

RAMBLING WITH THE Rambler



By "LITTLE BUFF"

No Upsets Recorded.

Last week's games were played according to the laws of Hoyle, the man who knows everything.

When the Duke Blue Devils defeated the Wake Forest club by three touchdowns the Duke stock seemed to take a rise, while Davidson, who only beat Elon College 7-0, didn't look so strong. But that was the first game of the season, and no team can be expected to be in tip-top shape at that time.

However, this week-end all of the Big Five teams will swing into action, and fans will have their chance to see Coach Hunk Anderson's 1935 edition of the Wolfpack playing Davidson at Greensboro Saturday night. Last year State won over the Wildcats by the close score of 7-0. But this year Coach Anderson's team is considered much better while Davidson seems to be not as good, so State will have a touchdown "picnic."

Duke will play host to the South Carolina squad this coming Saturday. South Carolina ran over Erskine last week 33-0 and seems to have a much better team than last year, but the Durham school will be a little too much for Coach McCallister's Gamecocks. This game looks to be the best in the State this week-end, so I think I'll ramble up and watch Ace Parker, the Duke backfield star, perform for his alma mater.

The other Big Five games will see the 1934 champions, Carolina, playing the Wake Forest Deacons. There is no doubt in my mind that Coach Carl Snavely will start the season's campaign at Chapel Hill with a sure defeat, perhaps even greater than last year's score of 21-0.

I have a hunch that the Big Five conference will be breaking up before many more seasons. State, Duke and Carolina have higher calibre football than Davidson and Wake Forest, but until these two teams are replaced by higher competition and better known colleges, the Big Three will not stand much of a chance for a top national rating. These first three colleges are among the best teams in the South, and the South contains the best teams of the nation, so therefore, something ought to be done about their schedules. We really have some All-Americans in this State, but as long as all their teams continue to play low-raters, they will not be recognized. Thus, Davidson and Wake Forest should be replaced by some of the leading teams of the Midwest and East. That is the only way to prove that North Carolina also has outstanding football talent, and has its own All-Americans.

Without doubt, we have some of the best coaches of the nation in Carl Snavely, Wallace Wade and Hunk Anderson, but until their teams play real opposition, all their talent is being wasted. Anybody can beat a losing team, but the winners are the ones to beat to be recognized.

How It Began

Millions of people view football games throughout the world but I wonder how many really know how the national pastime began and the numerous changes that have taken place.

Football began back in the time of the Romans and Spartans when they held Olympics to contest enemies as in present time. Of course, then the fields were larger and the teams also, and there were no goal posts, the players kicking the ball across the opponents' line.

Then the game started in England and with changes was known as soccer and rugby. But still the players were only allowed to kick the ball, one being expelled in dishonor because he did the "unsportsmanlike" thing of picking the ball up and running with it.

Well, it finally was brought to America, where at first the boys merely had fun kicking the ball around. In 1873, after much correspondence, the University of Michigan challenged the boys of Cornell to a game and it was accepted. But when the president of Cornell heard about the contest he exclaimed:

"I will not permit 50 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind."

Nevertheless, the universities of America combined rules and principles of soccer and rugby with about a thousand and one of their own ideas, and in the end America produced its modern sports pastime—football. Even at present rules have to be added and changed to make the game more thrilling, safer and faster.

And now, when you view a football game, whether high school or college or professional, you can attribute the game to time itself and think of the thrills and smiles those old Romans had when their team scored a goal.

It's a great game, but it took long enough to make it a great game!

In Short—

This year's world series promises to be one of the greatest if the National Leaguers have anything to say about it . . . Some weeks ago Gus Sonnenberg, well-known professional wrestler, stopped in Rocky Mount to

partake of the victuals. Now, I had heard that wrestlers were all big brutes and eating was their main hobby, but from the lady who cooked the meal I obtained the menu: Six (6) chickens, one ham, potatoes, vegetables, and I forgot what else. No, thank you, I would rather keep a lion. And what worries me, only the backs and feet of the chickens were left. Even the wings had been devoured. What's more, the lady, whose son is a promoter, said that Ed Strangler Lewis always began his meal by gulping down a gallon of milk. I can't see how these wrestlers keep their weight down to 200 and 250 pounds . . . Frank Gotch is considered the world's greatest wrestler. He fought during the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries, taking on all comers from all parts of the world . . . At present Johnny Weissmuller holds 19 U. S. A. swimming records . . . Helen Madison leads the women's division with 25 U. S. A. records . . . John McGraw has managed the New York Giants in nine world series, while Connie Mack with his Athletics is second in number with eight. Mack has won five and lost three, while McGraw won three and lost six.

Former Colonial Turns Up

The University of South Carolina coach, Don McCallister, lost Lawrence Weldon, Jeff Boland, Richard Cook and W. W. Hunter from his Gamecock squad, due to scholastic requirements.

Weldon and Boland are ex-Louisburg boys, and Weldon is well known in this section, as he has pitched baseball for the Edenton Colonials two years ago. It seems that "Coon" was Coach McCallister's outstanding punter and a promising back, and he will now have a tough job finding a kicker to take his place.

Weldon has played three years of football at Louisburg with some of our home boys, as "T—" Goodwin, Dummy Webb, Tom Hoskins, and yours truly, and while at Louisburg not only our coach but opposing coaches said Weldon had great possibilities. Jeff Boland came up from South Carolina last year with Coon and has only played with the junior college one season, but it was said he rated among the top.

Both of these boys proved they had the stuff and except for scholastic misunderstanding we would have seen them in action when South Carolina plays Duke this Saturday.

Here's hoping they get things straightened out and get back in the lineup.

Trouble Ahead!

Last week I received a letter from one of Edenton's football fans in which he made an unusual request. In the first couple of paragraphs he made some "remarks" about this

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Robert Young and Betty Furness in "Calm Yourself" which is the special Wednesday attraction at the Taylor Theatre, Edenton, on October 2.

MACEDONIA

Miss Lora Cayton spent the week-end near Colerain with her aunt, Mrs. Gussie Pearce.

Mrs. W. H. Jordan and Mrs. B. H. Hassell spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hardison, near Harrellsville.

Miss Eunice Bass entertained quite a number of her friends Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Forehand spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va., visiting relatives and friends.

Misses Christine and Elsie Hassell spent Saturday night and Sunday as the guests of Miss Margaret Francis. Mrs. C. P. Hughes called on Mrs. P. M. Forehand late Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eva Nixon and Mr. Elton Jordan called on Misses Christine and Elsie Hassell Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Emminizer and children and Miss Martha Williams visited James Emminizer, who is in a CC camp near Oxford, Sunday.

column but the most interesting paragraph follows:

"You have been in Edenton and know the teams and players of the Edenton High School football team since the game was brought to Edenton. I wish you would pick an All-Time Edenton High School football team. I am sure it would be of great interest to the readers of your column."

I think the guy is trying to put me on the spot. True, no Edenton team has ever compiled such a record as last year's team, but there have been some good football players who performed for Edenton. Also, this is only the beginning of the season, and an unusual time to pick such a team. So I am undecided whether I will make an attempt at the task. I wonder who the readers think should make up a team of the All-Timers. Doc Davis, Gus Hughes and the rest of you fans, what about it?

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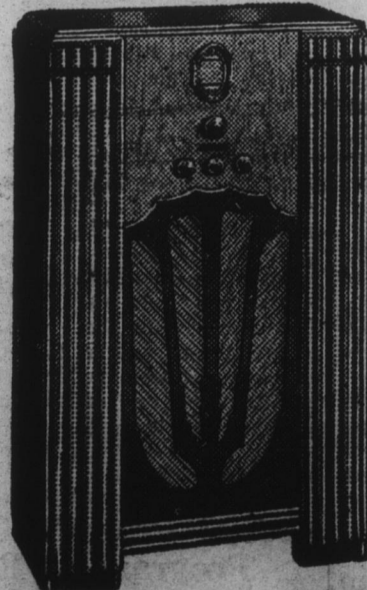
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