

Sports Review

By Porter Griggs

BASEBALL—The Mountaineers are taking shape in what one will predict to be a team that will be after every semi-pro tournament they will enter. The infield is particularly looking good. Rantin, Fowler, Hemphill and Tipton are the fellows holding down the spots. The outfield post are taking care of by Kirkland, Clark and Cosmo.

Tipton is the pep of the infield as he keeps the hustling going and has not come up with a single error to his credit, he is also looking good at the plate. Kirkland is the outfield's pep as he is in good shape and is not doing bad at the plate. Other boys deserving praise

are Fowler at second and Hunt when he works on the mound. Hunt won his third straight game without a defeat Saturday night.

The high school is coming out of their sleep and other teams should take notice now that the Bulldogs will be out to take every team they play. Hughes is the leading hitter for the Bulldogs collecting 9 out of 17 times at bat while Brendle and Brandon are fielding well. Bill Lovington who has worked on the mound the past three games also looks well when he "logs" the ball over.

The Marble entry in the Smoky Mountain league is also having a successful season with the exception of defeats by Murphy and Franklin. Marble was shutout by the Franklin boys 2 to 0 last Saturday and that knocked them out of a temporary tie for first place. Sunday the Boys from Marble beat the Hiwassee team 14 to 4 on the latters diamond.

BITS AND ENDS—The Western North Carolina class D league opened their season last Friday and from all indications the youngest member of N. C.'s baseball family should have a successful season. West and Parker, with Andrews last year is playing for the Forest City Owls of the new loop. Coach C. C. Pandy Poindexter and his Canton Black Bears arrived took late to take part in WCTC field day events last Friday. Brendle from Murphy high was very impressive in the 100 yard dash when he came in about the 18 mark. Coach Poindexter's much publicized Miller should be glad he missed it since Brendle was in it. Alexander, Thompson, Hughes and Brandon also came out on the winning side to end the second annual event at Cullowhee. Asheville-Biltmore baseball coach's team may have lost the game but he left here with the hope of luring leftfielder Coronelli to the AB campus.

Careless smokers are the biggest single cause of forest fires in North Carolina. According to figures compiled by the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks, more than 900 forest fires were started by careless smokers in 1947.

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Bulldogs Trounce Franklin 15 To 4

The Murphy high Bulldogs boiled over a favored Franklin Panther baseball team here last Wednesday by a score of 13 to 4 for their first win of the season. A small gathering saw the Bulldogs take advantage of the ten hits and seven errors to take an early lead and coast on through the game without any serious threat.

Bill (Coach) Lovington worked the entire nine innings for the Bulldogs allowing only nine hits and striking out seven. Anzel and Keener were on the hill for the visitors. Keener was the loser.

Brendle and Thompson paced the Murphy high nine at the plate collecting 2 for 3 and 2 for 4 respectively. Moses lead the Franklin attack.

Friday the Bulldogs travel to Andrews to battle the Wildcat nine and the Bulldogs will be out to get revenge for two previous lickings the Andrews boys have handed them. Brendle will probably be on the mound for the Bulldogs.

Score by innings:
Franklin 201 000 010-4 9 7
Murphy 200 307 21x-15 10 10

Keener, Angel and Brown: B. Lovington and T. Lovington; 2B hit: Hughes SB hit Henry; Losing pitcher: Keener; Winning pitcher: Lovington.

Batting Averages

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

Name	ab	r	h	pet
Hughes	20	7	9	.450
Brendle	14	4	5	.357
Brandon	16	5	5	.313
T. Lovington	29	4	5	.250
B. Lovington	17	3	4	.236
Pandley	17	2	3	.177
Thompson	12	2	2	.167
Dockery	14	3	1	.072
Clark	14	2	1	.072

MOUNTAINEERS

Clark	20	9	10	.500
Cole	24	8	9	.375
Fowler	39	7	11	.367
Penton	29	6	10	.345
Hemphill	27	8	9	.333
Palmer	6	0	2	.333
Coronelli	17	5	5	.294
Tipton	26	6	8	.307

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