College team under a 34 to 6 score Davidson fought the powerful Blue Devils every inch of the way but three brilliant goal line stands in the second period sapped their strength and the thin red line crumbled in the final half before the hard driving of the Duke backs.

Carolina dashed State's hopes by 20 to 0. This score does not tell the battle that State fought, but it does show that Carolina profited by its tie with South Carolina last week. Tatum led State's line play, while Bershak, being groomed for the all-America, was the Stellar performer of the Carolina forward wave and by far the outstanding linesman of the day.

V. M. I. conquered William and Mary 20-9.

Paul Shu, elusive Virginia Military Institute Sophomore, personally conducted the cadets to a 20 to 9 triumph over a game William and Mary team.

A red garbed flash against the green turf, the 184 pound Alexandria fellow, scored two touchdowns; passed to Bud Konar for the third and added two placements to V. M. I.'s victory margin.

The Georgia Bulldogs proved their superiority over the South Carolina Gamecocks by winning 13 to 7. The game was not so close as the score indicated for it was only by valiant and desperate defensive work that South Carolina, held almost completely at bay throughout, managed to stand off a worse defeat.

Other football scores of week-end games:

At Salisbury: Catawba 20; Newberry 0.

At Lexington: Washington and Lee 6; Richmond 0.

At Knoxville: Tennessee 27; V. P. I. 0.

Games this week-end:

V. P. I. plays William and Mary at Richmond.

V. M. I. plays Davidson at Lexington.

North Carolina State plays Furman University at Greenville. Annapolis.

YEAH! DUKE

On your calendar mark a red ring around November 13. This date designates the time set aside for the football battle of the season. Now you needn't ask which teams play in the Duke University Stadium on that eventful day! Everybody knows that.

Several leading figures have been consulted about the outcome of the Duke-Carolina football classic. Madam X, who tells you what you want to know, refused to predict the outcome of this Blue Devil-Tar Heel Conflict. She reported a hazy crystal. Popeye's Jeep refrained from his usual "Yes" or "No" when Popeye propounded the two questions — "Isn't North Carolina to be the victor on November 13?" and "Do you believe that the Blue Devils are to defeat the Tar Heels again this year?" A confused state appeared when John Smith, who shows a high rating on telepathic tests, tried to predict the football games for the second Saturday in November. Coach Wallace Wade from Durham replied to a query about the outcome of this battle — "Now, your guess is as good as mine." Coach Ray Wolf in Chapel Hill failed to affirm the view that the Duke Blue Devils would not smash across the goal line when his team meets Coach Wade's power house. All these results reveal that each — from Popeye's Jeep to Coach Wolf — will not set forth publicly a prediction about that game.

The Blue Devils, defending Southern Conference champions did serve notice that a great team was in the making by smashing Virginia Polytechnic, Saturday night in Greensboro. However, the road ahead looks rather hazardous! Next week the Blue Devils dash over to Davidson. Those of you who have seen past Duke-Davidson encounters know that a great game awaits you. Already we hear about "The Battle of the South Between Duke and Tennessee." At the Duke Stadium on October 9, Duke meets the University of Tennessee in a "home coming" fracas, then in quick succession, Georgia Tech, Colgate, Washington and Lee, and Wake Forest before that "greatest game of the south." Then Coach Wade's Dukes will be keyed to the pitch for that Tar Heel encounter.

Ted Mann, Duke sports editor writes — "Those of us who are close to the situation at Duke can't figure out the Blue Devils so well or haven't been able to in practices that have been held this fall. The team is a bit bigger than usual, the line is not as fast but those backs have looked plenty good — plenty good — and in the gentle art of lugging that leather. Hackney, No. 66; Tyston, No. 20; and O'Mara, No. 37, can go with any of them. The ends are uncertain — So are the tackles — the guards appear fairly good — the centers are fine — shake all those together — and see what you could come out with."

There is a Duke football hero for each Salem girl. Pick your man! Rah! Rah! him and his team to victory on November 13. You Western North Carolina girls should support "Tiger" Hill, the blonde from Asheville. Dan Hill is a brilliant center and defensive man. There are plenty of other North Carolina men on that Duke team — "Honey" Hackney, "Bolo" Perdue (Thomasville must be represented!), Burns, Baskerville, and Johnson. Now divide up — don't all pick the same man! Virginia students (please note — Meredith Holderby and Martha O'Koffee) should be loyal to "The Red" Tipton and Hudgins. Riber and "Mouse" Edwards hail from Pennsylvania. Oh yes! Tennessee has Hudson, "Ducky" Stephens and Clark on the Duke team. (Louis Preas always supports those Tennessee representatives.) Joan Robinson can yell for her statesman, McAfee. It

North Carolina University plays N. Y. U. at New York.

Duke plays Tennessee at Durham.

Clemson plays University of Georgia at Athens.

Virginia University plays Navy at

RAH! RAH! CAROLINA

Once more a loyal alumnus raises his voice to cheer the team of his Alma Mater. He cheers! Though his cheer may sound like the voice of one crying in the wilderness, or it may even be entirely drowned out and lost in the tumult raised by the voices of that large but misguided group of people who, for some unaccountable reason, prefer to support the Methodist "Devils." He cheers! though he realizes that the team he is cheering may win only one of its home games this season. He cheers! and yet, Carolina, weakened by the graduation of some of her best linemen, faces a schedule which includes such formidable opponents as N. Y. U., Tulane, and Fordham. He cheers! realizing that out of a total of nine games on the schedule, Carolina will be lucky to win three.

The game with South Carolina last Saturday may or may not have solved the problem of what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina, but it did reveal certain things about Carolina's football team. First, it revealed that the back-field, consisting of Little, Brunette, Watson, and Ditt, functions as smoothly as a well-oiled Singer and has enough speed and power on the offensive to cause the coaches of all the rival teams (even Wallace Wade), to lie awake at night. Second, it revealed the fact that Carolina's line, which is composed largely of boys playing their first game of Varsity football, is willing and able to provide a suitable escort for Messrs. Little, Burnette, Ditt et als, when these young men take in into their head to go places. The offensive performance of this line must have been particularly pleasing to coach Wolf who has been worried by the number of posts that he has had to fill with inexperienced men. The third fact which the game last Saturday revealed is that Carolina has about as much defense against a pass attack as Italic Selassie had against Mussolini. Over the line, under the line, around the line, Carolina could, and did, gain to the tune of 19 first downs to South Carolina's 3: of 286 yards gained at rushing to South Carolina's 66. Yet the final score, surprisingly enough, balances at 13-13 which is just one unlucky number too many. It appears, from what the sports-writers say, that when South Carolina's backs started tossing passes last Saturday the effect upon the Carolina team was similar to that created by shooting quail on the ground — in other words, slaughter.

If Carolina can develop a system of defense which will prove effective against an aerial attack — and any Chinaman will tell you that this is a large order — then she may garner a few more laurels than this alumnus has predicted. It is even within the realms of the possible that, when

is rumored that Elouise Sample and Evelyn McCarty have already begun keeping their voices in training in order to give the proper cheers for McCollum and Knowles. Johnson, who hails from Massachusetts should gain the praises of Elizabeth Hatt, Jean Knox and Charlotte King. Now, if you should choose not to be loyal to the home state boy just pick out O'Mara. He has the reputation of being cosmopolitan and he should allow you to adopt him for the day of November 13. You can easily find you a hero. So rally to the cause of Dear Old Duke!

The eyes of football fans are supposed to be direct on the football field, but remember that these eyes might wander through to the stands during the intermissions. Now on November 13, take out that new fur coat, that new brown sports suit, that off-the-face felt hat with a green feather, that football zipper pocket book and that bright green wool scarf, and break all the masculine hearts you dare. It's all right to start a romance at the half too, but be sure you don't do any flirting while the game is in session. Keep your eyes strictly on the game and cheer those "Blue Devils" to victory!

'30.

SALEM'S WILLENA COUCH

"If only I could play tennis like Willena Couch!" Thus goes the sigh of many an aspiring tennis player, but we can't all be champions.

It's no trouble to understand why tennis is her pet. For three years now she has defeated all comers and has won Salem's tennis cup. It has reached the stage where just the thought of being her unlucky opponent causes a wabbling of the knees.

Hockey and basketball hold no fears for her. For three years, she's played on the hockey varsity and for two years she's been an important part in the basketball varsity. "Another basket for Couch" is quite a familiar phrase in basketball season. Those lucky seniors, we'll have to fight hard.

Some folks are scared of the water, but not Willena, she has passed her Senior life-saving tests and can save you if you need rescuing from the drink. If you're drowning in school-work, you need more than a lifesaver to help you.

Her sophomore year she won the fair white Salem blanket for being the year's outstanding athlete. However, if you think she has confined her efforts to one year, think again. She belongs to the monogram Club with other top notch sportswomen.

This year she is the Vice-President of the Athletic Association.

She is active in other lines besides sports. Willena is a member of the Student Self-Government Association (and is a member of that mysterious Order of the Scorpion.)

A lover of music, she is the President of Choral Interpretation. Her major is in Public school music.

She's so full of pep, vim, and song, she can't keep still. Usually you can hear her humming too. She loves dancing. Someone also mentioned something about a fondness for tight shorts, but that has nothing to do with music.

All in all Salem has in Willena Couch an athlete and leader to be proud of.

the whistle blows to end the game on November 13, this Carolina alumnus will be able to rise in the stands and, with the flush of victory on his brow, shout aloud so that all may hear: "RAH! RAH! CAROLINA!" '27.

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From a third floor window in Senior Building the newly marked off hockey field looked perfectly beautiful until the rain faded it. Did you all see it? Even if it has got to be marked again before we can play, it's having been marked must mean that it won't be long until we'll be out there playing hockey — Won't that be wonderful? I've taken a look around at the players who will probably be on the class teams again. As far as I can see all the sophomore players are back, or most of them; most of the juniors are back and ready to go, but they'll certainly miss "El" Ivy; the seniors are here in toto — with Jane Nading — a needed addition in the backfield who was not here last year — as for the freshmen, of course, we can't be sure but they certainly ought to have an up an at 'em team judging from the appearance of their class.

The tennis tournament is moving along very nicely — extra nicely! The second rounds of both the singles and the doubles tournaments have been played off. Of course, the rain will hold things up for a while, but as soon as the sun comes out again, everybody be sure to go on out and play while playing is good and let's finish the whole thing up on time.

The untimely rain is also holding up the first rides (on horses), of the year.

A morning ride was planned for Wednesday, but of course, it was rather wettish so was postponed — Some of those horse girls like to sleep almost as much as they like to ride — I mean in the mornings — ask Cramer.

Almost every single girl has already been down and coughed, breathed and hopped for Dr. Pfohl and are we glad!!! Now there's nothing to hinder our hockey season from opening with a bang — except rain of course.

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