

The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

Baseball Leftovers

Costs of operating a Class B baseball club were never explained in their correct proportions to local fans this corner learned at the Tri-State meeting . . . For instance the local group was never told that they could have sold their concessions to a concern for \$3,500 and 50 per cent of the profits . . . That most of the clubs use second-hand buses with the driver getting \$25 a week . . . That by selling signs on the ball park walls, the club could have made \$150 to \$350 at a crack . . . All the above figures were given to us by Phil Howser, business manager of the Charlotte Hornets . . . Phil also told me that the Charlotte club planned an average attendance of 700 to 1,000 a night . . . He gave me the entire scale of operations in the league, scaled to cost for a city of Wilmington's population class . . . Space doesn't permit their being printed but it makes good material to keep around . . .

The press reports from the conference in some cases contained an error which has not appeared in any Wilmington paper but to keep the record straight here is what happened. When the league moved to give the sixth franchise to Shelby by offering to Wilmington to come into the league if an eighth club could be found, Jay Jenkins, News reporter, did not make any offer. Yet some papers carried the account that Jenkins offered to join the league as a seventh club. By the way, any league hopes that they could locate in Rock Hill are soap bubbles. That city is not interested in Class B baseball.

The announcement by C. M. Llewellyn that he had told J. E. L. Wade that he would be glad to come to Wilmington to speak before the Citizens' committee surprised this corner. But not as much as his further statement "I didn't get the invitation, however, and my time is too valuable to waste traveling around to no purpose."

Shelby's delegation was well fortified with pamphlets from their Chamber of Commerce, and their C. of C. secretary took the time to attend the meeting . . . Still, Shelby was very surprised to find itself the sixth member of the league . . . And to our jaundiced eye they really didn't expect it . . .

Jay Jenkins, News reporter, gave this corner a few scares on the trip. First, Jay announced that he had a bad cold and felt "awful." Then, he said he was losing his voice. After several cups of hot coffee, he looked a little better but in my private opinion, he was a sickly green color. I watched him for an hour, then told Jay that he was beginning to look like an Irishman on St. Patrick's day. He pointed to a green neon light just over our heads and that probably had something to do with it. After the meeting, I fell asleep only to be dragged to my feet by Jay at a rest stop. He informed me that we were in some town in South Carolina and to my geography that didn't sound right but he took out a map and showed that it was possible, if not probable. Seriously, Jay's presentation was one of the best that I have heard since baseball conversations began several months ago.

Several of the newsmen covering the conference asked this corner about the NCHSAA action on the New Hanover High school basketball situation . . . I gave them the background on the situation and all agreed that the NCHSAA had pulled what looked like a fast one on the local cagers . . .

As members of the Citizens committee will know, this corner has backed Class B baseball ever since the Piedmont league disbanded . . . Yet, by the time you see this, Wilmington may well be in the Class D Tobacco State league . . . What I still hold that Class B baseball was possible for Wilmington, this corner assures the Class D club and league that the Star will attempt to give its operations the best coverage possible . . .

Durham Here Tonight Despite Decision

CATS PLAY GAME, HOPING NCHSAA CHANGES RULING

Junior Varsity In Preliminary Contest With Lejeune High Cagers

By GENE WARREN
Star Sports Writer

Coach Leon Brogden announced yesterday evening that his Wildcats, whose conference status still hangs in the balance, would play Durham High in the regularly scheduled game tonight at 8:00 on the NNHS floor.

Wilmington basketball fans were as much in doubt as the players as to whether they would battle the Bulldogs in the return fracas or not, but Brogden said yesterday evening "the game will be played."

The Hanoverian club did not practice Wednesday because of the rumored disbandment, but worked out last night for the Durham tilt, which every cager will be playing his hardest to win.

Coach Paul Sykes, who initiated the protest against Wilmington, brings his Bulldogs to town ready to meet a revengeful pack of 'Cats. The Durham team holds second place at present in the standings with a record of five wins and one defeat. Wilmington still hovers over the other quints with a six and one average.

Brogden expects to put his regular starting team on the floor tonight, including the much-talked-about Johnny McKoy. McKoy, holder of a 13 point per game percentage, is slated to begin at the pivot position from where he tossed in five difficult side shots at Durham.

The remainder of the first line-up consists of Billy Lee, a 12 point a game man, at forwards with Luke Collier, and W. A. Brown and Toddy Fennell at guards.

Collier, Fennell, and Brown played one of their poorest games of the season at Durham, but may get hot tonight and make up for their off day at Durham. Brown only played one-fourth of the game, replaced by Charlie Smith, who will probably see plenty of action tonight.

Other reserves are Don Hyatt, 'Hackshaw' Tuttle, Johnny Crowley and LeRoy Towles. Brogden's brigade lost the Durham tilt from the free throw line as they made only two out of nine shots. The Bulldogs were much more accurate, tossing in 13 out of 19.

Frank Penny, high scorer at Durham with 16 points, proved deadly on free throws, but his teammate, Whit Cobb, set up the Durham scoring plays and also angled in many difficult shots from on the sides of the court. R. L. McDonald, the other man in the Bulldog scoring trio, hooked in six points by clever ball playing and also controlled a large percentage of the rebounds. McDonald is slated to handle a forward post opposite King, while Bill Stokes moves from the pivot spot.

The Junior Varsity plays a preliminary tussle at 6:45 with Camp Lejeune High school, whom they lost to earlier, 28 to 22. Coach Wallace West's talented youngsters, who have lost as many games as they have won, are out to get into the victory column tonight and stay. The Jayvees took a narrow triumph from Temple Baptist, 33 to 28, Wednesday.

West's starting five, which has been different almost every game this season, may have Homer Ellis and Joe Warren at guards, Jerry Hilburn and Mike Austin at forwards, and Clarence Hilburn at center. This quint represents possibly the top five that could be placed on the floor, but capable reserves are guards, Gregg and 'Shorty' Stephens, forwards—Lloyd Parker and Elwood Penny, and center—Linwood Taylor. Other replacements are Pat Kelly, Jimmy West, and Paul Maulstby. A packed house is expected out for both games as the NNHS gymnasium has had its face lifted and will be in top shape.

JACK MEETS GRECO IN GOTHAM TUSSLE

BY SID FEEDER

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The biggest little fight in Madison Square Garden history comes off tonight, with Beau Jack taking on Johnny Greco for ten rounds and a probable non-title shot at welterweight champion Mario SerVo this spring.

The bookmakers have made the Bouncing Beau a 5 to 13 shot to raise lumps on the hard-hitting Montreal Mauler, who has been such an up-and-down performer here of late that the boys have taken to calling him "the elevator."

But as usual, the gambling guys' price appears to be as out of line as a sedan that has been too friendly with a freight locomotive. If Johnny is having one of his "up" nights he can give the Jumping Jack a rough evening.

This corner likes Jack to come on and take the decision. Promoter Mike Jacobs' ticket men say the strong boxes will be bulging with more than \$150,000 by the time the two go to the post at

New Hanover Group Continues Protest

By EDWARD SACHS
Star Sports Editor

The North Carolina High School Athletic association which is evidently attempting to keep their executive committee actions a deep dark secret from John Q. Public, were requested yesterday by a trio of New Hanover High school officials to come out in the open and allow the press to chronicle their actions in the Johnnie McKoy eligibility case.

The trio, T. T. Hamilton, principal; H. M. Roland, superintendent; and Leon Brogden, coach, last night informed C. E. McIntosh, secretary of the NCHSAA that the New Hanover authorities wanted a re-hearing on the case which would be open to . . . the press and any citizen desiring to attend."

The trio also wanted the attendance of C. E. Cooke of Durham. The principal of the Durham High school did not attend the Tuesday meeting although he was the protesting official. The local group also wanted the presiding officer Claude R. Joyner changed to one who will act . . . in an impartial manner."

In a telephone conversation with C. E. McIntosh, the secretary of the NCHSAA, Hamilton was informed yesterday, in an unofficial way, that he thought it would be . . . constitutionally impossible to comply with those requests."

His conversation was unofficial because at the time, McIntosh had not received the New Hanover answer to his earlier telegram in which he told the New Hanover group that the committee would meet in a secret meeting although he " . . . doubted that the whole committee can reverse its eligibility committee."

The doubtful McIntosh is the same official who gave Coach Brogden permission over the telephone preceding the Raleigh basketball game to play McKoy.

The fact that the committee when it banned the New Hanover cagers from further conference play reversed McIntosh was emphasized by the New Hanover protesters.

In their communication to the Chapel Hill association offices the local group wrote:

"Would need to know that athletic committee can reverse decision of eligibility in keeping with committee's custom of reversing other decisions, such as, for example as reversing the ruling of the authorized secretary who approved the player by telephone, card, and letter, with all facts before him including the technical point now in question. The ruling was reversed by a committee of three and not the required five that you stated in telegram was required by the constitution. Also last summer a small group reversed the policy of the general meeting and deprived returning veterans of the right to play football.

Roland stated that the hearing Tuesday was not conducted in a dignified or orderly fashion, and that C. R. Joyner, chairman of the executive committee of NCHSAA, "constantly heckled both Brogden and McIntosh in a sarcastic fashion."

Hamilton stressed that the executive group is composed of a membership distinctly Piedmontian in make-up, with only one member, J. A. Holmes, Edenton, from a section east of Raleigh.

Quinton Holton, Durham, is vice chairman of the group which beside Joyner, who is from Winston-Salem and McIntosh, Chapel Hill, is composed of H. M. Kyser, Hamlet; Curtis Crissman, Pittsboro; J. A. Gerow, Burlington; L. Perry, Reidsville; T. H. Cash, Sr., Winston-Salem; Lee Stone, Raleigh, and T. H. Cash, Jr., Winston-Salem.

In 1938, the British spent \$15,000,000 for aeronautical research, lowest budget in Europe; the same year the United States spent \$1,442,000.

10 p. m. Mike figures he'll have just under 19,000 customers.

Only twice before in Garden history has a fight gate gone over the \$150,000 mark, and both of these were produced by heavyweights. Back in 1927, Jack Delaney and Jim Maloney played to a \$201,613 house. In 1942, Joe Louis drew a gate of \$189,700.55 to belt out Buddy Baer the night before he enlisted in the army.

For Jack, the comparatively big money affairs have become old stuff. In fact, the garden's existing high for little men—\$132,823—was hit by boxing's latest golden boy and the late Al (Bummy) Davis, back in March, 1944.

This fight is the ex-Georgia shoe-shine boy's third trip to the post since he and Uncle Sam's army were separated a few months ago. He outscrumbled Willie Joyce in the first and, last month, flattened Morris Reif in a quick evening's work.

Bluethenthal Range Given To Local Club

WILMINGTON IN CLASS D LEAGUE

The Wilmington Rifle and Pistol club, oldest gun organization in the state, was given the rifle range facilities of Bluethenthal airport by George W. Trask, owner of the land on which the range was built, Edward F. Carroll, club president, informed the Star last night.

The gift gives the local club one of the finest outdoor ranges in the country. On a tract of land comprising 43 acres, the range has 10 firing points and three lines at 100, 200, and 300 yards permitting firing of almost any caliber gun. In addition, the army had built target pits "especially adapted to the terrain," Carroll said.

The announcement of the gift came after several weeks waiting by the local group, which will meet tonight at the Tidewater Light and Power building. The war department's civilian marksmanship division had turned the land back to Mr. Trask as part of its "reconversion program." He in turn gave the land to the club.

However, the club is to acquire more land near the range and has appointed Charles F. Jones as chairman of a special committee to contact the owners of the wanted acres in hopes of persuading them to sell.

The range gave the club impetus in its plans to attract a membership of between 75 and 100 members this season. The meeting tonight is open to all gun club members and Carroll said that plans for the coming year would be discussed.

All gun enthusiasts of this vicinity are invited to attend the meeting, Carroll said last night.

While plans are still in the tentative stages, it is planned by the club to schedule rifle matches with leading teams of North Carolina on the range this summer.

The matches and other plans of an extended program this summer will be discussed this evening. One other project which may come before the meeting is the purchase by club members of the 1918 Enfield rifles which the army has placed on sale recently at a reduced price. A 30 caliber piece, the Enfield will be remembered by veterans of the first world war for it was used by the army as its drill rifle along with the 1918 Springfield.

UNSETTLED SEASON FACES SNAVELYMEN

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 7.—The average fan may think the end of the war took the uncertainty out of college football for 1946, but not Carl Snavely, canny head coach at the University of North Carolina.

"I have never begun a winter practice for a more uncertain season," says the "Gray Fox," who came back to the Hill from Cornell last year.

"We don't know who is coming back," he explained, "when they are coming back, or what condition the veterans are going to be when they do get back."

"We are losing a number of the 18-year-olds to the draft whom we had been counting on," the Carolina headman continued.

Thus, of the 31 players who had won monograms with the Blue and White last fall, only eight "GI's" and 17-year-olds are expected to be around next September, and only three of these could be ranked as 1945 regulars.

These are Ted Hazelwood, star tackle; Ed Golding, guard, and Bob Warren, triple-threat tailback. The other five squadmen who form the slender veteran nucleus for the next season are Jim Camp, Bill Flamish, and Bob Kennedy, backs; Dan Stiegman, center and Mike Rubish, end.

The losses, of course, will have to be replaced by freshman 17-year-olds and returning "GI's," but the number of players back from the service so far is just a trickle here.

In fact, about the only ones of promise who are out for the off-season drills to date are Walt Pupa, promising reserve tailback from 1942, and three linemen, Haywood Fowle, Mab Spurlin, and Bill Cameron, who played freshman ball with Army's Doc Blanchard here the same year.

It is a fact that Carolina has enough ex-stars scattered around army and navy bases and ships in Europe and Pacific to make a potentially fine team, on paper at least, but as Snavely points out, there's no way of telling who'll be back, or when, or in what shape.

What the answer is only the draft and discharge officials can tell, but no matter what the outcome, all the signs are for another interesting if uncertain season in which the Snavelymen will be in there battling all the way.

GOOD PROGRESS

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(P)—Prime Minister Attlee said tonight he thought the United Nations had made "good progress" and expressed warm approval of the public airing of conflicts in the assembly and security council.

Cape Fear Rifle Club Has Extensive Program

By W. C. STRAUGHAN
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Cape Fear Rifle Club

(This morning's sport page carries two stories of interest to rifle fans. Under the press of football, basketball, and baseball, too often so-called minor sports are neglected. If you are a member of an athletic group along the lines of a rifle club, swimming group, or badminton organization, the Star throws its sport page open to you to chronicle the plans of your organization. Edward Sachs, Star Sports Editor.)

At the outbreak of the late war, the War department asked the National Rifle association to request all their member clubs to begin a program of pre-induction rifle training for young men of draft age. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Edmund McLaurin, a local rifleman of some note, assisted by Edgar Williams, organized the Lake Forest Rifle club. This club co-operated fully with the War department in this training program, training a number of local men and contributing several of its own members to the armed services, one of whom, Paul Pittman, lost his life.

When the membership of the club became too large to allow proper instruction, Mr. McLaurin organized a second club, the Cape Fear Rifle club, with a nucleus of well trained riflemen from the first club, and acted as coach for both clubs. Ammunition for both clubs was supplied at cost by the War department, all through the war, so important did it consider the work of these groups in the war effort.

In recognition of services rendered in the war effort, the coach and five present and former members of the two clubs were recently presented with attractive emblems by the National Rifle association, inscribed "Awarded For Special War Service." These emblems will always be treasured, and proudly worn, by all those who received them.

When the Lake Forest Rifle club lost the majority of its members near the close of the war, due to lay-offs at the ship yard, this club was disbanded and the remaining members transferred to the Cape Fear Rifle club.

It is the intention of the Cape Fear Rifle club to continue to operate as a permanent addition to the shooting activities of Wilmington, and to expand its activities as rapidly as proper facilities can be secured. Included in their plans are the formation of a pistol team and a Junior Rifle club, where the youth of the community can receive proper training in the safe handling of firearms.

The Cape Fear Rifle has started a campaign to secure adequate, modern, range facilities for the

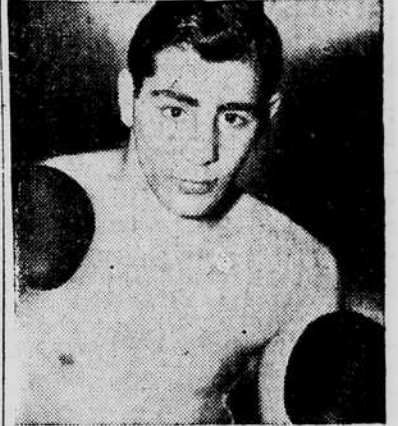
rifle clubs of Wilmington, to be located in the proposed new recreation center or auditorium. Full support has been offered by the National Rifle association for this plan by agreeing to provide complete plans and specifications free of charge to the architects, for their guidance in laying out a range that will be a credit to Wilmington.

Ed Carroll, president of the Wilmington Rifle and Pistol club, is co-operating fully in this effort.

Full and sympathetic consideration of this plan has been promised by City officials, who realize the importance to the community of strong, active rifle and pistol clubs in peacetime as well as in war. Let us hope that ways and means can be found soon to provide these necessary range facilities for the rifle clubs of the City. This is the only way by which the local rifle clubs can expand their activities and thereby become of greater service to the community and the nation.

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Beau Jack Fight On WMFD Tonight



Beau Jack, Georgia's ball of fire whose spectacular fighting style has made him the greatest attraction in Madison Square Garden history, returns to the Showplace of Sock to tonight. He faces Canada's rip-roaring puncher, Johnny Greco (above).

The Beau, after 18 months in the Army, resumed his fistic campaigning by out-pointing Willie Joyce last December in a spine-tingling scrap. Three weeks later he knocked aed Morris Reif into slumberland.

Joltin' John is one of the world's high-ranking 147-pounders. Though he doesn't punch as often or as fast as Beau Jack, he hits with considerably more power. He has floored most of his opponents—many of them for the full count. Two months ago he severely trounced Tony Janiro.

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TRAVELERS WIN TWO CAGE TILTS

BY JIGGS POWERS

WHITEVILLE, Feb. 8.—(Special to the Star)—The Columbus Travelers basketball team continued their winning ways by collecting a brace of victories over the week-end: the first from Williams High School by a count of 31-17; and the other when they pinned a second straight licking on the Cerro Gordo All-Stars to the tune of 34-13.

I. L. Green, the Travelers southpaw forward, finally found his range against Williams, when he led the team in scoring with 40 points. All of his scores were of the field goal variety. He was followed by Taylor with six tallies. Cole Jacobs was the leading light for Williams' quintet as he

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