

The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

W. Shakespeare once wrote a play in which a jerk from Denmark keeps asking, "To be or not to be." Willie didn't know it of course but this morning that is Wilmington's problem. We have a chance "To Be," with a Class B baseball club or "Not To Be" with a Class D circuit.

This corner has listened to several meetings, discussions and street corner conversations on the matter. It seems that baseball fans here are divided into two camps on the question, a large segment says that this city can't support the higher classification and that we belong in the Erwin and Whiteville class. Others say that Wilmington should take its position in this region's athletic circles as one of the North State's leading cities and knock heads with Asheville, Charlotte and Knoxville.

I'll break the oath of all sports writers to know everything about anything and say I don't know which will be better for the city. But I do know that the Tri-State is offering us a berth. It seems to be the type of league that is run by good business minds. Each city that is in the league so far is of the stable type that should be able to support baseball in good style.

I think, and I may be wrong, that the city will be making a mistake in passing up this chance to bring Class B ball here. If we fall in Class B operations we can always sponsor Class D the following year. Or if Wilmington proves to be a poor city for baseball—which would be against all precedents set here in the past—we might as well know it now so that we won't be making the same type mistake in years to come.

Money has to be raised in a hurry if we are to grab this chance and it can't be done in a casual way. The Junior Chamber of Commerce has been asked to help and I hope that it does. We will need a lot of leg work. A campaign not unlike that of a motion picture publicity campaign must be arranged—and in short order.

We need \$4,875 by Friday and we'll need a lot more than that by the time the season rolls around. There it is in nice figures. If we can't raise that sum by Friday midnight then we don't belong in Class B baseball or for that matter in baseball.

Dorothy Kirby Loses In Miami Women's Golf

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 30.—Teetering on the brink of defeat—two down with six holes to play—Miami's Mrs. George Wilcox made a gasp-provoking comeback to upset co-medalist Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta, Ga., 2 and 1, in a bitterly contested Helen Lee Doherty second round golf match today.

The tiny Miami Country club champion, scarcely taller than her woods, beat a good golfer who made few mistakes. But the Atlanta couldn't match Mrs. Wilcox's deadly pitching to the greens and accurate putting.

Defending champion Louise Suggs of Lithia Springs, Ga., disposed of Mrs. Nick Melnyk, of Brunswick, Ga., 4 and 3, after being held to a one-hole lead on the first nine.

Another second-round upset saw Mrs. Frank Fuller, Elgin, Ill., city titleholder, trim Marjorie Row of Windsor, Canada, one up. Mrs. Fuller dropped six putts ranging from 10 to 20 feet in length.

Mrs. Jane Crum Covington, Aberdeen, Md., golfer who shared medal honors with Miss Kirby, disposed of Mrs. Ruth May, New York city, 3 and 2.

Peggy Kirk of Findlay, Ohio, course record-holder after shooting a blistering 74 in a warm-up round Sunday, continued her way to the quarter-finals with a 3 and 2 triumph over Alice O'Neil, Rollins college entry.

Jean Hopkins, Cleveland's shot-maker, eliminated Miami's Mrs. Charles Harting, 2 and 1, in a nip and tuck contest.

Mrs. Marge Becker of Englewood, N. J., turned back Mrs. J. C. Benedum, of Shreveport, La., 2 and 1, and Beverly Hanson of Fargo, N. D., defeated Virginia Bartock of Chicago, by the same margin.

ANGSMAN WITH CARDS CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The Chicago Cardinals of the national football league have signed Elmer Ansgman, star right halfback at Notre Dame for the last three years, it was announced today.

PHIL'S STAR RELEASED PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Tommy Hughes, one of baseball's most promising pitchers, notified the Philadelphia Phillies today he has been discharged from the army.

ADD TACKLE CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Fred Hartman, former Rice Institute tackle and recently released from the navy after four year's service, has signed a 1946 contract to play with the Chicago Bears.

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Namar Premium BEER advertisement with image of a beer bottle and glass.

Tri-State Offers City League Spot; Demands Answer By Friday Midnight

Card Manager Waiting For Rookie Prospects

LEGAL FISTICUFFS WON'T STOP PUGS FROM FRIDAY BOUT

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—No one except Willie (The Beard) Gilzenberg was taking Willie's threat to pull welterweight champion Red Cochrane out of Friday night's title fight with Marty Servo very seriously today—and probably even Willie wasn't too serious about it, what with Red's purse figuring to be between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Willie, who manages Red, made the threat yesterday as a result of an action brought in New York supreme court by Bobby Quinn, sometime business manager for Frizite Zivic, to obtain 25 per cent of Red's earnings on a contract Red signed shortly before he won Zivic's title in July 1941.

If Red wins Friday night's tussle, he'll receive about \$30,000 or 37-1-2 per cent of the gate. If Red loses, Servo takes 60 per cent of the gate and gives Red a flat \$50,000 under a private agreement.

Willie wants promoter Mike Jacobs to put up Red's estimated end of the gate in advance under a mutually agreeable third party, so it can not be attached by law at the fight Friday. In fact, if Mike's agreeable, Willie is willing to be the "mutually" agreeable third party.

Willie was still muttering today that unless Mike did that, Red wouldn't fight. Mike just shrugged it off and said he hadn't contacted the beard about it yet and that he wasn't going to get excited about the whole rhubarb.

"All I know," he said, "is that that \$50,000 is a pretty good touch—and even \$30,000 ain't hay."

LEJEUNE MARINES DOWN P. I., 70-53

CAMP LEJEUNE, Jan. 30.—(Special To The Star)—Camp Lejeune jumped off to an early 16-2 lead over the fast Parris Island Marine quint during the first four minutes of the season by easily downing the spunky South Carolina Marines by the one-sided score of 70-53 in a game played on the Lejeune court Tuesday evening.

It was the fifth set-back of the season for the PI aggregation who went into the contest rated as the 10th best service quintet in the nation. Led by John Kelly and Rube Lieske, the winning Leathernecks rolled up a convincing half-time lead of 37-21.

At the third period the score was 51-37 then both clubs settled down to a nip and tuck battle for the last stanza.

Kelly led the scoring for the winners with 16 points, with Lieske and Carswell trailing with 12. Craig King was the Parris Island leader with 18 markers.

FITZ INJURED NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Freddie Fitzsimmons, former major league pitcher and manager and now business manager of the Brooklyn Football Dodgers, was injured today in a head-on automobile collision in Brooklyn. The 44-year-old athlete was taken to a Brooklyn hospital with fractured ribs and bruises. Police said the accident occurred when both cars skidded on wet trolley rails and the drivers lost control.

UNDER GALENTO MANAGEMENT Grigger Eyes Fight Career

By WILLIAM TUCKER United Press Sports Writer NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A real college fan but fearful that his campus connections may suffer if schoolboy Freddie Cochrane loses the welter title Friday night, Willie Gilzenberg has latched onto a Miami U. grid star as possible future heavyweight champ.

In this connection, the bluebeard of boxing managers (strictly from the hirsute angle) has enlisted the collaboration of Two-Ton Tony Galento, the original beer-barrel poker who has grown to great stature (sideways) as an Orange, N. J., tavern owner.

Gilzenberg and Galento exhibited their new white hope, 195 pound Eddie Cameron, at the Seton Hall college clam bake for Cochrane preparatory to the latter's first defense of his title against Marty Servo Friday.

While about 1,000 of Cochrane's Seton Hall classmates cheered his exhibition workout in the school's big gym, the two "G-men" introduced Cameron around.

The big red-haired guy was a terrific guard on the University of Miami's football team that edged

\$4,875 Needed For Class "B" Baseball Team

Invitation Comes After Piedmont Directors Vote Six Club Circuit, Closing Only Other Class B Diamond Franchise

By EDWARD SACHS Star Sports Editor

Wilmington was given its last chance for Class B baseball in 1946 last night when C. M. Llewellyn, Tri-State president, offered this city a franchise in the league.

The move climaxed a day of baseball developments which saw the Piedmont league close the door in Charlotte and Wilmington's collective faces, Charlotte make direct application for membership in the Tri-State, and the question of Class B baseball for Wilmington reach a point where a direct reply from this city is needed to insure baseball operations in the coming season.

The Tri-State's proposal was broached in a telegram to J. E. L. Wade, chairman of Wilmington's citizen's baseball committee. It was signed by the president of the Tri-State league, C. M. Llewellyn of Concord and read as follows: "Tri-State league will operate this year. Charlotte

will be in league Nov. 6. Spot now open. Will definitely give it to Wilmington if proper assurance is given before midnight Friday by you."

In other words, the city will have to raise before Friday midnight, the money needed to pay the initial costs of operating a baseball team in a class B league. . . . \$6,575, of which \$1,700 has been raised by baseball fans in the community through the sale of stock certificates in the proposed club.

The figure \$6,575 includes a bond of \$5,000 to insure this city's good faith in the venture and \$1,500 bond with the president of the National Minor league association, Judge W. G. Bramham. An added \$75 is paid outright to the league to guarantee a league's city priority on baseball operations in its trade area.

Present plans for the Tri-State league call for a six-team unit composed of Asheville, Knoxville, Tenn., Spartanburg, S. C., Anderson, S. C., Charlotte and Wilmington. Llewellyn however, informed the Star last night that Gastonia and Greenwood, S. C. have both made tentative moves to join the circuit and it may be increased to eight clubs at the league meeting in Charlotte, Feb. 6.

Charlotte made its move after the Piedmont league in meeting at Portsmouth, Va., again voted to keep its 1946 circuit an All-Virginia affair.

The Hornets were given the status of a suspended club during the 1946, acting president Frank Lawrence of Charlotte said with the privilege of playing in any other league it desires.

Meanwhile, Charlotte made its application to the Tri-State league. The Piedmont league may consider Wilmington for 1947, it indicated by leaving the door open to the Charlotte franchise, owned by the Washington Senators.

An Associated Press story said, "Piedmont officials will attempt to get another club to go along with Charlotte in 1947, making way for the expansion of the loop from a six-team to eight team circuit."

Present Piedmont league franchise owners are Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Richmond, Roanoke and Lynchburg.

Last night's developments came on the heels of an action by the Citizen's committee Tuesday evening in the form of a motion by William McIntyre requesting the Junior Chamber of Commerce to assist in the raising in funds to bring professional baseball to Wilmington. The JayCees will in turn, consider the motion at the next meeting of the board of directors of the group.

In a telephone conversation with Llewellyn, last night the Star learned that the league will probably vote to allow home teams to keep their gate proceeds rather than work on a split basis with the visiting team. (J.E.L. Wade has estimated that, to make Class B baseball in Wilmington pay, the local club will have to average 1,500 paid attendance each night of its season.)

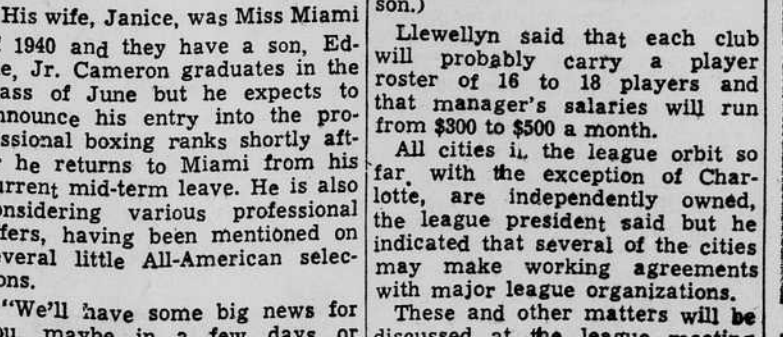
Llewellyn said that, each club will probably carry a player roster of 16 to 18 players and that managers' salaries will run from \$300 to \$500 a month.

All cities in the league orbit so far, with the exception of Charlotte, are independently owned, the league president said but he indicated that several of the cities may make working agreements with major league organizations.

These and other matters will be discussed at the league meeting Wednesday in Charlotte.

SOX SIGN 20 BOSTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox files contained 20 signed 1946 player contracts today with the receipt of those from infielders Eddie Pellagrini and Ben Steiner and outfielder Johnny Lazor.

Rocky Mount Ace



Currently starting on the N. C. State basketball team, Howard Turner of Rocky Mount also has a great football future. The former Eastern conference standout was picked on most All-Southern grid teams last season.

CHURCH SQUAD BEATS JAYVEES A scheduled double-header featuring New Hanover High school basketball teams was cancelled last night when a team of former High school stars from Morehead City were unable to appear because of transportation difficulties.

BASKETBALL SCORES Wright Field 65, N. C. State 43. Furman 49, Davidson 46. . . .

Red Terrors Toppled By Service Five, 65-43

Wright Field Rebounds From Duke Defeat With Brilliant Exhibition

RALEIGH, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Leading all the way, Wright Field's Kitty Hawks took the measure of N. C. State here tonight, winning 65-43 and staging a brilliant exhibition of passing and shooting.

The Hawks were paced by Bruce Hale, a former All-American from Santa Clara, who rang up 20 points. Dwight Eddleman, an Illinois boy, was right behind him with 19. Howard Turner paced Leroy Jay's Red Terrors with 12 points.

The visitors scored a field goal on the opening tipoff and piled up an 8-0 lead in the first two minutes. They were ahead at the half, 33-12.

John Mahken, lanky center for the Hawks, was one of the stars of the game, using his six feet eight inches to good advantage in taking the rebounds. In the closing minutes of the game, however, he got tangled up under the basket with one of State's players and in the collision lost four teeth.

Columbus Travelers Play Cerro Gordo

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 30.—(Special to the Star)—The Columbus Travelers will meet the Cerro Gordo All-Stars at Cerro Gordo in a return match Monday night.

The Travelers, an independent team composed of former High school players of the Whiteville area defeated the All-Stars last week 19-12 at Cerro Gordo.

"Haunty" Taylor paced the Travelers with eight points, followed by Williams and Smith with four each. Green and Hooks turned in impressive floor games for the victors. Keller with six points was high-man for Cerro Gordo.

The Travelers would like to schedule games with teams within a 50 mile radius of Whiteville. Interested teams are asked to contact Jiggs Powers in Whiteville.

Whiteville Cagers Play Clinton High

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 30.—(Special to the Star)—Whiteville High school's basketball teams will meet the formidable cage squads of Clinton High school in the Whiteville gymnasium, Friday evening.

The Whiteville girls, boast an impressive record winning all but one of their 10 games. In a thriller the females were toppled by Lumberton 33 to 25. Two of the Whiteville girls' stars, "Lefty" Mooney and Peggy Inman are rated with the best players produced in this section.

The Whiteville boys have been handicapped this season by lack of material but may upset a favored Clinton team. First game will start at 7.

BILLY TALBERT WINS MATCH IN MIAMI TOURNEY

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Billy Talbert of Wilmington, Del., second ranking U. S. tennis player, swept into the quarter-final round of the University of Miami tennis championships today with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Tom Burke, National Intercollegiate doubles champion.

DAVIDSON CAGERS LOSE TO FURMAN FOR SECOND TIME

DAVIDSON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—For the second successive night Furman overcame a first half Davidson lead to gain a nip and tuck Southern Conference basketball victory, 49-46 here tonight.

The South Carolinians trailed throughout the first half which ended with Davidson ahead, 2-20. The winners shot out front at the start of the final half and except for a few moments were on top thereafter, although by never more than four points.

Center Ernie Chambers and forward Effie Evingston each had 14 points to pace Furman, while George Peters topped Davidson with 13.

The victory gave Furman a 3-1 edge over Davidson for the season's play, the boys from the Palmetto State having pulled out a 38-36 thriller here last night.

CITY RIFLE CLUB MEMBERS HONORED

Six members of the Cape Fear Rifle club were awarded special emblems at the club meeting last night by the National Rifle Association for "Special War Service."

The awards were issued to Russell A. Plymuele, C. R. McCrary, Walter C. Straghan, Edgar Williams, Jack Liles, and Edmund Laurin, coach of the organization.

The emblems were given for the pre-induction training program sponsored by the War department with the aid of the nation's rifle organizations.

The club met last night so that their rifle range would be available for a "March of Dimes" event tonight.

Hall Paces Foresters Over Sunset Park Cats

Lake Forest Boy's team won another victory yesterday as they tamed the Sunset Park Wildcats, 12 to 2. Bobby Hall, Forester forward paced the winners with eight points.

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