TAR HEELS CLOUT PILL AT .316 CLIP FOR FIRST WEEK OF THE 1921 SEASON

By J. Kelly Perry

The first week's schedule of the 1921 race having been played out managers are now in a better position to judge just what their early preparation for strengthening their clubs has amounted to. From the scores and game played in during the first week it is plain to most of them that the work ahead of them if they means to win means a lot of gaps that need attention before they can settledown to the work of making he the best possible showing for the first half.

Fans around the circuit will agree on one feature especially evidenced by the few games played. Pitching has suffered no loss of its sting, and last year's eluting stars will be performing around this circuit will be forced to look to their laurels for many of the youngsters are showing unusual batting ability, while veteran hitters of last year seem imbued with a new determination to beat the stitches and wreck the fences surrounding the ball lots in all cities.

In some cases weak pitching has been responsible for this terrific slugging but it should not be taken for granted that all the pitchers are still "cold" and not able to put anything on the ball. Three-hit games by Howe of Bradley of Richmond, Cull of the Trunkmakers, McGlouglin of the Truckers, and Kelly of the Norfolk Tars; 4-hit games by Zinn of the Shipbuilders and Barn of Suffolk, say nothing of 6-hit contests by Smith, Richmond, Jamieson, Portsmouth, and Ferring of Wilson, gives promise of some real pitching and what batters will have to face as the season advances. It will be seen that the pitching stars are men who have performed on the circuit and demonstrated their ability to the fans in most cases, while Ferring, Cull and Jamieson are new men.

This same disposition to "kill" the ball is being evidenced in all leagues no matter what the classification, and smart baseball writers attribute it to the fact that players in all classes are neglecing battine form to become "bambinos." This is to be deplored for batting percentages are bound to suffer and it is a known fact that slugging alone will not win pennants, as has been demonstrated many times over.

Babe Benton, Portsmouth right hander, was the first pitcher to take three victories for his club, winning from Norfolk and Richmond and receiving McGloughlin and Jamieson who the Suffolk Cats pummeled them in the early frames.

Pitcher Quinn of Wilson and Bert Woods, the snappy short fielder sent to Portsmouth by the Pittsburgh Nationals as part payment for "Pie" Traynor, are tied for home run honors with two each.

Harry Lake, Newport News boss, and "Rusty" Henges, Norfolk Tars, have made four 2-base hits each and T. Miller, of the Trunkmakers, leads with three 3-base wallops.

Petersburg, Rocky Mount and Norfolk are the only clubs that have a team batting average of .300 or better. This is how they line up for the six games:

	Ab.	R.	H.	Av.
Petersburg	213	44	69	.32
Rocky Mount	212	42	67	.31
Norfolk	209	46	65	.31
Newport News	214	28	61	.28
Richmond	209	27	55	.26
Portsmouth	183	30	47	.25
Wilson	205	28	50	.24
Suffolk	190	25	46	.24

While Newport News ranks fourth in batting, with a grand average of .28 they are out in front in fielding, leaving their closest rival, Petersburg, 6 big points. Rocky Mount being in third place with an average of .96. The following table gives chances offered, errors made and club averages:

Club	Po.	E.	Av.
Newport News	247	7	.97
Petersburg	222	11	.96
Rocky Mount	239	9	.96
Norfolk	245	9	.96
Wilson	223	12	.94
Suffolk	251	13	.94
Portsmouth	131	18	.92
Richmond	220	22	.90

Except in the case of Richmond where Shortstop Baker made 10 of his club's twenty-two errors, the weak fielding has been done by recruits many of them are already on their way to smaller leagues.

WHERE THEY PLAY

PIEDMONT LEAGUE

Danville at Raleigh
Durham at High Point
Greensboro at Winston-Salem.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE

Wilson at Richmond.
Petersburg at Rocky Mount.
Norfolk at Newport News
Suffolk at Portsmouth.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati at St. Louis
Chicago at Pittsburg.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn
Boston at New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis at Detroit.
Cleveland at Chicago.
New York at Boston.
Washington at Philadelphia.

STANDING OF CLUBS

PIEDMONT LEAGUE

Clubs:	W.	L.	Pct.
Raleigh	3	0	1,000
Danville	2	1	.667
Winston-Salem	2	1	.667
Greensboro	1	2	.333
High Point	1	2	.333
Durham	0	3	.000

VIRGINIA LEAGUE

Clubs:	W.	L.	Pct.
Petersburg	5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rocky Mount	4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newport News	4	3	.500
Richmond	3	3	.50[illegible]
Norfolk	3	4	.4[illegible]
Wilson	2	5	.286

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Clubs:	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburg	10	4	.714
Brooklyn	[illegible]	5	.613
Chicago	[illegible]	6	.545
Cincinnati	[illegible]	7	.5[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	6	.500
Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	.429
Philadelphia	5	[illegible]	.417
St. Louis	1	[illegible]	.100

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Clubs:	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	9	4	.692
Cleveland	10	5	.667
New York	6	6	.500
Boston	5	5	.500
St. Louis	5	7	.417
Chicago	4	5	.444
Detroit	5	7	.417
Philadelphia	[illegible]	8	.273

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

PIEDMONT LEAGUE

Raleigh, 6; Danville, 1 (six innings rain).
Winston-Salem, 6; Greensboro, 2.
High Point, 5; Durham, 1.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE

Rocky Mount, 2; Petersburg, 2, (14 innings, darkness).
Richmond, 11; Wilson, 4.
Newport News, 7, Norfolk, 3.
Suffolk, 8 ;Portsmouth, 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburg, 3, Chicago, 0.
St. Louis, 3; Cincinnati, 7.
Others, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago, 1; Cleveland, 0.
Detroit, 5; St. Louis, 3.
Philadelphia, 3 Washington, 3, (10 innings)
Boston-New York, rain.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

New Orleans, 7; Mobile, [illegible]
Chattanooga, 5; Atlanta, 6.
Birmingham, 1; Memphis, 5.
Nashville, 10; Little Rock, 5.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Jersey City, 0; Toronto, 3.
Newark, 4; Rochester, 3.
Reading, 2; Syracuse, 11.
Baltimore-Buffalo, rain.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

St. Paul, 11; Kansas City, 8.
Minneapolis, 6; Milwaukee, 8.
Others, rain.

COLLEGE GAMES

At Lexington, Va.: Georgia Tech, 2; Washington and Lee, 0.
At Washington: Catholic University, 9; University of Virginia, 8.
At Auburn, Ala.: Auburn, 5; Mercer, 0.
At Knoxville, Tenn: Vanderbilt, 6; Tennessee, 3.
At New York: Trinity-New York University, rain.

TRUNKMAKERS AND LOCALS IN BATTLE

Fullenwider Breaks Into the Game; Teams Battle 14 Innings to 2-2 Draw

SOME FIGHT

Petersburg	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Wood, cf	5	0	0	5	0	[illegible]
Brannigan, 2b	6	0	0	1	4	[illegible]
Miller, lf	4	1	1	1	0	[illegible]
Donahue, rf	6	0	0	4	0	[illegible]
McMahon, 1b	5	1	1	17	1	[illegible]
Martin, ss	7	0	1	3	5	[illegible]
Vermilyea, 3b	6	0	1	2	8	[illegible]
Noonan, c	5	0	1	6	3	[illegible]
Main, p	5	0	1	0	4	[illegible]
Totals	50	2	6	42	25	[illegible]

Rocky Mount	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Moran, 3b	5	2	1	1	0	[illegible]
Champlin, ss	4	0	1	1	3	[illegible]
Spencer, cf	4	0	[illegible]	2	0	[illegible]
Winston, lf	6	0	3	10	0	[illegible]
Kelliher, 1b	6	0	0	16	1	[illegible]
Currie, 2b	5	0	0	1	2	[illegible]
Steinback, c	5	0	0	8	0	[illegible]
Champagne, rf	5	0	0	1	0	[illegible]
Fullenwider, p	5	0	0	1	3	[illegible]
Totals	46	2	9	42	9	[illegible]

Score:

Petersburg	000 200 000 000 00	[illegible]
Rocky Mount	101 000 000 000 00	[illegible]

Summary—3-base hit, Martin; 2-base hit, McMahon; stolen bases, Wood, Vermilyea, Moran, Spencer, Champlin; double plays, Moran to Noonan to McMahon; Fullenwider to Champlin to Kelliher; Moran to Currie to Kelliher; struck out, by Main 4, by Fullenwider 7; base on balls, off Main 2, off Fullenwider 3; left on base, Petersburg 5, Rocky Mount 7; time of game 2:25; umpire, Westervelt.

Fourteen frames of errorless, thrilling baseball marked Manager Fullenwider's first mound work for the 1921 season yesterday afternoon against Petersburg, darkness putting an end to the battle at the end of the fourteenth with the score knotted 2 to 2 and both teams vainly struggling to gain an advantage over the two runs that the visitors annexed during the earlier stages of the fray.

The fray was a pitcher's duel of the first water, the "Old Fox" showing his mastery over the Tar Heels and Main twirling for the Trunkmakers, sticking close behind the local pitcher when it came to pitching honors. Six measly hits, seven strikeouts, only three passes and straight ball in the pinches tell the story of Fullen's effective mound work. The Tar Heels touched Main's offerings for nine safeties, were given seven passes and only three were retired via the strike out route.

The little difference in the work of the opposing twirlers, however, does not indicate how near the locals came to winning the fray and what wonderful opportunities they missed to lock the old ball game away on the win side of the column. In the fourth frame they had the bases full with nobody down, only to have the first man caught at the plate and then to hit into a double play which resulted in another man's being nabbed at the pan and the runner doubled at first. In the thirteenth the first two men up got hits but were later forced out at second and third respectively. In the very next inning, Steinback led off with a double but Main was absolutely unhittable and the Tar Heel catcher died on the keystone bag. The Trunkmakers, on the other hand, threatened only once after the fourth, when they annexed their two counters, and then only after two were down. In the fourteenth Martin tripled to deep center, but was left stranded on third when Vermilyea sent a Woolworthian fly to Champagne.

While both twirlers journeyed in masterful style, they were given excellent support, not a single error being chalked up during the entire elongated fray. The team work stood out almost as prominently as the mound performances, while the fielding at several times was well within the pale of the sensational. The way "Fully" had the visitors knocking balls up into the zone meant a busy day for the Tar Heel outfielders. Although Champagne had only one chance, Spencer pulled down nine skyscrapers, while Winston accepted an even ten chances. The big Tar Heel left fielder had probably the best day of the preseason as he not only came through with a hit when it was needed but went after everything that came in the direction of the left garden. The prettiest fielding stunt of the fray was his running stab of Brannigan's drive in the fifth inning when he raced back close to the fence and took the drive that looked good to win bases over his left shoulder while running backward at full speed. Wood was a rocker for the Trunkmakers and played a stellar game.

While the outer gardeners were leading a large part of the attack, the infields also put up a snappy brand of baseball as the three double plays during the game will indicate. From every angle the game was worthy of an exhibition of two strong clubs fighting for league leadership and the large crowd of fans who thronged to the park in anticipation of seeing "Fully" rush into the 1921 activity and witnessing a real ball game got the biggest baseball bargain and genuine thrill so that has been witnessed in these parts for many moons. The crowd was a fine feature of the fray, and both aggregations were there with the goods and got that hard the old game racing forward at top speed and the fans yelling power going at 60 miles per. At the end of the fourteenth both pitchers were going strong, and if darkness had not come to stop the fray there is telling how many frames it might have gone.

The Tar Heels scored one in the first when Moran walked, was sacrificed to second and scored on Winston's hit. In the third Moran was given life on a fielder's choice, stole second and romped in on the second counter on Spencer's double. The "Old Fox" developed a mysterious streak of wildness in the sixth that did much toward knotting the score. Miller led off with a humpback flew out to Winston, but McMahon was walked, stealing Miller to second. Vermilyea's hit sent Miller across the pan and McMahon to third from whence he scored a minute later on a pass ball that bore close scrutiny to be a wild pitch. That ended the scoring. During the remaining innings the Trunkmakers got only three hits, while the Tar Heels were certainly threatening but could never pierce this much needed bunch in the inches.

BUILDERS TRIM NORFOLK

Newport News, Va., April 30.—Pitching a tight ball while his teammates shot up runs and hits almost at will, Better yesterday enabled Newport News to trim Norfolk and to the chagrin Chasse Allen not tried to do so. Allen of Liberty stuff in the visitors' swing it is doubtful if Prather would have been scored on at all.

Newport News slugged its way right into the lead in the second and third in the eighth as follows:

Score:		R.	H.	E.
Norfolk	000 000 000	0	4	1
Newport News	100 000 010	2	11	0

Batteries—Norfolk, Holbrook, Stout, Fitzsimmons; Newport News, Prather, Better.

Summary: Two-base hits, Pitts and Better. Zabriskie, Allen, Gaby (2), Jones. Stolen bases, Brinkley (2), Commons (2). Sacrifice hits, Prather 1, off Stout 1, off Fitzsimmons 1. Struck out, by Prather 10, by Stout 6, by Better 1. Double plays, Pitts to Gaby to Dean. Hit by pitched ball, Lord 2, by Better 1. Left on base, Norfolk 5, Newport News 5. Time of game, 1:40. Umpires, Gibson and Harper. Attendance 1,500.

COLTS HIT HARD

Richmond, Va., April 30.—Richmond turned the tables in Wilson this afternoon and in a result Manager Lucas the Wilson Bugs in the second game of the series by the score of 11 to 4.

The Colts treated the Cats to severe pounding in Richmond for several years, even side walking on a total of twenty one hits scored in the Colts walloping the visitors. Byron's men scored three home runs, a double and seven singles during the afternoon and had a fine batting average of .500 for the game.

For the Cats who came for long hits some proved to be an idle one, Kelliher, Currie, Steinbacher and Hoke, pitcher, all of the visitors to be very much idle. In the first inning of the game and the home rooters were anticipating a fine game of ball, but Wilson came in the second inning and with a first time up. The ball sailed over the fence on a dead line and was one of the hardest hits ever seen in this city.

Score:		R.
Wilson	000 001 000	1
Richmond	002 340 00x	11

Summary: Two-base hits, Hoke, Walker. Home runs, Gresham, Kelliher, Howe, stolen bases, Miller, Baker, Shellhase, Thompson, Baker, Hoke, Miller. Hit by pitcher, by Judd (Gresham). Left on bases, Richmond 7; Wilson 12. First on base on errors, Richmond 2; Wilson 2. Bases on balls, off Howe 2, off Judd 1; off John 1, Hits—off Judd 9 in 4 1-3 innings. Struck out, by Howe 5; by Judd 1; by John 2. Wild pitch, Judd, Howe. Passed ball, Gresham. Umpires, Orth and Hyble. Time, 2:10.

CATS COME FROM BEHIND

Norfolk, Va., April 30.—In a hard fought game in which they came from behind to grab the big end of the score, Suffolk defeated Portsmouth yesterday afternoon by the score of 8 to 6. Superior stick work and clever fielding in the eighth and ninth coupled with some work by the home team, tells the story.

With two out and two on base in the eighth Left Fielder Castle saved the day for Suffolk by going back to the left center fence to pull down a long drive by Blackson. He was up against the fence and still running when he pulled down the ball. Had it fell safe the score would have been tied.

Score:		R.	H.	E.
Suffolk	011 020 301	8	10	2
Portsmouth	023 010 000	6	8	3

Batteries, Lloyd, Johnson, Burns and Goff; Benton and McQuinn.

There are lots of folks just at present who are in the position where they have to agree with Bill Sshakespeare that "he who steals my purse steals trash."

SPORT JABS

Speaking of the Seven Days Battle around Richmond, what do you think of the fourteen innings at Tar Heel park?

That performance of the "Old Dependable" brought real joy to the hearts of local fandom yesterday. Those who had been wondering whether "Fully" was in condition or how he was going to work this year certainly know what to expect now after the way he held those heavy hitting Trunkmakers yesterday. The "Old Fox" is right there with the goods, show as much stuff as ever, and same old heart that makes the average player look like mustard sauce minus the mustard.

"Winnie" Winston had an afternoon that exceeded expectations of even his most ardent Enfield admirers. The big boy accepted ten chances and scored a timely hit that drove in one of the Tar Heels' counters. His stab of Brannigan's drive to the left garden, taking it over his shoulder as he raced backwards toward the fence, was one of the prettiest pieces of work that have been witnessed in these diggings in many a day.

The Tar Heels are not only doubling the oil pill to all corners of the diamond but are proving speed kings on the bases much to the agony of opposing pitchers. For instance, Martin Spencer and Champlin pilfered a sack a piece yesterday at Norman.

Champlin is handling that territory around short like a regular big league hickory like lightnings, making his throws accurate and getting everything that comes anywhere near him. Although he has had but a large number of chances, many of them of the difficult variety, the errors have been strikingly missing.

Frank Walker seems to be getting his old hitting eye back after all. He has played in the last few games for the Athletics, and in the Boston game day before yesterday cleaned a circuit drive over the wall for one of the two runs garnered by the Mackmen.

It is to be expected that every manager is going to seek after the interests of his team and protect every one who he appears to be adverse when they are on the receiving end of an umpire's decision, but the continuous jawing of Matt Kelly the Trunkmakers is beginning to get on the nerves of local fans. The Trunkmakers manager appears to be a nice enough gentleman during the game, and many thought that his encounter with Spencer at second yesterday afternoon was provoked in his behalf from the stands.

Just how long the pennant race will last for the first week is the point at issue. That .316 batting average that the Tar Heels caught to make good in up and take notice after the first few hours had gone. The Petersburg lineup has an experienced hand and a combination of the girls who when the drive comes might have heads to spend to stage that such a battle as they did yesterday.

There's no doubt about the chance of the Merlin outfielder for the place in Spencer's lineup. The Tar Heel sixteen on the left member certainly looks better than any thing he has done so far this year. The lad knocks the pill on the nose, fielding and throwing and getting around the path for every bit he is worth.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoey arrived last night from their wedding trip and will spend a few days in the city before leaving to make their home in Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis have returned for Wilmington to attend the wedding of Mr. Davis' sister, Miss Mary Irene Davis to Mr. Lawrence Warren Hall which occurs on Wednesday, May 4th.

W. H. Newell, Jr., of Wilmington is spending the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newell.

The friends of Mr. Frank Bilbo will regret to hear of his illness at Cain View Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fan Buell of Spring Hope spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Miss Emma Dodd left this morning for a several weeks visit to relatives in Danville, Va.

CHURCHES

FIRST METHODIST

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Dr. L. L. Gresham, superintendent.

Wesley Bible Class meets hour, Mr. W. H. Newell, leader.

Preaching and communion service Sunday morning at 11. Rev. Jno. Cannon, supplying the pulpit. Subject "Immortal Monument." Epworth League Mount Moriah, Mrs. A. B. Branch.

Preaching service in the evening at 7:45, subject "Meet My Friend." Intermediate League Mount Moriah, M. V. Bradley. Epworth League meet at 6:15 p. m. in their respective places.

Mid-week prayer service Wednesday 7:45 p. m.

EPISCOPAL
Church of the Good Shepherd.

Fifth Sunday after Easter.

Church school at 10 o'clock. F. H. Winslow, superintendent.

Services at 11 o'clock conducted by Mr. Ben Finney, the Brotherhood man. At this service reports of the past year's work will be made by the Presidents of the various organizations. It should be of vital importance to all church members to hear these reports.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Services 11 a. m.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Subject: "Everlasting Punishment."
Wednesday evening services at 8 p. m.
Reading room open daily except Sunday from 3 to 5 p. m.

EDGEMONT PRESBYTERIAN.

Wilson Road.
Services conducted by Rev. Leonard Gill.
Sunday school at 10 o'clock.
Preaching service at 11 o'clock, on "Christian Homes."
At 3:30 for men only.
At 7:30, subject, "Heaven or Hell."
The public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Gill's last service. Come and bring others.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, J. W. Klutchloe.
Sunday school superintendent, W. A. Bullock.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching by pastor 11:00 a. m. "Keeping Up the Fence."
7:00 p. m. "Three Cold Witnesses."
B. Y. P. U., 7:00 p. m.
Special music furnishes a helpful feature to every service.
The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

ARLINGTON ST. BAPTIST

W. Edgar West, Pastor.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. J. L. Daughtridge, superintendent.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. M. H. Hartsfield, president.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. A. A. Pippin.
The meeting is gaining interest every day. Mr. Pippin is preaching strong sermons and the prospects are bright for a great revival.
Services next week 3:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Public cordially invited to every service.

CLARK ST. METHODIST

J. A. Bailey, Pastor.
Sunday school at 9:30. L. P. Lane, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 o'clock followed with Communion of the Lord's Supper.
Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Miss Helen Crawford, superintendent.
Preaching in the evening at 7:30. Theme at 11 a. m. "The Soul's Greatest Need." Theme at 7:45 p. m. "Talk With Wing Power."
Public cordially invited to all services of the day.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. William Conger, Pastor.
Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Pastor will preach at both services.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Bible classes for men and women at 10 a. m.
Young People's meeting at 7:15 p. m.
A cordial welcome to all.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Corner of Nash and Franklin.
O. G. Coberly, Pastor.
Bible school 9:45.
Morning service 11 a. m.
Evening service 7:30.
Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
Deacons' and Elders' meeting after morning service.
Public cordially invited.

SOUTH ROCKY MOUNT METHODIST

Troy T. Poole, Pastor.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. R. J. Lough, superintendent.
Preaching for the pastor at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Midweek prayer service Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.
Public cordially invited to worship with us at all services.

IN SOCIETY

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Woman's Auxiliary of Episcopal Church

The Woman's auxiliary of the Church of the Good Shepherd will meet Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. J. E. Cutchell, on Atlantic avenue. Reports from the delegates to the recent convention in Winston-Salem will be read at this meeting.

Girls Friendly Meet Monday Night

The Girls Friendly of the Church of the Good Shepherd will meet Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. It is all the members to be present.

First Baptist Church Music

The choir of the First Baptist church under the direction of Mrs. L. W. Kennedy, will sing at the prayer meeting service "Praise the Lord" by Mason. Will Varon, Tenor, will sing, J. R. Robbins and George Farrow. At the evening service Mr. Robbins will be soloist and the choir will sing, "Some Blessed Day" Nevin.

First Methodist Church Music

Mr. Margaret Newell Brothers will be soloist at the morning service of the First Methodist church tomorrow. The choir will be as follows: Mrs. Mary Wright Williams, Mrs. Mary Wright Williams, Mrs. Ruth Dunn, Mrs. Margaret Newell Brothers, Mrs. Ruth Dunn