

# Sports Review

By Porter Griggs

**BASEBALL**—The Marble Blues are the team looking good among the Cherokee county baseball teams this week. Not only are they standing in first place in the league; they are leading all teams in the county in team batting with a fat .417 average. James (Red) Coffey is leading the attack making good on 14 of 23 tries for an amazing .609 average. Seven of the Marble players are batting above the .300 mark, and if that isn't beating the majors, there just aren't any majors.

Murphy Mountaineers aren't doing so bad themselves as they have a team batting of about .300. Fowler is the most impressive of the Mountaineers to date as he is batting .367. He is leading in homers and does not have many errors to his credits.

The biggest blow came to the Mountaineers last Sunday when Hemphill, starting shortstop, was injured. It was learned, however, that he will be back in the starting lineup in about two weeks.

The Murphy high Bulldogs in bowing to Andrews was the most impressive of the season. Bill (Coach) Lovinggood pitched a neat two hitter and lost a 3 to 2 low

scoring contest. Hughes is leading the batting average followed by Brandon and Brendle.

THANKS go to LeRoy Walsh at Marble for keeping us posted on the happenings of Marble Blues of the Smoky Mountain League. LeRoy is official scorer of the Blues.

**BITS AND ENDS**—The Dodger rookie contest is now on. A good suggestion is for all who think they are good baseball players to enter the contest. If I can be of assistance drop a card and I'll do everything I can.

## Murphy Splits With Elberton

The Murphy Mountaineers played host to the Elberton, Ga., baseball team here last Saturday and Sunday and before large crowds took Saturday night's clash by a 6 to 3 count and dropped a ten inning, 13 to 9, tussle Sunday.

Shag Hunt was on the mound Saturday night and won his fifth victory without a defeat by a 6 to 3 count. The Mountaineers were never in serious trouble as they took an early 4 to 2 count and

**MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL**

| Name          | ab | r | h  | Pct. |
|---------------|----|---|----|------|
| Hughes        | 27 | 7 | 10 | .371 |
| Brandon       | 24 | 6 | 8  | .334 |
| Brendle       | 18 | 4 | 5  | .278 |
| T. Lovinggood | 28 | 7 | 7  | .250 |
| Thompson      | 14 | 2 | 3  | .215 |
| B. Lovinggood | 20 | 3 | 4  | .200 |
| Pendley       | 21 | 2 | 4  | .191 |
| Dockery       | 15 | 3 | 2  | .145 |
| Clark         | 15 | 2 | 1  | .067 |

**MARBLE**

|             |    |   |    |      |
|-------------|----|---|----|------|
| J. Coffey   | 23 | 9 | 14 | .609 |
| M. Coffey   | 24 | 9 | 12 | .500 |
| Lance       | 14 | 5 | 7  | .500 |
| M. Campbell | 23 | 8 | 10 | .435 |
| Brasswell   | 26 | 5 | 10 | .385 |
| Anderson    | 16 | 5 | 6  | .375 |
| Parker      | 20 | 7 | 7  | .350 |
| Humphries   | 20 | 7 | 5  | .250 |
| W. Campbell | 12 | 3 | 3  | .250 |
| Hughes      | 9  | 2 | 2  | .223 |

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added two more in the bottom half of the fifth. Elberton scored their runs in the first and sixth. Cole and Kirkland led Murphy at the plate, each collecting two for four. Elberton used three hurlers trying to stop the Murphy attack but none helped. Smith, the starter, was credited with the loss.

Sunday both teams used left-handers and Elberton came out the winner in a ten-inning battle. Pittman making his start in a Murphy uniform started the game but was relieved by Hughes. Elberton pushed across four runs in the tenth to hand Murphy its third defeat of the year and Hughes his first. Peshing was the winning pitcher for Elberton. Rentin with three for five paced Murphy at the plate and Brown with four for five led Elberton.

Score by inning:

|          |     |     |     |    |   |   |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|---|---|
| Elberton | 200 | 001 | 000 | —3 | 7 | 2 |
| Murphy   | 040 | 020 | 00x | —6 | 3 | 1 |

Hunt to Cole, Smith, McCarty and Flemming to Davis. 2BH—Hammond, Brown, Hemphill, Kirkland, HR—Kirkland, LP—Smith, WP—Hunt

|          |     |     |     |   |     |    |   |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|----|---|
| Elberton | 101 | 060 | 100 | 4 | —13 | 17 | 3 |
| Murphy   | 210 | 100 | 140 | 0 | —9  | 16 | 2 |

Pittman (3), Hughes to Cole, Peshing to Davis and McCarthy. 2BH—Davis, Rantin, Kirkland, 3BH—Hughes, HR—Peshing, LP—Hughes, WI—Peshing

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## Mountaineers To Tangle With Chatsworth Nine

The Murphy Mountaineers return home Thursday (tonight), Saturday and Sunday after traveling to Sylva Wednesday for a game with the American Legion team there. They play Sylva under the lights tonight with Hunt working on the mound.

Saturday and Sunday the Mountaineers play host to the red hot Chatsworth, Georgia, nine and Pittman will be on the mound Sunday. Hughes will square off against the same team in the second of the two game series. Hunt has a record of 5 wins against no losses, Hughes a one-one record, and Pittman is a newcomer.

## Lovinggood Tosses Two Hitter But Lesses, 3 To 2

Bill (Coach) Lovinggood, a can-tankerous right-hander with a fast curve ball, proved too hard to handle at Andrews last Friday as he let the Wildcats down on two singles only to lose a heartbreaker 3 to 2. Andrews' only hits came in the sixth inning when Davis and West both collected singles.

Andrews scored all their runs on errors. Murphy meanwhile collected six hits off Harry (Mayor) Rogers to score 2 runs. Murphy left 5 men stranded on bases. Brandon led the Murphy attack collecting 2 for 4.

Box Score

| Andrews           | ab | r | h | po | a |
|-------------------|----|---|---|----|---|
| Bristol, ss       | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| Hawk, 3b          | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1 |
| Harold Rogers, cf | 3  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| Davis, 1b         | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| West, lf          | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1 |
| Tatham, c         | 4  | 0 | 0 | 7  | 1 |
| Parker, 2b        | 2  | 0 | 0 | 3  | 1 |
| Angel, 2b         | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1 |
| Raxter, rf        | 4  | 1 | 0 | 3  | 1 |
| Harry Rogers, p   | 3  | 1 | 0 | 2  | 4 |

|               |    |   |   |    |    |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|
| Total         | 31 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 10 |
| Murphy        | ab | r | h | po | a  |
| Brendle, cw   | 4  | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0  |
| Lovinggood, c | 4  | 1 | 1 | 5  | 1  |
| Brandon, 3b   | 4  | 0 | 2 | 0  | 2  |
| Hughes, ss    | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 2  |
| Thompson, 2b  | 3  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 2  |
| Pendley, lf   | 4  | 0 | 1 | 1  | 0  |
| Shields, rf   | 2  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| Dockery, 1b   | 1  | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0  |
| Lovinggood, p | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 3  |
| Clark, a      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Queen, b      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Horton, d     | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

Total 29 2 6 24 10  
a—Struck out for Shields in Seventh  
b—Fielded out for Clark in Ninth  
c—Struck out for Dockery in ninth  
Murphy 100 000 100—2 6 7  
Andrews 000 021 00x—3 2 2  
E.T. Lovinggood 2, Hughes 2, Thompson, Dockery, Bristol, Parker.

PBI—Thompson, B. Lovinggood, SF—Rogers.  
B—Lovinggood 3, Rogers 3.  
SO—Lovinggood 6, Rogers 7, Umpires Anderson, Raxter. Time 3:00

## Farm Production Costs Are High

Farm production costs reached a new high during the past winter and will probably continue high through 1948, according to Charles E. Clark, Extension farm management specialist at State College.

Quoting a recent report from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, the specialist said total out-of-pocket operating expenses of farmers have risen 9 to 25 per cent each year since the 1935-39 period. The index of prices of all commodities except labor used in farm production has nearly doubled since 1939.

During the last four months of 1947, the index averaged 196 compared with 160 for the same period in 1946. The average index for the first quarter of 1948 was 202 compared with 169 last year.

Farm wage rates are now more than three times their 1935-39 level.

Farm land rentals and land values have continued to increase. Land rentals are over three times the pre-war level and higher than for any previous year. Land values are practically at the 1920 peak reached in the boom that followed World War I.

In comparison, although prices received for farm products reached a record high in January, there has been a general decline since, and prices of some few products are actually down to pre-war levels.

## Marble Takes Over First Place In Smoky League

The Marble Blues got themselves into first place in the Smoky Mountain League standings with win over a fighting Isabella nine and a 16 to 10 whitewashing of the Hiwassee, Ga., entry.

### MARBLE 19 ISABELLA 14

Collecting 19 hits and making good on Isabella errors the Marble Blues took a free hitting game at Marble last Saturday by a score of 20 to 14. There were a total of 35 base knocks in the game. Marble was led at the plate by J. Coffey who collected 5 for 6, one a home run and two tripples. M. Tallent led the Isabella attack making good on 3 of 6 tries. Anderson was the winning pitcher for Marble while Standridge was the loser.

Score by innings:  
Isabella 100 233 023—14 15 4  
Marble 430 131 25x—19 20 2

### MARBLE 16 HIWASSEE 10

The Marble Blues went on their wildest hitting spree of the season at Marble last Sunday collecting a total of 20 base hits for a 16 to 10 victory over the Hiwassee entry and undisputed possession of first place in the league standings. A. Parker was on the mound for the Blues and set the visitors down with 11 scattered hits. Ford and Terrell worked on the mound for Hiwassee with Ford receiving

**RANGER**  
Jim Evans made a business trip to Murphy Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hughes and children of Elizabethton, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mrs. Bessie Kilpatrick.  
Mrs. C. B. Hedrick and son of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. C. M. Sneed.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kilpatrick, and son spent Sunday at Robbinsville with relatives.  
Ralph Stirewalt of Oak Ridge spent the week-end with home folks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ledford and daughter of Morristown, Tenn., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kilpatrick and family.  
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