

RAPIDS-WELDON LOSE SEMIFINALS SERIES TO JOHNSON COUNTY

The Roanoke Rapids-Weldon American Legionnaires dropped the eastern semifinals series to the Johnson county club Friday afternoon in Weldon when they lost the fifth and final game 3 to 2. The local boys won the first game of the afternoon by a 11 to 3 margin, but could not get to Farmer in the second fray for but two runs while some rather erratic playing gave the visiting team 3 runs and a victory.

An eight run rally in the fourth inning of the first game decided the contest. Philip Burnette, Roanoke Rapids boy, allowed his opponents only six hits while his teammates were collecting 12 off Walls. Wright and Edwards with a double and a single each, and Howell and Warmack with two singles each led the winners' attack. Canaday with a double and

a single led the Johnson county club.

In the second game, which went for only five innings because of official deadline for playing set at 5:30, the Rapids-Weldon boys out-hit the winners 3 to 2 but were unable to hold on to the ball when men were on the bags.

Edwards with a double and a single led the losers' attack while Canaday got a double to pace the winners.

FIRST GAME

Smithfield ----- 110 01x-3 2 2
Rap.-Weldon 218 000 00x-11 12 2
Walls and Smith; Burnett and Wright.

SECOND GAME

Smithfield ----- 110 01x-3 2 2
Rapids-Weldon -- 200 000-2 3 3
Farmer and Smith; Edwards and Wright.

AMERICAN LEGION TEAM HAS SUCCESSFUL SEAS'N

The Roanoke Rapids-Weldon American Legion baseball team brought its season to a close when it lost to Smithfield in the final game of a five-game series in Weldon Saturday afternoon, July 22.

The Rapids-Weldon legionnaires played nineteen legion games during the season and won fifteen of them. In the first round, which consisted of teams in the Number 2 district, they defeated Rocky Mount four times, Wilson three times, and Greenville three times. In that round they lost one to Greenville and one to Wilson. These ten victories gave them the right to meet Raleigh in the eastern quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, the local boys defeated the Raleigh boys, under the supervision of Coach Chick Doak, in three straight games—11 to 2, 6 to 5, and 6 to 3. As Wilson, runners-up in the Number 2 district, defeated Burlington in the Number 1 district, Rapids-Weldon met the Johnson county team in a five game series while Wilson met the Harnett county team. Wilson and Roanoke Rapids-Weldon lost in the semifinals, giving the Harnett boys and Smithfield of Johnson the right to meet two teams from the West for the final playoff.

On the Rapids-Weldon team were five boys from the Weldon high school, eight from the Roanoke Rapids schools, and one from the Gaston school. The boys from Weldon were Billy Rabil, "Bug" Edwards, Haines Gregory, outfielders; Jack Warmack and Dooley Taylor, infielders. From Roanoke Rapids were Dallas Wright, catch-

er; "Pig" Riggan, Chester Simms, and Henry Howell, infielders; James Acree, outfielder; Ford Buffalo, Alfred Hall, and Ed Boyd, pitchers. From Gaston school was Philip Burnett, pitcher.

Coach Hoyle, who directed the playing of the Rapids-Weldon team, says that he is well pleased with the showing the team made this year and contributes their success to the fine spirit of cooperation the boys showed, individually and collectively. He stated further that there was never any friction between the boys from the two different towns and that the members of the legion post were always at hand to lend whatever aid they could in any way possible.

As a nucleus for a legion team next year, there will be from this year's team; pitchers Boyd, Buffalo, and Hall; infielders Warmack, Riggan, and Taylor; outfielders Edwards and Gregory.

Coach Hoyle considers Warmack and Edwards the two most improved ball players on the club this year.

At Convention

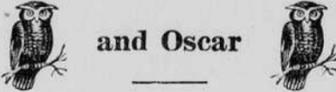
C. W. Davis, superintendent of schools in Roanoke Rapids, left early this week for Ridgecrest where he will attend a Superintendent's Convention. The convention began July 26 and will continue through July 29.

Mrs. R. F. Marks and daughter, Gwendolyn, from San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. Lynn Hirsch are spending this week with Mrs. M. C. Maddrey.

FLASH!

At exactly three minutes past 11:00 on Wednesday night, July 26, in the year of our Lord, nineteen-hundred-and-thirty-nine, in the year he crawled out on a limb—in that year on that night and at that time, Oscar fell off—

Out On A Limb With The Owls



and Oscar

Oscar almost fell off the limb Sunday afternoon—what with its shaking so when everybody kept jumping off. Ya know how it would spring as each one let go. But Oscar managed to hold on, even if people did look at him kinda queer-like.

The first thing Oscar would like to ease his readers' mind to is the condition of that little bit o' dynamite what roves the center garden (but he doesn't stop to pick the flowers) for the Owls and Oscar. Frank had an ex-ray made of his rolled on shoulder and the doctors, even, found it okay. He is just to carry it in a sling for a week or so—so long as he is in seeing distance of said doctors. The way he hit after he was injured Sunday caused some to make some rather unlikely remarks—about he should have been hurt long ago. Now was that a nice thing to parley?

And Mitchell was the same pitcher—the same one the boys slammed all over the lot in High Point for 12 runs in three innings last Wednesday night. Wee-l, it looks like the elements ain't with us. But I guess that outcome and Sunday's comeout was just a reminder that no one is invincible—not even Oscar. But watch the boys come back.

Never before in Sunday baseball (or Monday baseball for that matter) did Oscar see a triple swipe. George seemed a bit off balance on the play and had to right himself momentarily. Some argue that anyone would have been off balance if he had seen three men running around the bases like loose horses. And probably so. Oscar thinks that the boys have played some mighty fine ball to be criticized too harshly on just a

little mistake or two. Mac McLeod summed up the situation pretty well. He said that the boys thought they had it in the bag, after the start against the same pitcher in the previous rained-out game. Then Sunday they suddenly found, in the early stages of the game, that some joker had pulled the zipper. That threw a scare into them and they tightened up. And Oscar thinks that Mitchell tightened up too. One of the players dropped a hint in Oscar's ear—a hint that went out the other and then came in again about about the seventh. Said he, "Mitchell made a mistake the other night when he was throwing all those fast ones. I don't think he will make the same mistake again." Wee-l, what do you think?

Doc Moore, manager of the Luckies who wouldn't even give Oscar a pack of Luckies this time, said before the game that he hoped the Owls would limit the number of runs to eight so his team would not look too, too bad. And he also said that his two regular outfielders did not get here and he had to play two pitchers in their places. If Oscar were managing that club, he would make some permanent changes.

It develops that Jock Pettit, who goes under the name of Bottoms and whom the fans will remember on the McCrary Eagles team, was once the bat-jerker and fly-shagger on a team that Oscar used to play on. It's a small world after all.

Attend Dance

Attending the Jan Garber dance in Wilson Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Joe Dickens, Miss Virginia Wilson, Wade Myrick, Randall White, Ed Glover, Miss Miriam Smith, Jenks Knight, Miss Millicent Faison, Singleton Wolfe, Miss Lois Ewart, Monroe Starke, Miss Margaret Speight, Raine Wilson, Miss Lou Matthews, Tom Mullen.

Scot. Neck Club Win Camp Honor

The Scotland Neck Young Tar Heel Farmer Chapter tied for second place in their rating last week at White Lake, where one of the state Y.T.H.F. Camps is located. There were twenty-one chapters from thirteen counties over the state represented with 270 members attending.

The boys were impressed with the many improvements that have been made in the camp since last year. The camp has been moved to the lake front and consists of twenty cottages for boys, a large dining hall, and kitchen, a visitors cottage, a recreational hall, and a directors cottage.

The rating at camp was based on the following: (1) baseball; (2) softball; (3) volley ball; (4) horse shoe; (5) swimming; (6) stunts; (7) clean up in cottages; (8) number present at roll call; (9) per cent of members attending camp; and (10) conduct while at camp.

Those attending camp from Scotland Neck with E. K. Veach, agricultural teacher, were Spencer Allsbrook, Oscar Braxton, Edgar Braxton, Huett Braxton, Lawrence Harris, Wilmer Johnson, Herbert Johnson, Bennett Jones, Eddie Pendleton, Alvin Wilson, Claude Whitehead, Lloyd Winslow, Mrs. Veach and Kermit Veach.

The Scotland Neck Chapter made a remarkable record at camp and were commended by members of other chapters for their fine sportsmanship. These boys were especially enthusiastic in all the events entered and handled themselves as Young Tar Heel Farmers should, according to E. K. Veach, adviser.

Misses Virginia Lee Thorne and Elizabeth Beckwith have returned from a vacation spent at Camp Cheonda, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

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