

HERE'S DOPE ON OWLS

GREAT ARRAY OF BASEBALL STARS AS GEN. LEE PREPARES

All right, you baseball supporters, here's the first Owl dope and it means you better get busy today and get those season passes sold or contracted for, because, brethren and cistern, Manager Jesse Lee is living up to his part of the agreement. He is getting a ball club for Roanoke Rapids and it's up to you guys to come thru and do your part of the contract. Here's the first, official off-the-wire Owl news; signed and sealed:

OUTFIELD: Hal Newman, University of Alabama, leading Alabama in hitting row, bats left handed, weighs 195 pounds and plenty fast. Will play left field for the Owls.

Frank Chambers, Mississippi State College, leading his team in hitting, bats right-handed. Fast enough to cover three fields. Will play center field for the Owls.

Bennie McCrary, Roanoke Rapids Owls for two years, batting .350 and over .300 at Wichita under heavy fire. Cool, experienced, dependable in the pinches. Will play right field for the Owls.

INFIELD: First Base, will be decided by next week's issue between leading hitters and fielders of Auburn, L.S.U. and Oglethorpe.

Second Base: Little, half-pint Irvin Dickens, captain of Wake Forest College, Roanoke Rapids product par excellence, now leading Wake Forest in hitting with .359.

Short Stop, Billy Gibson of Georgia Tech, best short stop in the Southeast Conference, now leading Tech in hitting, 165 pounds of greased lightning, bats right handed.

Third Base, will be decided by next week's issue, now resting between Alabama and Auburn, will no doubt be one of them and both leading infield hitters of the Conference.

Catchers: George Nethercutt, captain of the University of North Carolina team, leading hitter of the Big Five with the astounding record to date of .510, a Roanoke Rapids product we are proud of . . . and Bill Branch, the old reliable who has broken up more ball games in the clutches than a widow has weeds . . . 2 years with the Owls and a record with other leagues . . . always a .300 hitter . . . and yesterday in batting practice old Bill banded six straight home runs over the fence.

PITCHERS: Tommy Byrne, left

Going After 'Em



Mgr. Jesse Lee, who is going after ball players for the Roanoke Rapids Owls like nobody's business. Jesse promised local fans that if they would tend to the financing he would give them an even better team than the Owls had last year. Some think that can't be done, but look over what he has done so far and figure it out for yourself.

High Point Park Expanding For State Race; Owls Of Roanoke Rapids Hold Title

By FURMAN BISHER
(High Point Enterprise)

The third annual North Carolina Semi-Pro Baseball Championship tournament will be held in High Point July 9-19, State Commissioner Soc Chakales announced today. The tournament, which has been held in Greensboro for the past two years, will be transferred here and played at Willis Park, which is undergoing extensive improvements. More than 300 baseball players and upwards of 30,000 persons are expected to participate in and witness the 10-day tournament, which will be played in afternoon and night sessions.

The Roanoke Rapids Owls will be

hand ace of Wake Forest College, leading the colleges in number of strike-outs this year and only a Sophomore who is already being sought by the big league scouts. And a darn good hitter for a pitcher.

Rufus Barnes, left handed ace at Fort Bragg, who has won his last five games hands down and has what it takes to stand up and take it.

Bran Hammett, big right-hander of Huey Long's Louisiana State University, undefeated this year in Conference baseball.

And four other right-handers to pick from and more news about them next week . . . But aint that enough for one week? . . . Now, get busy and get the wherewithall in the sale of those season passes . . . Support the Owls by taking yours today.

the defending champions. The Owls won the title last year without the loss of a single game, winning five straight. They went to the national tournament in Wichita, Kansas, and finished in seventh place. Tournament officials termed them "as the team to beat" for the nation title. The 1937 state championship was won by the McCrary Eagles of Asheboro. They also finished seventh in the national event.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

A series of district tournaments will precede the state finals. A district tournament will also be held here. B. C. Denning will conduct the district event.

The local tournament will be sanctioned by the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress and will participate in the expansive program outlined by the organization, which begins with a series of district, state and regional tournaments, then proceeds to the national championship, which was won last year by the Buford, Ga., Bona-Allens.

The winner of the national championship will be given an all-expense trip to Puerto Rico to meet the island champions for the world's championship.

George Sisler, now a member of Baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y., is the high commissioner of semi-pro baseball and will make the final ruling on all controversies involving tournament play.

PURSE FOR WINNERS

The winner of the state tournament will be given twenty per cent of the gross gate receipts and will be invited to the national tournament. In addition to the first prize money the state champions will be awarded the 30-inch high George Sisler state title trophy and will share in the mileage receipts.

There will be individual silver cups and trophies for the most valuable player, leading hitter, best uniformed club, team sportsmanship and most spectacular play.

Also there will be an official all-state team selected by a committee appointed by the state commissioner. Each member of the all-state team will be awarded an all-state certificate by the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress signed by George Sisler.

Clarence Coburn of Carolina spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coburn.

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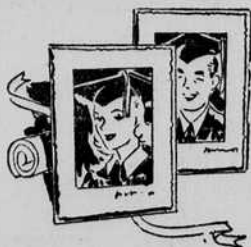
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