

LATEST NEWS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD

Carolina-Davidson Contest; The Game That Was Not

By far the most thrilling game of baseball ever played on the Charlotte diamond was yesterday's scheduled contest between Carolina and Davidson...

The weather must take the blame. No knocking of the pitcher will suffice. It was not a first baseman's error, nor yet a short stop's fumble...

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CAPTAIN JAMES

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No wonder there was anxiety for a game. Everybody was ready for it, keyed up to it, desirous of it. And there, and there, it began to rain...

The teams died hard, the managers harder. They had spent money freely advertising the game, they had stopped at swell hotels, they had paid out scores of dollars in railroad fares...

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The Carolina team left last night early for Greensboro. To-morrow, Easter Monday, at Winston-Salem, the club plays St. John's Tuesday...

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BALL TEAM. Standing—Stockdale (coach), Stevens, Wadsworth, Gray. Second Row—Hobbs, Fullenwider, James (capt.), Cole, Hamilton, Third Row—Stewart, Montgomery, Duls, Fountain, Graham.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table showing National League standings with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., and Games Behind.

Table showing American League standings with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., and Games Behind.

Table showing Southern League standings with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., and Games Behind.

Table showing South Atlantic League standings with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., and Games Behind.

Table showing Standing of State Colleges with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., and Games Behind.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY

Table listing baseball games from various leagues (National, American, Southern, South Atlantic, Virginia) and other games.

COLUMBIA WINS FROM SAVANNAH

Table showing baseball statistics for the game between Columbia and Savannah, including batting averages, runs, hits, and errors.

MAON OUTPLAYED BY JACKSONVILLE

Table showing baseball statistics for the game between Macon and Jacksonville, including batting averages, runs, hits, and errors.

CHARLESTON LOSES HARD-HITTING GAME

Charleston, S. C., April 18.—A long drawn-out heavy-hitting game was played between Charleston and Augusta...

Table showing baseball statistics for the game between Charleston and Augusta.

MAON OUTPLAYED BY JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville, April 18.—Macon was outplayed by the locals to-day, the visitors never having a look in until the ninth...

Table showing baseball statistics for the game between Macon and Jacksonville.

WILSON GETTING READY FOR THE OPENING

Wilson, April 18.—The Wilson Athletic Association is having the ball park enlarged, preparatory to the opening of the season...

THE MERRY WIDOW HAT

Oh, merry is the girl who wears a Merry Widow bonnet. But sorry is the fan who sits behind her hat, doggone it.

DAVIDSON FOOTBALL TALK

Davidson, April 18.—From present indications Davidson's prospects for the coming football season are very fine. It is thought unusually so.

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AROUND THE HORNETS' NEST

Phil Hinton, one of the liveliest insects in the Hornets' nest, while ruminating the other day, fell onto the early days of his ball career.

"Back in the '90s," he began, "I was out in the wilds of West Virginia backstopping for a small independent team. Our bunch only had one financial backer and he divided time between baseball and his machine shop."

"Things ran along smoothly and I was dreaming of pay day—my first in baseball. When that great day rolled around I hurried down to the shop to get my envelope. Imagine my surprise when the boss told me he didn't pay off in money but instead used the augers he manufactured there in the shop."

"Augers?" shouted Lew Metz. "Yes, Augers," continued Phil. "They were local tender in that settlement."

"Whatcher do with it?" drawled Willie Platt. "Why, I took it down to the store with me. It was one of those big fellows and when I had purchased a pair of shoes, some handkerchiefs, etc., I laid it over on the counter. The clerk stuffed it down in the cash drawer and gave me three little augers and a gimlet in change."

Platt pulled in his feet which had wandered out under the table and Lew frowned his disapproval and unbelief.

"I'm glad to see that building going up," barked a Hornet yesterday. "When it is finished Platt will not be so sad, for then he will have a mate."

Says The Greenville News: "Charlotte has a couple of Platts for this season. One is of the name Platt, who began the season with the Sumter team last year. The other Platt is named Harry and he is a pitcher also. The two are cousins."

There may be two Sittons in the league this season. Vetter Sitton, now with Nashville, may come back to Jacksonville. The Sitton who brought Augusta from Atlanta is Phil, lately with the Sumter club. Both are from Anderson county, this State.—Columbia State.

Here's the Cubs' dope on the National League race: Chicago, First; New York or Philadelphia, Second; Pittsburgh or Philadelphia, Third; Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, Fourth; Boston, Fifth; Brooklyn, Sixth; Cincinnati, Seventh; St. Louis, Eighth.

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Caldwell's Rock Hill bunch wallowed the Spartanburg Friday. The professor has signed some mighty good men for this season and is going to make some of the other clubs of the State league hump it.

Smith's place at short, has filled that position almost as well as the lamented hero-captain. The whole infield, in fact, with Captain Sutter on second and big Armfield on first, is hard to beat. Each of the four men has a strong wing and it is a very slow ball that will allow the runner to reach first in safety.

In the outfield are the old reliables, Chat Bivens and Fred Flowers, with Bundy, a youngster, playing the other garden. The trio attends to everything that the pitchers let come their way, and each is a heavy slugger.

Manager Daniel had game scheduled to be played in this city with the Clemson team, probably the strongest college bunch in South Carolina, on May 1st, but on account of a league game here on that date Charlotte fans will have to go to either Gastonia or Concord to see these crackcrackers. The clubs contend with each other. It has not been definitely decided in which of these two towns the game will be pulled off.

Coach Adkins accompanied the team South, but was called to Baltimore Thursday night to pitch the opening game for his team, the Orioles, of the Eastern League.

The players made a fine reputation not only on the diamond, but while out of their uniforms as well, the hotel men invariably saying that they behaved as well as the crackcrackers. North Carolina baseball team's good reputation in the Cracker and Palmetto States. The players, though somewhat tired, were in fine spirits last evening and happy over their victorious tour. Their next game is tomorrow with the Elawards College team. Their schedule yet to be played consists of eight games besides this one, and they are hopeful of keeping up their good playing.

Wilson Getting Ready For the Opening. Special to the Observer.

Wilson, April 18.—The Wilson Athletic Association is having the ball park enlarged, preparatory to the opening of the season of the Eastern Carolina League. The park is considered one of the best in the State and will further be improved. Among the improvements now going on is the enlargement of the grandstand and the extension of the bleachers. An automobile line will carry passengers to the park, which is located on the outskirts of the city.

The Hon. Tyrus has that \$300 bonus cinched. His batting eye is clearer than it has ever been.

Rube Waddell got his first trial Friday and delivered the goods in fine shape. The White Sox got only one measly little hit.

There is joy in the Pirate camp. Hans Wagner has affixed his signature to a contract. That \$10,000 per did some mighty big talk.

Jay Kanzier, last season with Columbia, is pleasing Richmond boss with his work at the initial sack.

Those Chicks are setting a fast pace in the South Atlantic this spring. Wonder if they keep it up all summer?

Pembroke Finlayson, the Cherokee, S. C. phenom, has been benched by the Brooklyn team. Lynn claims him but it is believed that he will be able to show that he was a free agent when he signed with Brooklyn.

The big league opened up before packed grandstands Tuesday. The attendance by cities was: National League—Brooklyn, 21,000; Philadelphia, 17,000; Cincinnati, 15,000; St. Louis, no game; rain; American League—New York, 25,000; Chicago, 20,000; Cleveland, 15,000; Boston, 14,000.

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Victorious Trinity Team Passes Through City

The Trinity College baseball team, fourteen men strong, was in the city a short time last evening, returning to Durham from its ten days' trip South, the most successful tour any Trinity nine has yet made.

Eight games were scheduled to be played on this trip with the strongest teams of Georgia and South Carolina, but two of these were called off on account of rain. Of the six games played Trinity took four, and the other two were lost by narrow margins to the University of Georgia, the scores being 3 to 2 and 1 to 0. The games won, and the scores are: Trinity 2, Georgia Tech 0; Trinity 5, Mercer University 1; Trinity 4, Furman University 0.

The games which were rained out were the second with Mercer and the one scheduled to be played yesterday with the Spartanburg team of the Carolina League.

The Trinity aggregation has made, so far this season, a most remarkable record. Starting out with three or four of its star players of last season gone out from college, and with an entirely new coach, it was a rather doubtful proposition in the mind of many as to the team which would be turned out. There was even a scarcity of raw material that presented itself to the new coach, Dr. Adkins, of Baltimore. But he was equal to the occasion and the strength of the team is due in a large part to his wise and efficient training.

He soon showed himself up to the recommendations given him and it was early seen that his methods of training were to count for much, and did, as the playing of the Methodist boys has shown. The leading players of Georgia are unanimous that the Trinity bunch is the strongest set of college players that has been seen in that State in years.

In talking with an Observer man last evening Mr. J. M. Daniel, manager of the team, said that the strongest point about his squad is the ability of all the players to hit the ball. One or two men alone do not stand out as stars in this respect. Though Walter West and Emley Armfield, third and first basemen, respectively, have led; but every man is able to lace them out. The battery, too, is considerably above that of the average college nine. Bud Lane is small, but in the box is formidable. On the trip he pitched for thirty-five innings without being scored on, and in no game this season has he or Gant yielded more than six safe hits. Lane is cool all the time and in a pinch is almost equal to the famous Arthur Bradsher, Trinity's twirler of some years ago. The Atlanta dailies declared Lane to be the best amateur pitcher in the South, after seeing him pitch against Heleman's strong lineup.

Big Bob Gantt, Lane's co-worker of the slab, is almost his equal. Gantt has a full stock of mystifying curves and speed that is terrific. With his arm working well he is hard to find, and in one game this season got a single batter got even a scratch hit.

Coach Adkins' most remarkable find of the season, says Manager Daniel, is Claude Flowers, an 18-year-old catcher, who until this year never had a mark on an inter-collegiate game, but yet he has caught sixteen full games this season and made but one error. His head work is fine and he can put them to second every time, and besides he is very handy with the stick.

Third Baseman Walter West is also a new man on the team whose playing has been phenomenal. He is very quick and with a magnificent arm shoots them to first like lightning. In very few games, too, has he failed to get a two or three-base hit. His brother, Claude, who took little Billy

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