

3 Games With Elkin Slated For Week-End

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Ray Triplett, Wilkesboro Football Star, Will Join The Carolina Squad

Scored 387 Points During Four High School Seasons

Ray Triplett, star member of the Wilkesboro high school's Rambler football team which features the T-formation, will join Coach Carl Snaveley's Carolina football aggregation, it was learned here today. Ray will enter The University of North Carolina this fall and will be a candidate for the freshman team.

Starting his football career in 1946 with the first team the Wilkesboro high school had since the beginning of World War II, Ray amassed one of the best records held by any high school football player in the state. He was a triple-threat man; he ran, he passed; he punted.

During the four years he played football at Wilkesboro high, Ray scored 387 points for his team

—a record any schoolboy player would be proud to make. In 1946 he scored 48 points; in 1947, as a member of the only undefeated and untied high school eleven in the history of Wilkes county, he scored 69; in 1948, his number of points was 125; in 1949, he amassed 145 points.

Ray was a member of the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team and accounted for six of the North Carolinians' points. He was selected on the all-state teams picked by the Greensboro Daily News and The Charlotte News.

Following the 1949 season, the following colleges and universities contacted Ray either personally or by letter with the hope of getting him to join their squads: University of North Carolina, Appalachian State Teachers College, Duke University, Wake Forest College, Clemson College, Presbyterian College, University of Maryland, University of Miami.

North Carolina State College, Lehigh-Rhyne College; Catawba College.

Coach Carl Snaveley may well expect exceptional performance on the gridiron from the former Rambler player.

Ray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Triplett, of Wilkesboro.

Loman, Davenport, Wright Leading In Flashers' Batting

Losing streak of the North Wilkesboro Flashers during the past week was reflected in batting averages for team regulars for the season to date.

Manager Bernie Loman, Dave Davenport, Bob Wright and Carter Lentz, who recently became a regular, are the only ones to hit above the 300 mark. The infrequency of extra base hits also contributed greatly to the drop of North Wilkesboro entry in the pennant race.

The averages published below

Double Bill On Saturday Night, One Game Sunday

Weather permitting, North Wilkesboro and Elkin baseball teams will clash in Memorial Park here for three games during the week-end.

A double bill is planned for Saturday night, with the first game at 6:30, and a single game on Sunday afternoon, 2:30.

This is June 8. The season opened May 1 and to this date North Wilkesboro and Elkin have not played a game here. Every date with Elkin here has been rained out.

Fans will be eager to see these contests with the Blanketeers, who are natural rivals of North Wilkesboro and are currently in possession of top spot in the league.

Things haven't been going so well with North Wilkesboro in the league during the past two weeks. Club officials and Manager Bernie Loman have been constantly busy in efforts to improve the club and have prospects of obtaining early results. A batting slump and erratic fielding cost five games in a row through Wednesday.

The biggest catastrophe was on Monday night when Elkin shutout North Wilkesboro twice, 7 to 0 and 8 to 0. Mike Sheer was the pitching victim in the first game, with Roy Boles the winner, and in the second Ray Blair, formerly of the University of North Carolina baseball team, bested Bill Hamlin. The Flashers, in the lowest ebb of a batting slump, collected only four hits in the opener and six in the last game.

The official score listed six errors for North Wilkesboro in the second but the number of bad plays was even greater.

Here Tuesday night the Flashers dropped a 7 to 2 game to Wytheville, but the game was well played.

Lee Bentley hurled the game for North Wilkesboro. He experienced a very shaky first inning, when five consecutive drives scored three runs, and held the visitors well until they scored three in the eighth.

Big Bob Wright provided home fans their greatest thrill when his third hit of the game was a sizzling homer into the centerfield bleachers with nobody on in the ninth. Tommy Bass was the offensive star for Wytheville with three hits and two stolen bases. He also scored three runs.

Wytheville's ten hits were bunched and the Flashers' seven were scattered from the first through the ninth and were ineffective.

are unofficial and incomplete, the box scores not being immediately available on a few of the games in other towns:

Tom Daddino	.....	285
Dave Davenport	.....	333
Pick Biggerstaff	.....	215
Joe Subbiondo	.....	231
Bernie Loman	.....	328
Ed Morton	.....	224
Owen Childress	.....	287
Bob Wright	.....	304
Carter Lentz	.....	310

Changes Made In Flashers Roster

Two changes were made yesterday in the personnel of the North Wilkesboro Flashers baseball team, the first in a series to be made in efforts to get the team back into the winning column.

Dick Stockton, limited service outfielder, was signed to give hitting power and add to defensive strength of the team in the outer gardens. He played his first game at Wytheville last night and collected two hits. Stockton began his pro baseball career at Leaksville in 1948 when Bernie Loman was manager of the Tri-City Triplets. Last year he played for a team in Virginia and with Elkin and this year had been with the Hi-Toms of the North State league before coming here.

Signing of Stockton made it necessary to release one limited service player and Lee Bentley yesterday was released.

Expected to arrive soon are an infielder, pitcher and outfielder.

Blue Ridge League Schedule For Week

Thursday, June 8	Radford at North Wilkesboro
	Elkin at Galax.
	Mt. Airy at Wytheville.
Friday, June 9	North Wilkesboro at Radford.
	Galax at Elkin.
	Wytheville at Mt. Airy.
Saturday, June 10	Elkin at North Wilkesboro.
	Galax at Mt. Airy.
	Radford at Wytheville.
Sunday, June 11	Elkin at North Wilkesboro.

Mt. Airy at Galax.	
Wytheville at Radford.	
Monday, June 12	Mt. Airy at North Wilkesboro.
	Elkin at Radford.
	Wytheville at Galax.
Tuesday, June 13	North Wilkesboro at Mt. Airy.
	Radford at Elkin.
	Galax at Wytheville.
Wednesday, June 14	North Wilkesboro at Wytheville.
	Elkin at Mt. Airy.
	Galax at Radford.
Thursday, June 15	Wytheville at North Wilkesboro.
	Mt. Airy at Elkin.
	Radford at Galax.

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