

The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

Oh, Mr. Carpenter!

(News item. Edith Haughton has been hired by the Philadelphia Phils as a scout.)

Bob Carpenter, president of the Phils is sitting behind his desk smoking a cigar—a Philly of course. Enter Miss Haughton.

"Hi, there boss." "Hello Haughton. What's the dope on Oblonski, that outfielder San Diego wants 50 G's for?"

Miss Haughton takes out her notebook. "Olds, O'Brien, O'Keefe, ah, here he is, Oblonski. I wouldn't buy him, Mr. Carpenter. He can't rumba, uses the Blackwood convention in bridge and brother, is he a wolf..."

Short silence. "I mean, what kind of a baseball player is he?"

Long silence. "Oh, baseball. Well, I suppose he would be all right for baseball if you like men who part their hair in the middle. Gracious, his legs are so thin. Why, in those awful knickerbockers they make baseball players wear he looks..."

Carpenter gets up and walks around the room. It is apparent that he is laboring under a strong emotion. "Er, Miss Haughton, what about the shortstop in Atlanta. I understand Mack has dropped him and that we can pick him up for a couple of grand. Of course, I have heard that he can't touch a curve with a snow shoe, what is the dope on the Atlanta situation?"

Miss Haughton sits in reflective silence. "Atlanta, that's the town where they didn't have any Ladies' Home Journals. Oh, you mean Atlanta. Wait till I tell you about Atlanta and that shortstop. I had the biggest thrill of my life in Atlanta."

"Yes, yes," said Carpenter, in his excitement releasing two outfielders to Toledo. "What happened in Atlanta?"

"I was sitting in the park wearing that blue hat of mine and I think my new coat... well anyway, it was the ninth inning, the bases were loaded, the Atlanta team was behind three to nothing, and this shortstop came up to bat."

"Tight spot, what?" remarked Carpenter chewing on the corner of a Sporting News.

"I should say, Mr. Carpenter. Well, the pitcher and the catcher, he was a horrid little man with the most nasty habit of spitting tobacco juice on that nice green lawn, had a big talk and I knew they were going to throw that awful curve ball to the shortstop."

"The dogs," said Carpenter. "Not an ounce of sporting blood in the whole lot."

"That is just what I was thinking, Mr. Carpenter. That old pitcher threw and the shortstop swung. Everybody jumped up and started yelling..."

"Don't go on, Miss Haughton. I knew Mack was wrong. Wait until I see Branch Rickey and tell him about my new shortstop. Why I can see the papers now. Old Fox Carpenter pulls another deal. They all laughed when I signed you as a scout but now they'll respect the name of Carpenter."

"Oh, Mr. Carpenter, you didn't let me finish. The shortstop struck out, but as I got up to see what everyone was yelling about, guess who was sitting behind me. VAN JOHNSON. When I found out that dream-boy had been sitting behind me for an hour and I was watching a bunch of baseball players, you could have knocked... Why, Mr. Carpenter, why are you looking at me that way?"

North Carolina Beats Duke Five, 54-44

BONES M'KINNEY'S 21 POINTS PACES WINNING QUINTET

Win Gives Chapel Hill Cagers First Seeded Place In Conference Tourney

DURHAM, Feb. 16.—(P)—The University of North Carolina White Phantoms blew hot in the last minute of the first half to take a lead they never relinquished in rolling to a 54-44 victory over Duke's Blue Devils before a sellout crowd of 8,000 spectators in the Duke gymnasium here tonight.

The triumph broke a first place deadlock between the two arch rivals for the Southern Conference leadership, gave the Phantoms sweet revenge for a 51-46 upset suffered at the hands of Duke on Jan. 9, and assured the Chapel Hillians of the top-seeded position in the annual conference tournament starting at Raleigh on Feb. 28.

Horace (Old Bones) McKinney, field general of the Tar Heels, was the outstanding man on the floor as he sparked the White Phantoms to their 16th consecutive victory of the season and their 13th in 14 conference outings.

The lineups:

U. N. C.	G	F	T	P
Paxton, f	1	2	4	
Dillon, f	5	1	11	
McKinney, c	9	3	2	
Jordan, g	2	4	8	
Anderson, g	0	0	0	
White, g	3	2	8	
Thorne, g	1	0	2	
Totals	21	12	54	

Duke	G	F	T	P
Seward, f	2	4	8	
Cheek, f	1	1	3	
Kousson, f	1	1	3	
Koffenberger, c	7	2	16	
Corrington, c	0	0	0	
Gordon, g	1	0	2	
Robinson, g	0	1	1	
Whiting, g	4	3	11	
Totals	16	12	44	

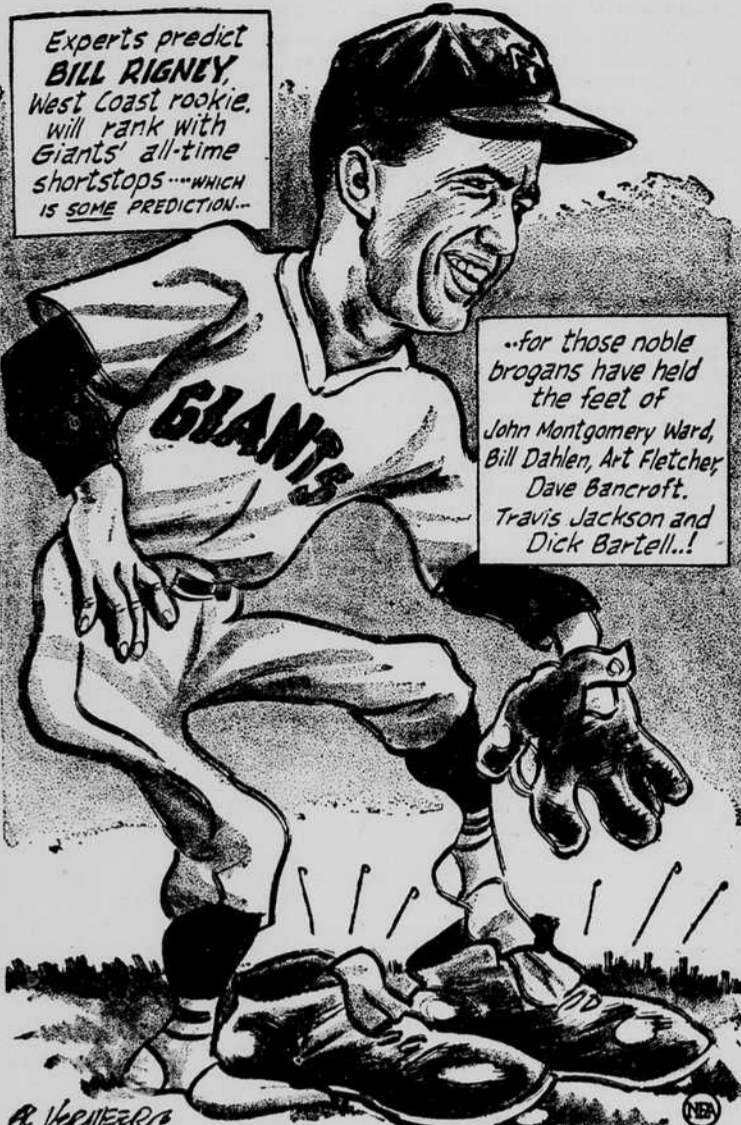
TERRORS DEFEAT DAVIDSON, 49-42

RALEIGH, Feb. 16.—(P)—State College's inspired Red Terrors boosted their chances of landing a berth in the Southern Conference tournament by defeating a gallant Davidson quintet, 49-42, before 2,500 fans here tonight. It was State's second victory over the Wildcats during the current season.

Thus, Leroy Jay's team, battling from behind, closed the Terrors' 17-game schedule with a record of five wins and six losses in conference competition.

The hard-fought contest changed lead six times, and the count was knotted five times in the second half. The score was tied 24 all at halftime.

Man-Sized Feat



Lack Of Pitching Aces, Dodgers' Biggest Worry

STIRNWEISS WANTS RAISE FROM YANKS

(Compiled From The Wires of AP and UP)

George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss, American league batting champion and leading basestealer of last year, and a former athletic great at the University of North Carolina told the AP last night that he felt he was entitled to a "substantial pay increase" from the New York Yankees. Working out in New York, Snuffy said that he sent back his contract unsigned two weeks ago and hadn't heard from the Yanks since. "Jim Tobin, 33-year-old flutterball pitcher was released by the Detroit Tigers last night to the Dallas club with the provision that he remain free to make a deal for himself with another major league club."

Bill Voisell, native of Ninety-Six, S. C., reported to the New York Giants' camp at Miami. Pitchers and catchers of the Chicago Cubs report to the club's Catalina Island base on Wednesday. Reporting for drills will be Catchers Clyde McCullough, Mickey Livingstone, Paul Gillespie, and Dewey Williams. And Pitchers Paul Erickson, Russ Meers, Hank Borowy, Don Dunker, Johnny Schmitz, Bill Flemming, Hy Vandenberg, Hi Bithorn, Bob Chipman, Emil Kush, Dale Anderson, Ed Tanzewski, and Russ Meyer. Pitcher Alie Reynolds last night accepted terms from the Cleveland Indians.

The Browns open training Wednesday. Reporting for first drills will be Pitchers Al Milner, Bob Doyle, John Pavlick, Stan Ferens, Cliff Fanning and Sam Zoldak. Outfielders Al White, Glenn McQuillen, Joe Grace, Bernard Lutz and Chet Laabs; Infielder George Archie and Catchers Frank Mancuso, Babe Martin, Joe Schultz, and Les McGarity.

By JACK HAND

SANFORD, Fla., Feb. 16.—(P)—Brooklyn doesn't have a single ace pitcher on its staff in the opinion of President Branch Rickey who figures a club needs five good starters to be a pennant winning team.

"We are knee deep in outfielders but pitching is my big headache," big Branch admitted over the objections of Branch Jr. (the twig) who runs the Brooks' farm system.

"A championship club has to have five good starters and we just don't have them," Rickey stated flatly. "We have several fellows here who will make it some day, a few even this year, but we don't have the big ones. Even Hal Gregg (18-13) and Ralph Branca (5-6) perhaps would be better off with a year in Montreal."

At latest reports neither Gregg nor Branca had signed their contracts.

"Do I think we will get help from the Cardinals?" Rickey mirrored a question. "Frankly, no. The teams that finished below us will get first crack at them. Certainly have some wonderful pictures I'd love to see out here in a Brooklyn uniform."

If he is pessimistic about the pitching situation, Rickey is equally enthusiastic about the catching prospects in his conditioning school.

"Never in my experience, and that goes for the Cardinals too, have I seen so much promising catching material in one organization. Both in quantity and quality," Rickey raved.

"Right now I'd say Homer Dixie Howell, who played last with Montreal, is out in front of the others. Then there's Cliff Dapper and Don Padgett, if he can get some of that weight off. But the young boys that you never heard of are the real prizes. They are a year or two (Continued on Page 11; Col. 8)

N. C. STATE GRADS TO HEAR FEATHERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Football Coach Will Be Featured Speaker At Alumni Meeting

Beattie Feathers, former Chicago Bear and Tennessee grid great, and head football coach at N. C. State college will be the featured speaker at the Wednesday evening meeting of the New Hanover County State College Alumni association, R. A. Ashworth, Jr., president of the local group announced last night.

In 1934, Feathers set a National league record for ground gaining when he paced off 1,004 yards for an average of 8.5 yards per try in 117 attempts.

A breakdown of the record which has stood for 12 years of tough professional play shows that the hard-running Feathers in 11 games averaged 16.2 yards against Cincinnati; 12.5 against Pittsburgh, 10.3 against New York and 14 against the Cardinals.

Since taking up the duties of football coach at N. C. State, Feathers has been named to the coaching staff of the East squad for its annual Shrine Bowl game against the West team in San Francisco on New Year's Day.

In addition to alumni of the Raleigh school, leading New Hanover county high school athletes and coaches have been invited to the dinner meeting which will be held at the American Legion Home 100 South Third street.

Also slated for the meeting is an election of officers for the coming year. A nomination committee of T. J. Hewitt, Thomas B. Lilly, and A. E. Baggett has been named by the group.

"All former N. C. State men who have not received their invitation to this meeting by mail are cordially invited to attend," Ashworth told the Star-News. "They are asked to contact Secretary George Parham, Equitable Life Assurance, 7128 or 2-8148 or myself to make reservations for dinner."

SEVERIN NAMED AID TO 'BEAR' WOLF AT FLORIDA UNIVERSITY

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—(P)—Paul Vincent Severin, former star end at the University of North Carolina, has been named football end coach at the University of Florida, Head Coach Raymond (Bear) Wolf, announced today.

Severin, who played under Wolf at North Carolina from 1937 until 1941, received his honorable discharge from the navy this month and will report to the Gator campus Feb. 25.

Severin was head football coach at New Hanover High school in 1941.

SOUTHERN TEAMS FACE UNCERTAIN FOOTBALL SEASON

Draft Calls, Returning Servicemen, Make Grid Prospects Uncertain

(By ROBERT MOORE)

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 16.—(P)—That little two-letter word "if" which Mr. Webster defined as a conjunction meaning providing, on a condition that—seems to be standing in the way today of most of the 16 Southern Conference teams attempting to make a springtime checkup of the way the autumn football picture is shaping up.

Some of the teams are wondering if certain of their former stars will get back from the armed forces come September and the 1946 pigskin wars. Others are debating if the fellows who are already back will be able to return to pre-war form. . . . and there are a lot of other "ifs."

Take the case of Coach Johnny Fenlon at the University of Richmond, for instance. The spider mention figures Richmond could have a pretty hefty grid eleven. . . . if. . . such former players as Center Steve Sillanoff, Tackles Reid Spencer and Carroll Richards, Ends U. S. Savage and Houston Sizer, and Backs Johnny Gleason, Louis Miller and Joe Laluna turn up in September.

Fenlon will get a peek at some of his prospects for 42 are expected to report, on Monday when the Spiders join North Carolina, North (Continued on Page 11; Col. 3)

HOGAN MAINTAINS TWO-STROKE LEAD AT NEW ORLEANS

Byron Nelson Trails Hershey Pro For Third Consecutive Day

By STAN OPOTOWSKY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.—(P)—Little Ben Hogan maintained his two-stroke lead with a 54-hole total of 209 today as he fired out of his second consecutive three-under-par 69 in the third round of the \$7,500 New Orleans open.

The Hershey, Pa., banjo machine-like putting held him in good stead as he maintained his second round margin over Byron Nelson, of Toledo, O., 1945's leading money winner.

Nelson also shot his second straight 69, but trailed in second place with 211 after the 54-hole mark.

And it seemed as though Nelson's poor start with a one over par 73 the first day will hamper him until the end of this tournament.

Bunched behind Hogan and Nelson were Harold (Jug) McSpaden, of Sanford, Me., and Sammy Sneed, of Hot Springs, Va. They were tied for third place with 215. McSpaden was two under par with a up today, and Sneed shot an even-par 72.

Jimmy Hines, of Chicago, and Jim Ferrier, also of Chicago, were tied in fourth position with 216 as the pros roared into tomorrow's final round of the tournament.

Hines shot a 72 and Ferrier a 73.

Hogan's putter was going great guns today with the pressure fully on, and Little Ben was the first to admit this after he skipped off the course.

He hung up six birdies on his round, going out with an even par 37 for the first time, and then coming in with a three under par 35 for the back nine.

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NHHS Officials Meet With McIntosh, Joyner

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 16.—(Special)—C. E. McIntosh, executive secretary of the North Carolina High School Athletic association said tonight that he and J. R. Joyner, executive chairman of the association had met today "unofficially" with a trio of New Hanover High school representatives in reference to the Johnnie McKoy eligibility case.

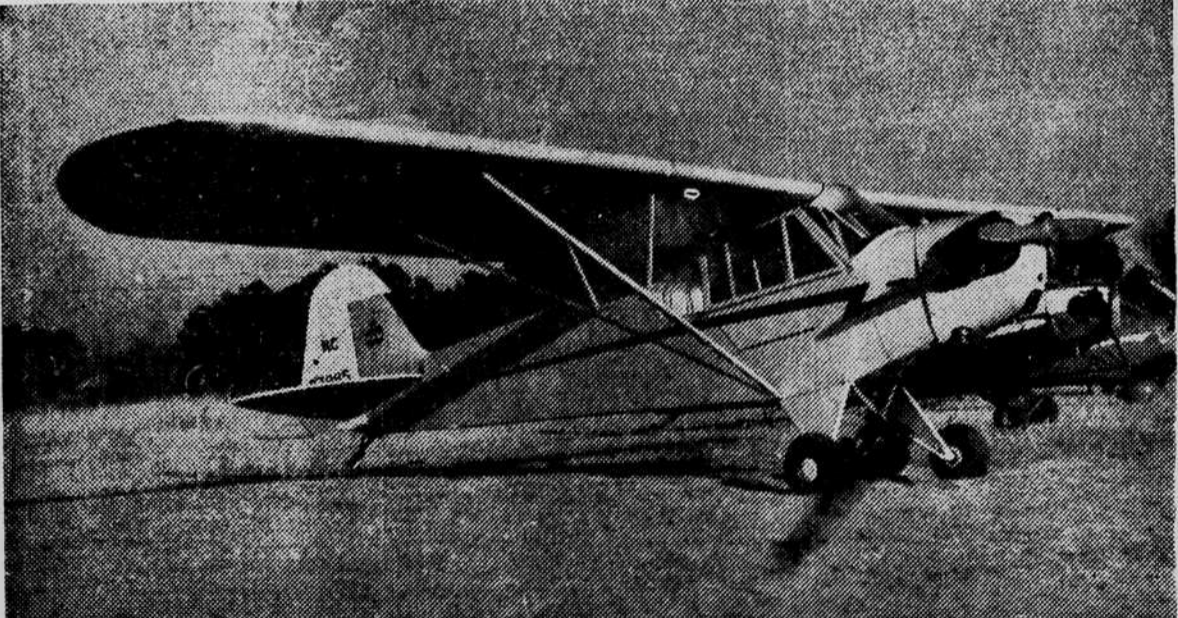
"We discussed several aspects of the case," McIntosh said. He indicated that while a rehearing of the case may be held, the association could not under its constitution make it an "open hearing."

Attending the meeting from the Wilmington school were Cyrus D. Hogue, attorney for the board of education, Leon Brogden, head coach of the New Hanover High school and T. T. Hamilton, principal of the Wilmington school.

In Wilmington, Dr. John T. Hoggard, chairman of the board of education released a letter to Brogden and Hamilton in which the board "pledged its full support and efforts in clearing the injustice caused by the reversal of the association's authorized agent's (McIntosh) ruling and the publicity given the case."

Commenting on the publicity phase, McIntosh said "I would like to make it clear that we are in no way attempting to label the case the result of a dishonest move by the New Hanover officials. It is a matter of interpretation of the rules governing high school play in North Carolina."

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Jones, Nelson Head Masters' Golf Field

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 16.—(UP)—Bob Jones and Byron Nelson, the old master and the new, headed the guest list of golfers invited today to play in the first Masters Tournament since 1942 at the Augusta National golf club April 4-7.

For Jones, "Grand Slam" champion of 1930, the eight previous Masters Tournaments were little more than exhibitions of the famous form which made him king of the golf world from 1924 to 1930. He retired from regular tournament competition four years before the Masters was inaugurated.

For Nelson however, it is strictly business. He is the defending champion and the only two-time winner of the Masters title. He knocked Ralph Guldahl out of almost certain victory in 1937 by picking up six strokes in two holes with a birdie and an eagle.

The Masters' field will be the most select Nelson has met since the last tournament at Augusta when he outlasted Ben Hogan to win by one stroke.

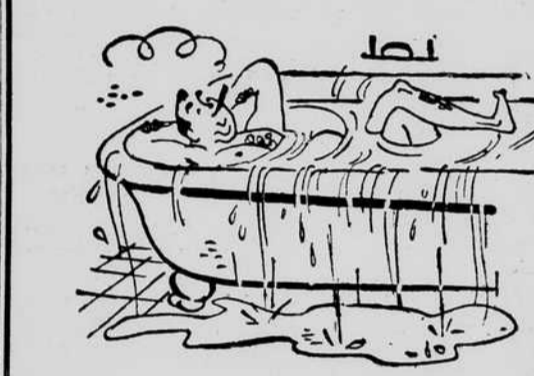
On the invitation list were six other former Masters winners—Horton Smith, Gene Sarazen, Henry Picard, Jimmy Demaret, Ralph Guldahl and Craig Wood.

Seventeen other former U. S. champions were invited, 13 former U. S. amateur titleholders and six who qualified for invitations by winning the National Professional Golfers championship.

Wood is the duration open champion, Marvin (Bud) Ward won the last amateur title and Nelson holds the UGA crown.

The committee issued special invitations to Frank Strahan and Carey Middlecoff, two amateurs who won in competition with the pros during the past year, and to Lloyd Mangrum and Jim McHale, winners of service championships in the European theater.

Among other leading pros invited back for another shot at the Masters were Hogan, Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Ed Oliver, Sam Snead, Jimmy Thomson, Sam Byrd, Harry Cooper, Vic Ghezzi, and Johnny Revolta.



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