

Waccamaw Athletic Association's 20-Game Baseball Card Announced

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A 20-game Waccamaw Athletic Association baseball schedule is due to begin on Tuesday, April 3, according to a news release by WAA President J. W. Black of Bladenboro.

Contests on the card, which will consist of two games on each date, will be played on Tuesday's and Thursday's of each week over a period of one month. The schedule is due to be completed on Thursday, May 3.

Teams competing in baseball this year within the WAA, include Whiteville's Wolfpack, Bladenboro's Bulldogs, Shallotte's Pirates, Elizabethtown's Yellow Jackets and one newcomer, Hallsboro's Tigers. Chadbourne's Panthers will not field a baseball team for the third year, while Tabor City's Red Devils are not competing in diamond play for the second consecutive year.

As usual, the schedules of all clubs will consist of home-and-home setoffs against all common loop foes.

The one newcomer in the circuit, Hallsboro's Tigers, is an opponent which moves up from the Class A ranks. This should not be taken lightly, since Coach Bud Hood's Tigers have sliced a wide swath in the ranks of "A" foes in recent years. For the past four consecutive seasons, the Bogue school baseball nine has won the Columbus County Conference championship. Thus, it should prove a worthy foe for all WAA clubs.

The 1962 Waccamaw baseball schedule will open on April 3 with Elizabethtown playing at Shallotte and Bladenboro going to Hallsboro. Whiteville's Wolfpack will draw a bye within the loop on this date, but will open its season at Bladenboro on April 5. Hallsboro is at ETown in the other game on this date.

Couch Paul L. Powell's Whiteville Wolfpack is the ever-winning champion of WAA baseball. All four seasons that the loop has played baseball, the Pack has won top spot.

Waccamaw Baseball Card

April 3—Elizabethtown at Shallotte.	Bladenboro at Hallsboro.
April 5—Whiteville at Bladenboro.	Hallsboro at Elizabethtown.
April 10—Elizabethtown at Whiteville.	Shallotte at Hallsboro.
April 12—Bladenboro at Shallotte.	Whiteville at Hallsboro.
April 17—Elizabethtown at Bladenboro.	Shallotte at Whiteville.
April 19—Hallsboro at Bladenboro.	Shallotte at Elizabethtown.
April 24—Bladenboro at Whiteville.	Elizabethtown at Hallsboro.
April 26—Whiteville at Elizabethtown.	Hallsboro at Shallotte.
May 1—Shallotte at Bladenboro.	Hallsboro at Whiteville.
May 3—Bladenboro at Elizabethtown.	Whiteville at Shallotte.

Azalea Tourney Entry Blanks For Record Possible Rebel 300 Mailed

By FRANK O'BRIEN

WILMINGTON—This may be the year for a new 72-hole record for the annual Azalea Open golf tournament, with four former champions and many of the nation's top golfers already entered in the four-day, \$20,000 event.

The tournament will be played on the tough Cape Fear Country Club course from March 29 through April 1. And for the first time in seven years, since stocky Billy Maxwell set the tournament record with an 18-under par 270, the field is liberally sprinkled with top names capable of challenging Cape Fear's long tees, rolling fairways, and tantalizing greens.

Back for another chance to repeat will be former Azalea Open Champions Jerry Barber, Art Wall, Tom Neipote, and the record-holder himself, Billy Maxwell.

They will be joined by such tournament favorites as Dave Ragan, Gary Player, Bill Casper, Gene Littler, Bob Rosburg, Doug Ford, Dow Finsterwald, the Herbert brothers, Jay and Lionel, Mason Rudolph, Fred Hawkins, Dave Marr, and Jim Ferrier.

In all, over 60 professionals already have entered, plus a contingent of pros from the Carolina section of the PGA.

J. B. (Bunny) Hines, president of the sponsoring Wilmington Athletic Association, expects another 50 or more professionals on hand for the tournament, including additional players among the elite of the touring troops.

Host Pro Hampton Auld says the rugged Cape Fear Country Club course will be in top shape. "But it will still be a tough course for four days," he says, "and it will take consistently outstanding play to beat Maxwell's record. But I'll admit this may be the year."

Since Maxwell set the record in 1955, only big Mike Souchak has come close, with a 273 in 1956 when he won the title.

The Azalea Open will have spaces for 10 amateurs, and 17 already have filed for entry. A qualifying round will be played Tuesday, March 27, for five openings, the other five going to amateurs who are exempt from qualifying. Those exempt are Raleigh Powell and Bobby Harrell of Wilmington, John Hughes of Greensboro, Ed Justa of Rocky Mount, and Bob Galloway of New York City.

The WAA also will stage a \$2,500 pro-am tournament on March 28, preceding the big Azalea Open. The field will include 150 amateurs paired with 50 pros, and play will be in foursomes.

Baptist Church by the Revs. E. C. Reaves and Don Hales, with burial in Sellers Cemetery.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. W. P. Suggs of the home and Mrs. Billy Varnum of Supply. Active pallbearers were Bobby Sing, Thomas Sing, Dale Suggs, Wilton Clemmons, Waddell Clemmons and Robert Piggott.

DARLINGTON, S. C.—Entry blanks for the sixth annual Rebel 300 convertible stock car classic at Darlington Raceway have been placed in the mail.

The annual spring feature of the nation's oldest major stock car raceway carries an award total of \$46,170 for the 32-starting cars of which \$42,120 can be won. The winning car can collect \$8,200. Last place, in the 32-car field, will earn \$200 in addition to a \$210 credit for tires.

Darlington Raceway is the only raceway in the nation that makes a new set of starting tires part of the prize money.

The Raceway has posted \$36,445 and accessory manufacturers \$9,675 of the posted awards. The inaugural Rebel 300, won in 1957 by Fireball Roberts in a Ford, had a purse of \$20,000 including accessory money.

Now the only convertible stock car classic in the nation, the Rebel 300 commemorates Confederate Memorial Day. Time trials, Thursday and Friday, May 10, 11 will determine the starting field.

Ford has won four of the five Rebel 300s and Chevrolet one. Roberts is the only double winner scoring, besides his inaugural victory, the lone win for Chevrolet in 1959. Curtis Turner was the winning driver in 1958 and Joe Weatherly in 1960.

Freddie Lorenzen, the Elmhurst, Illinois Ford-stylist won last year with a record average speed of 119.520 mph, the fastest speed any race has ever been won in the 13-year history of Darlington Raceway. Turner, who led until two laps from the finish, finished second, seven seconds behind the winner. More than 25,000 saw the fifth running of the Rebel 300.

The black skimmer, a large fish-eating bird, arrives on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in the early spring after spending the winter in Central or South Africa.



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