

### What's Cook-in



IN THE SPORTS PAN

By Roy Cook

Stanley (Mickey) Katkaveck, 30 year old former manager of the Wilmington Pirates has been signed to manage the Albany Cardinals of the Class D Georgia-Florida league, it was learned here Saturday.

Mickey was signed to pilot the Wilmington Pirates early last year by Luby Pollock, Vic Stefano and Bert Kite. He came to this city and set up the training program for the Buccaneers. He did a swell job in rounding out a team, but for some reason, we were unable to find out, Mickey was not given the cooperation he should have received.

Several times the players conducted themselves in a manner that proved "embarrassing" to the manager. On one occasion, we took Mickey to task in this column about a decision, which we were under the impression he made. Recently he had a short talk with Katkaveck and he told us what happened that night.

It might be a little late to bring up this question. But, we feel that in fairness to Mickey we should try to explain to our readers what happened.

For reasons, as we stated above, unknown to us, the Pirate players were not giving the manager their cooperation and on this special night a pitcher was having trouble with his control. Mickey took him out and sent in his "star" moundsman to take over. The relief pitcher hurled excellent ball, striking out three men in that inning. But, the next frame, another pitcher, who had not even warmed up strode to the mound, the result was obvious, the batters team knocked the cover off the ball.

The next morning we sharply criticized the Pirate Manager for his actions and it was only a few days ago that we learned the truth about that night. The relief pitcher refused to return to the mound, so Katkaveck was forced to send in another hurler, and according to reports this was not the only instance in which the players refused to cooperate.

Congratulations, Mickey, on your new position and may we wish you the best of luck.

Speaking of baseball in Wilmington, sometime ago this column carried an article that Nate Andrews might be offered the position of manager of the Pirates in 1947. Since that time we have heard nothing from the Buccaneer camp. But don't be surprised if a popular player on last year's club is offered the job. He might not accept the offer, and it might not be tendered him. . . . But, stepping out on a limb, we predict that a man well-known and well-liked by the local fans will get the job. Last season he was a mainstay of the Buccaneers and saved many games for them . . . . And he was not a pitcher. Your guess is as good as mine. . . . But I take and recommend Jim Staton as manager of the Pirates for 1947.

# Wade May Be Replaced As Weed President; Smithfield Seeking Release From League

## COACHES DISCUSS NEW GRID RULES AT NCAA PARLEY

### Skippers Spend Day Gossiping As Meeting Postponed Until Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. —(AP)—College football coaches late Sunday sent recommendations to the NCAA football rules committee asking that a try for extra point which has been blocked be declared dead and that the ball be moved in 20 yards of the sidelines instead of the present 15 yards.

The tutors met in a prelude to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's annual session which was to have started Sunday but was delayed until Monday when West Coast members were grounded en route because of weather conditions.

The coaches committee, of which Lou Little of Columbia is chairman, sent five suggestions to the NCAA committee for consideration.

In addition to the dead ball on a blocked try for extra point and widening of the playing zone after an out-of-bounds maneuver, the coaches asked that the substitution rule be amended to permit the introduction of two players at any one time while the clock is running; a definition of the rule on the shift and softening of wearing apparel in the interest of safety.

The football coaches' meeting was the only actual action Sunday as the NCAA and its attendant auxiliaries opened the annual convention.

Most of the day was spent in lobby gossiping as athletic directors from numerous schools busied themselves hunting a football coach for 1947. Most ardent among them was Hobbs Adams, who stepped up from head football coach to athletic director, at Kansas State this year.

Monday the NCAA proper takes over and the problems of gambling, ticket scalping and eligibility.

The conference of conferences, a group made up of the commissioners of the various collegiate circuits, holds sway Monday with eligibility and the payment of financial assistance to football players as the No. 1 topic.

The discussion will be limited to answers of a questionnaire sent out following last summer's Chicago meeting and replies from 400 different schools will be available for background.

Gambling and ticket speculation, brought into the foreground by the recent break in football relations between Army and Notre Dame, will be on the Tuesday program at which Ralph Furey of Columbia, will speak on eligibility and Earl Yeomans of Temple, will report on gambling.

Members of the coaches' committee which sent the rules recommendations to the NCAA are Ike Armstrong of Utah, Matty Bell of Southern Methodist, Dana X. Bible of Texas, C. O. (Fritz) Cribles of Michigan, Richard Harlow of Oklahoma A. & M., Tuss McLaughry of Dartmouth, Alvin N. (Bo) McMillin of Indiana, Frank Murray of Marquette, Jesse Neely of Rice, Tex. Oliver of Oregon, Wallace Wade of Duke, Tad Wieman of Maine and Wallace Butts of Georgia. In addition, Richard Gault of Melrose, Mass., High School, and Chris Muhl of University High, St. Louis, also are members of the committee.

The coaches group can not draft rules changes. It can only recommend revisions to the NCAA rules committee which is headed by William Bingham, director of athletics at Harvard.

## Ben Hogan Continues To Hold Lead In \$10,000 Los Angeles Tourney Before 10,459 Fans

### Leading Money Winner Of 1946 Goes Into Today's Meet With Two-Stroke Lead Over Toney Penna

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5. —(AP)—Battling to beat the setting sun, Ben Hogan shot a one-over-par 72 to cling to a two-stroke lead as the third round of the Los Angeles Open Golf tournament came to a close late Sunday before 10,459 fans thronging the Riviera Country Club course.

Hogan, carding 36-36-72 for a tough par 35-35-71 course, goes into Monday's final round with a two-stroke lead over Toney Penna, who gained a pair of shots against the pace-setter Sunday with a 70.

Hogan's 54-hole total at the finish of play was 208, Penna 210, while three shots back of Penna came Ed Oliver, who took a 72.

Hogan, whose 66 Saturday was low for the tournament, played erratically on the first nine as his hot putter went cold, but finished the trip home in regulation figures.

Seven strokes back of the leader was the low amateur of the field, Marvin (Bud) Ward of Spokane, Wash., with a 73, and Dai Rees of England, who matched Hogan's 72 as the three played together.

## AMERICAN TENNIS STARS TRAVELING HOME WITH PRIZE

### Famous Tennis Cup Will Arrive In United States January 8

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 5. —(AP)—The Davis Cup, making its first airplane flight, began its trans-Pacific voyage back to the United States Sunday night and with it went Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder, the two Americans who wrested it from Australia, team-mate Frank Parker and Walter Pate, non-playing captain.

The victorious American party and the big tennis trophy are scheduled to arrive in San Francisco January 8.

Before leaving, Pate told the Australian reporters that he looked forward to Australia being the challenging nation in 1947. He said, with a smile, the United States probably would hold the cup only a year or two.

In a Sydney exhibition earlier in the day, John Bromwich and Bill Sidwell of Australia defeated Kramer and Schroeder, 6-3, 9-7.

William Talbert, Gardner Mulloy and Tom Brown, other members of the team, are remaining for the national championships scheduled to open, January 14.

## Directors Recommend Prexy Be Chosen From City Without Team In Tobacco State Loop

### Whiteville Mentioned As Possible Successor To Leafs; Final Action On Club Owners Suggestions Slated Next Sunday

(Special to the Star)

CLINTON, Jan. 5. — James E. L. Wade, of Wilmington, president of the Tobacco State Class D league, may be replaced by Lieut. A. T. Moore, of Fayetteville, if the tentative plans of the board of directors are carried out, it was revealed here Sunday afternoon, following a meeting of the board at the Rufus King Hotel.

The board of directors, meeting to review proposed changes in the loop by-laws, voted to elect a president for the circuit from a city not represented by a team. This action, however, is tentative and must be voted on at a meeting of the club officials. The parcel is scheduled to be held at Lumberton next Sunday, January 12.

The recommendation to make the change in the by-laws in regards to the president was made by L. C. Kerr, of Clinton. He suggested that Lieut. A. T. Moore be chosen for the position. The board had no authority to change the rules and met only to revise the laws for final adoption next Sunday, it was pointed out.

Salary Set

The board also set the president's salary at \$800 per year. A motion was made by L. M. Pollock, of Wilmington, to pay J. E. L. Wade a like amount for his services during 1946. This motion did not receive a second and was not voted upon. Further discussion on this matter is expected to take place at the Lumberton parley.

The owners of the Smithfield Leafs asked permission to transfer their franchise to another club and mentioned Whiteville as a possible purchaser. The spokesman for the Smithfield club explained that his club has an opportunity to enter the Coastal Plains league and desired to sell their Tobacco State loop franchise.

The Coastal Plains league meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night.

Whiteville May Enter

The Smithfield spokesman said Whiteville or Jacksonville could be secured to replace them. However, some of the directors were not in favor of allowing the Smithfield team to withdraw. Smithfield representatives said they would help organize and sponsor the Whiteville team, if it was necessary.

Zeb Harrington, of Sanford, made a motion that the league be allowed five veterans next season. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Tim Murchison, representing the Lumberton club and a scout for the Chicago Cubs, took the floor and recommended the loop follow the rules that had been set by the National baseball association, which provides for three veterans on the roster. After much discussion, Arthur Apple, of Warsaw, asked for another vote. The result of this second vote favored Murchison's suggestion.

Allow Four Veterans

Harrington held the floor for over 38 minutes arguing that his motion had been passed and the body had no authority to override it. The directors finally decided to compromise and allow four veterans.

Each club director will investigate the matter of veteran players and discuss the matter further at Lumberton. Favoring the five veterans were, Wilmington, Sanford, and Dunn. Lumberton, Red Springs, Warsaw, Smithfield and Clinton opposed the motion to have five players.

The officials also voted to adopt the revisions of the National by-laws made at the Los Angeles meeting. The salary limit was agreed as \$2,250 per month for each club.

## Billy Mason Still Leading New Hanover High's Scorers

Lanky Forward Ace Has Dropped In 110 Points This Season

According to records released by the Star yesterday Billy Mason, 6 ft. forward, is still New Hanover High school's number one scorer with a total of 110 points for eight games.

Lanky Mason has an average of 13.4 markers per game on 47 field goals and 16 foul tosses. His total reached its season's high Friday night when he scored 22 points against the Wilson Cyclones in N.H.S.'s 68-34 opening conference victory.

W. A. Brown, pint-sized guard, tallied 15 points in the Wilson rout, placing him in the runner-up position over Johnny McKay, 6 ft. 6 in. center who held the No. 2 spot until the Wilson clash. Brown now has scored a total of 93 points for an 11.3-point average. McKay is only four markers lower than W. A. following 89 points for an 11.1-8 average.

Both Toddy Fennell and Louis Collie were held to four points in the Wilson encounter, giving them season averages of 5.1-2 and 5.3-8 points, respectively.

These first team members will have a good chance to help their records Tuesday, when they journey to Goldsboro to meet the Earthquake team.

The complete records of the first team are as follows:

Player	FG	FT	TP	Aver.
Mason	47	16	110	13.4
Brown	40	13	93	11.3
McKay	43	3	89	11.1
Fennell	18	8	44	5.4
Collie	20	3	43	5.4

## Carolina And Wake Forest Claim Major Attention In State Basketball Circles

Wake Forest and the University of North Carolina claimed major attention of the Tar Heel State's College basketball campaign during the past week with opening Southern Conference triumphs Saturday, while stock in Duke and N. C. State was forced downward by set-backs from unexpected quarters.

The Demon Deacons, enjoying only mediocre success in dropping four of their first seven games, hit the winning conference trail with a 40-33 victory over White and Mary—North Carolina's William Phantoms, in downing Maryland, 58-42, in their conference curtain raiser, scored their fifth win against two losses.

Both fives, however, were outclassed in early season play against non-conference opposition by the State's three other conference teams, Duke, N. C. State and Davidson. Duke dropped its first game in eight starts to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, while State's Red Raiders returned from an unbeaten six-game trek through the mid-west to lose its second contest—against nine victories—to Hanes' Hosiers at Winston-Salem. Davidson resumed its post-holiday play with a victory over the McCrory Eagles, netting the Wildcats five wins and one loss for the season.

In the State's individual scoring parade, the pre-Christmas leaders held their ranks unbroken. For teams playing more than five games, N. C. State's Dick Dickey was still top man with a total of 166 points for an average of 15.1 tallies per game. Gentry, Wake Forest forward, came second with 116, averaging 14.5; White, Davidson forward, was third with 82, or an average of 13.6; and Kofenberger of Duke was next in line with 12 points per game.

Gates, whose Elon teammates were idle during the week, held on to his lead among the smaller colleges with a 17.3 average per contest. The big center who has seen action in only three games has collected a total of 52 markers—31 of them in a single battle.

Only three of the North State conference quintets saw action during the week. High Point won

## BRITISH DECLARE OFFICIATING BAD

### Cricket Fans Discuss Test Matches Being Held In Australia

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The tranquil atmosphere of the cricket field, where play is interrupted for tea, was shattered Sunday by an exchange of unpleasantities between the British and Australian sides in the test matches—The World Series of Cricket—being played in Australia.

In pubs and restaurants and subways, in Pall Mall clubs and in the offices of Whitehall and the city, cricket fans were talking over the situation.

Some asked, "Is it cricket?" others asked, "as had been done in many countries previously, whether international competition including Olympic games made good will between countries or merely blood."

The situation is made more delicate because test is becoming an ugly word to sensitive Britons. England has lost the first two of the five matches and seems about to lose the third tomorrow.

Since the test matches started some British dispatches have hinted cautiously that the Australian umpires would have difficulty reading below the top line on an oculists' eye-testing chart.

It remained for Daily Express correspondent Harold Dale to make the sensational—for British sports and especially for cricket—charge that the umpire was wrong in calling two England batsmen out. Dennis Compton and William Edrich of England's team were declared out leg before wicket. This means that the umpire ruled they put a heavily shinguled leg in front of the wicket while at bat so that the bowler's ball could not hit it.

Dale said that the test matches were no longer a test but an exhibition.

Bad umpiring, he said, made the third day of the current match null and void. England's players, he said, "know not whom to fear most, the bowler or the umpire."

It was most difficult, Dale said, for him to write such a sensational

## ENVISIONS NEW BASEBALL SETUP

### NCAA Delegate Says Prospects Good For College Diamond Tournament

DALLAS, Jan. 5. —(AP)—James H. Stewart, executive secretary of the Southwest conference and delegate to the National Collegiate Athletic association convention in New York this week envisions a national championship tournament in college baseball.

Stewart is a member of a committee seeking to promote the diamond sport among the colleges and he says prospects are bright for a big revival of the game.

Before departing for New York, Stewart gave his views on the possibilities of a tournament at which conference champions would play for the national title.

He thinks the whole affair could be crowded into one week at the close of the regular scheduled season and could be staged in one of the major league parks in the midwest where the travel burden would be equalized for the contestants.

Stewart, who said all the major conferences now were playing baseball, thinks a genuine college championship tournament would prove a fine gate attraction in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland or St. Louis.

Indictment of cricket. But, he said, he did it after careful thought.

Dale's dispatch raised considerable indignation here among the more hot-headed cricket followers—Indignation not at the umpires but at Dale.

"It's shameful," said a fan as he ordered another pint of bitter. "We may say we think an umpire inadvertently misjudged a play. But we may never say flatly he was wrong. It's just not cricket."

## University Truly Universal

BERKELEY, Cal., —(AP)—The University of California numbers representatives from 63 nations among its student body. Nations from Afghanistan to Venezuela are enrolled in the Berkeley, Davis and San Francisco campuses.

## Family Has To Check In

MT. VERNON, Ill., —(AP)—School doesn't start in the mornings at nearby Drivers until the Bordin family arrives. The four children of the family, ranging from seven to 14 years, are the entire student body of the one-room schoolhouse.

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## TAR HEEL FOOTBALL STAR'S FATHER DIES

DURHAM, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Ralph N. Strayhorn, Sr., 54, manager of Durham's Western Union office for 31 years and father of Ralph Strayhorn, Jr., captain of the University of North Carolina's Sugar Bowl football team, died in a local hospital Sunday afternoon at 2:43 o'clock. He had been ill for five weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church of which he was a member. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery.

## GUERNSEY FAVORED TO WIN TAMPA MEET

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Frank Guernsey of Orlando, Fla., 13th ranking player in the country, Sunday was seeded No. 1 for the 20th Annual Dixie Tennis tournament which opens Monday.

Bryan M. (Bitty) Grant, Jr., of Atlanta, drew the No. 1 spot. Jack Tuero of New Orleans was seeded third.

## Seven College Teams Remain Undefeated; Duke, Georgia Tech Drop From Select Group

By TED MEEIER

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Seton Hall, Duquesne, Marshall, Rhode Island State, Lafayette, West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky still perched high in college basketball's undefeated ranks Sunday, survivors of an upheaval in last week's play that saw Oregon, Iowa, Duke, Cornell, Syracuse, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Santa Clara and CNY tumble out of the select group.

Seton Hall which resumed the sport this season after a four-year layoff due to the war, whipped Toledo Saturday night, 59-48, for its 21st consecutive triumph, 11 this season, and a carryover of ten from the 1943 campaign.

Duquesne, also back in competition for the first time since the war ended, and Marshall each have won nine in a row. Their latest triumphs came Friday, Duquesne against Utah and Marshall against Creighton. Eastern Kentucky has won seven, Rhode Island and West Virginia each five, and Lafayette, four. Rhode Island surprised by beating Brooklyn St. John's 54-50 in Madison Square Garden Saturday night, a feat the Rhodies never before accomplished.

Washington State of the Pacific Coast conference, the Oklahoma Aggies, NCAA champions; Oklahoma, of the Big Six conference, and Wisconsin took the week's main headlines.

Washington State ended Santa Clara's nine-game streak on New Year's Eve, 60-38, and blasted Oregon's 12-game streak Saturday night, 52-49. The Aggies shattered the 26-game streak of Kentucky, National Invitation Tourney champions, 37-31 at the Sugar Bowl inn New Orleans. Oklahoma knocked over CNY, 55-52, on New Year's night, then flew to Peoria where Saturday night the Sooners humbled Bradley winner of 10 of its 11 previous games, 65-64.

Wisconsin whipped previous unbeaten Iowa, 63-62, an achievement particularly gratifying to the Badgers since it came on Iowa's home court. In other Western Conference games Ohio State, defending champions, nipped Minnesota, 43-41, and once-beaten Michigan topped Northwestern, 39-31.

Duke's seven-game streak shattered against Tennessee; Detroit handed Georgia Tech its first defeat; Michigan State knocked Syracuse out of the undefeated ranks, and Canisius did likewise to Cornell Saturday night, 50-40.

Although the undefeated ranks have thinned there is an imposing list of once-beaten quintets, including Notre Dame, Michigan, Santa Clara, Oregon, Iowa, CNY, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oklahoma Aggies, Syracuse, Beloit, New York University, Texas, Louisiana State and Arizona.

Virtually all of the major conferences start competition this week and on the basis of early season results the probable winners shape up as follows:

Western Conference—Wide open. Too tough to even guess.

Southwest—Texas or Southern Methodist.

Rocky Mountain—Wyoming, Utah or Brigham Young.

Eastern Intercollegiate—Another wide open affair. Penn or Cornell, as a guess. Yale has disappointed so far.

Southwestern—Kentucky, Tennessee or LSU.

Southern—North Carolina or Duke. N. C. State a darkhorse. Midwest—Beloit.

Pacific Coast (South)—UCLA or Southern California.

Pacific Coast (North)—Oregon or Washington State.

Mid-Atlantic—Lafayette or Muhlenberg.

Big Six—Oklahoma or Kansas. Kansas State, maybe.

Missouri Valley—Oklahoma Aggies.

Border—Arizons.

Among the Independents, Rhode Island and Holy Cross seem tops in New England; New York University in the East, including New England; Notre Dame and Bradley in the Midwest; Nevada in the Rocky Mountains; Santa Clara on the Pacific Coast and New Orleans Loyola in the Southeast.

## WOFFORD TERRIERS ANNOUNCE SCHEDULE

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Wofford College Terriers announced Sunday this nine-game 1947 football schedule:

Oct. 4 Davidson here, Oct. 11 Catawba at Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 18 Guilford at Guilford, N. C., Oct. 25 Furman here, Nov. 1 Newberry here, Nov. 8 Presbyterian at Clinton, Nov. 15 High Point here, Nov. 22 Randolph-Macon here and Nov. 29 Erskine at Due West.

## W L Pts O.P.

Wash. and Lee	4	0	1,000	240	164
Duke	7	1	875	409	327
George Wash.	5	1	833	375	240
Davidson	3	3	853	242	233
N. C. State	9	2	818	641	502
Univ. of Rich.	4	1	800	283	205
Va. Tech	4	1	800	247	205
Va. Military	3	1	750	223	185
North Car.	5	2	714	364	316
Maryland	3	2	600	237	262
Wake Forest	4	4	500	399	372
Clemson	2	3	400	249	249
William & Mary	3	5	375	371	400
Citadel	0	0	0	0	0
Furman	0	1	0	0	46
South Carolina	0	3	0	0	176

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