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Six Cities Begin Struggle For the Pennant—Everything is in Readiness for the Openers—Fast Baseball is Promised.

With Charlotte at Asheville, Winston-Salem at Greensboro and Raleigh at Durham, the lid will be pried from the second season of the North Carolina League of Professional Baseball clubs this afternoon and six cities which at the present time boast of pennant winning teams will suspend business for a while, forget the Mexican situation for a brief space of time and watch the score boards for results from the three cities favored by the schedule committee. Throughout the territory comprising the state league fans will wait with nerves a tingle for the results of the openers preparing to exclaim that the team that gets hot to the early start is the team that wins the flag or to repeat the axiom that a bad beginning makes a good ending. The nature of the sunrise will conform to the wishes of the fans. Carolina fans who have been hungry for baseball since the first league season closed, will have an opportunity to satisfy their appetites this afternoon and with favorable weather conditions, the indications are that like the proverbial banquet table, the grandstand and bleachers of three cities will groan beneath their loads.

All Prepared. The opening of the league today will not take any management by surprise, developments on six state diamonds during the past several weeks indicating that throughout the state there has been a general hunch entertained that the first skirmish is to

be waged today. Managers have prepared for it, fans have saved up for it and soft drink peddlers have laid in an extra supply for it. Players have worked for it and diamonds have been put in ship shape for it. All is in readiness for the umpire's clarion tones and the initial shout which invariably rises as the visiting team takes the field in the first inning of the first game. Having studied plans of warfare for the past pair of months, the half dozen generals who will lead as many armies are ready for the beginning of the battle and are supplied with ammunition and soldiers to keep up the fighting until chill breezes of next September bring reminders of cool bills and winter clothing. Some stringent activities are in store for the period extending over the summer months and the fans are prepared for everything that happens.

Faster Baseball. Inspired by the success of the first season, Carolina league moguls have set the limit for the approaching season in the way of providing for faster baseball to satisfy their patrons. Players and fans who have visited the various cities of the league and who have participated in and watched the workouts are authority for the rumor, that the fans who have remained away from the parks and have been too busy reading war news and market quotations to keep up with the sporting editor's calculations are going to be treated to a genuine surprise when they see the opening games. The teams undoubtedly are faster this year than they were at the same time last year and no one is going to be surprised if the article of ball registers considerably higher on the league speedometer during the approaching season.

The second season of the league begins the active administration of President Arthur Lyon, of High Point, who will run the league this year. Chosen to succeed J. H. Wear, who refused to serve as president any longer, Mr. Lyon's actions during the time that he has been at the head of the league have led the fans of the circuit to believe that he's the man for the place. He has given his best efforts to the work and those who have come into close touch with him believe that he will give general satisfaction. An ardent fan, a good business man and a lover of clean sports he combines the qualities necessary to a successful administration and the second season begins with the president having the confidence of the cities he will serve. He recently announced his umpires and his first general communication pleaded with the fans of six cities to remember that clean sport is more desirable than victory. In selecting his umpires he stated that he has chosen men who are highly recommended, men who have had experience and are capable of performing their tasks. They will make some mistakes, the president says, but they are beginning the season with no strings tied to them and President Lyon expresses the hope that the present season will be featured by its freedom from abuse of the officials. The league has not earned a bad reputation and the fans of the six cities composing it—the true blue fans—are determined that it shall not get a bad name. Gambling on the property of the six clubs is forbidden and at no city in the league, according to the president's orders, will the moguls countenance the placing of wagers in grandstands or on bleachers. The men who are putting their hard earned cash into the game for the love of the pastime are violently opposed to rowdiness and with such men at the head of the various clubs as those who are in charge of the baseball affairs of the six clubs, the indications are that the season will be free from happenings which mar the pleasure of those persons who spend their money to see baseball games.

New Manager. To Asheville falls the only stranger to the league in a managerial capacity. Louis Cook, former pilot of the Guelph team of the Canadian league, is here to serve the fans with the dish they like and he promises to give them a run for their money. A heady player, who hates the bench while the fighting is on, he will be their in his scrapping tows when the skirmishes are in progress and he has run the team in such a manner thus far as to assure the Asheville lovers of the game that the management made a wise move in the selection of his pilot. Cook starts off with the good wishes of the fans, the friendship of those with whom he has been thrown during the time he has been here and the respect of the players who will perform under his guidance. Greensboro, like Asheville, starts off with a new man at the wheel but he's not a stranger in these parts. Red Owens, former Durham favorite, is leading the Patriots this season and he begins with the determination of making Greensboro baseball sports forking the unpleasant experiences of last year. At the other four cities of the league, the same managers who held the reins last year will be in charge this season. Earle Mack bosses the bunch of Capitals at Raleigh, Jim Kelly will pilot the Durham Bulls, Charles Clancy will make an effort to grab another pennant with the Winston-Salem Twins and Bureigh Emery will direct the Charlotte Hornets.

FAIR WEATHER FOR INITIAL CONTEST

EVERYTHING READY FOR BASEBALL THIS AFTERNOON.

Arrangements all Complete for Big Parade and Announcement of Line-up Made.

You can say what you want to about this weather man, but he is a good baseball fan if nothing else. He has stated that conditions will be ideal for this afternoon when the first game of the Carolina league is played at Oates park. He has announced that it will practically be a duplicate of yesterday when nothing more could be asked in the shape of baseball weather. Everything is primed and ready for the opening run at 4:30 o'clock and it is expected that a record crowd will be on hand to see the opener.

Arrangements are complete for the big parade prior to the game and a large number of automobiles and other vehicles will be formed in line behind the city officials, first regiment band and ball players. Mayor J. E. Rankin has been warming up during the past two days in an effort to perfect his delivery for the first pitched ball and Superintendent of Public Schools, Harry Howell, has been practicing with the padded mitt for more than a week to be sure that he will be able to hold the mayor's "smoke ball." Most of the merchants of the city have promised to close up their shops in the afternoon and let their employees attend the game.

Several surprises were sprung yesterday when Manager Louis Cook announced the line-up of the Mountaineers for the contest. Corbett has been shifted to the outfield, playing the center garden, and the batting order was entirely re-arranged. The line-up was given a tryout against the Lenoir collegians yesterday and proved such a success that it is expected to cause a large lot of trouble for the Hornets. The positions they will play and the order in which they will bat are as follows: Brackman, short stop; Cook, second base; Bumb first base; Sauer, left field; Wares third base; Corbett, centerfield; Hasty right field; Fry catcher; Watson or Ryan pitcher.

Whether this array will remain throughout the season remains to be seen, but Manager Cook thinks that it is the strongest that could be assembled from the players on the local roster. Brackman who has been placed in the responsible position of lead-off man, is one of the hardest men to pitch to on the club in spite of the fact that he is not regarded as a heavy hitter. Cook, Bumb and Sauer following him, are all sure batters, and can be relied on to hit the ball nine times out of ten, although they may not send it into safe territory.

The choice of pitchers to start the game will be between Watson and Ryan with the decision to be determined by the one that appears to have the best arm in the warming up practice. Both have been going good in all of the games they have participated in and both are likely to make the Hornets hustle to get on the bases.

Besides the change in the line-up, announcement was also made regarding the releasing of several men yesterday morning. Catcher Breakiron, Pitchers Griffin and Graham, and outfielders Day and Doremus, all received their pink slips, after vain attempts to find places in other leagues for them. All of these men have shown great promise, but all of them lacked just enough to nose out some other member of the squad and consequently had to be released.

This still leaves six pitchers on the roster from which a staff of four will have to be chosen, meaning that two more will probably be cut adrift in the next thirty days. These are High, Smith, Watson, Ryan, McKethen and Oatmeyer, of which the first four have probably shown the greatest promise up to this time. All of these are on hand at present with the exception of Smith, who is expected to arrive from his home in a few days. Pitcher High returned yesterday morning and seems to be in excellent form. He pitched against the Lenoir college team yesterday and had fine control of the ball at all times.

The board of trade and other commercial organizations of the city have been urging that as many of the employees of the various stores attend the game as can possibly do so, since it is taken as a matter of civic pride that Asheville should make an excellent showing in the contest for the cup offered for the largest crowd at an opening game.

The batting order of the Hornets has not been announced but it is reported that that squad is much stronger than the one Manager Emery had under his charge last season. The outfield, composed of Webster, Williams, Overholser and Hartle, is touted to be unusually fast for a class D league, and much is being claimed for the batting strength of the infield, composed of Mollenkamp, first base; Emery, second base; Patter shot stop; and Wofford third base. Hicks or Neiderkorn will do the receiving for the visitors and no announcement has been made regarding the pitcher. This will probably not be decided until they have a chance to warm up at the park this afternoon.

John H. Clarke, candidate for the democratic nomination to succeed Senator Burton of Ohio, is a well known Cleveland lawyer, with some experience as a newspaper man. He was nominee for United States senator in 1902.

MEMBERS OF LEAGUE CLEAN UP PROPERTY

CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERS WERE ACTIVE YESTERDAY.

Property on Patton Avenue, Between Grove and French Broad, Presents Improved Appearance.

Demonstrating their willingness to "practice what they preach," members of the civic betterment league donned working clothes, rolled up their sleeves and together with a party of young men from the Ashland avenue school gave their attention to the lot running from Grove street to French Broad avenue and facing on Patton avenue. Rubbish which has accumulated on this lot during the past several months was piled high for the sanitary wagons when they reached that section of the city, and while the women who supervised and participated in the work were observing clean-up week it is announced that their efforts will not be discontinued when the period for the annual renovation is completed. They intend to continue their efforts for a city beautiful during the remainder of the summer and the indications are that many lots which have served as miniature dumping grounds in the past will present changed appearances before long.

The property which received the attention of the clean-up brigade yesterday lies beneath the level of the Patton avenue sidewalk between Grove street and French Broad avenue, and presents a standing invitation to passers-by to cast empty bottles, tin cans, shoe boxes and other refuse upon it. And judging by the amount of trash collected yesterday, the invitation has been accepted on numerous occasions. Immense piles of rubbish, at the corner of Grove street and Patton avenue, and at the corner of Patton and French Broad avenues stand as testimonials of the work done on the property yesterday.

The success of the cleaning up of the vacant property was due to the efforts of Principal A. H. King, of the Ashland avenue school, the students who co-operated with him and the members of the civic betterment league who performed the unpleasant task. The women who participated in the work were Mrs. H. Taylor Rogers, Miss Mary Rogers, Mrs. W. H. Northup, Mrs. Justin Wolfharter, Mrs. D. S. Watson and Mrs. J. W. Shaw. Tired from the activities of

WEAVER COLLEGE WON THE DECIDING GAME

BINGHAM PUT UP SORRY EXHIBITION OF BASEBALL.

Chambers Weakened and Had No Support During Latter Part of Conflict—Love Hit Well.

Weaver college proved her superiority over Bingham school yesterday afternoon in a one-sided ball game by taking the third, final and deciding event of the series, by the score of 11 to 4. The first six frames of the meet gave the spectators their money's worth, developing into a nip and tuck contest, with both teams scrapping bitterly for the odd. During the last trio of innings, however, Chambers on the firing line for the cadets, lost his strength, and the collegians got next to his offerings with apparent ease, slamming the horseshoe in all directions and for extra bases. A quartette of tallies in the seventh and an equal number of trips around the bags in the ninth put the game on the shelf for Weaver. Hobson started off as the pitcher

the day the members of the party late in the afternoon expressed their intentions of continuing the work and similar parties will give their attention to other lots within the near future. The women having gone through some of the back lots of the business districts, have decided to pay early visit to these premises and merchants who are unwilling for the civic betterment league to have to send a committee of workers to their property will do well to put forces at work in their lots immediately.

The school boys who assisted in the work yesterday showed enthusiasm over their work and worked manfully until only the piles of trash and ashes from burning rubbish remained on the property. The lot presents an attractive appearance since the renovation and the women are determined that persons who persist in covering it with litter shall be reminded of some of the provisions of the local sanitary laws.

At several of the schools yesterday, pupils during recess hours gave their time to the work of renovating the property surrounding the building and each campus at which the school children worked presents a greatly improved appearance as a result of the activities of the members of the student body.

MOUNTAINEERS 14; LENOIR COLLEGE 0

Jumping on the Lenoir collegians yesterday afternoon the Mountaineers pounded out enough runs in the first two innings of the game to win almost any old kind of a baseball contest. This was the final workout before the regular season opens and just to show how they felt about the locals walloped the visitors to the tune of 14 to 0. At no time during the game did the college boys have a real good chance to score.

The excellent pitching of High was one of the chief reasons for this lopsided result since he kept his opponents feeding from his hand all the way. This pitching was backed up by glib-edged support, which was the distinct feature of the fray. Wares at third base was one of the main performers in the stellar ring and the defense of the whole infield was much on the order of a stone wall. The Mountaineers took kindly to the offerings of the college pitcher in the first inning when eight of them faced the twirler and proceeded to face the center field fence in several places counting four tallies before the smoke had cleared away. In the second frame four more were run up but after this the sport lagged and only six more runs were scored in the remaining innings.

A distinct feature of the game was the graceful umpiring of Pitcher Brandon. The eloquence with which he called balls and strikes and the graceful posture he assumed behind the pitcher were all that could be asked by the most artists.

FRESHMAN A TEAM IS BEATEN BY JUNIORS

An interesting game of basketball was played between the Junior and Freshman A teams of the high school outdoor basketball league yesterday with the decision going to the juniors with the score of 13 to 5. The game was featured by the goal throwing of W. Noland for the Freshman and E. Blomberg for the Juniors. The line-up was as follows:

Juniors	Position	Freshman A
E. Blomberg	r. f.	W. Noland
M. Weaver	l. f.	M. Poindexter
A. Johnson	c.	B. Neely
G. Fite	r. g.	C. Jackson
M. Tomlin	l. g.	R. Reed

Dow H. Drukker, the new congressman from the 7th New Jersey district, is a native of Holland.

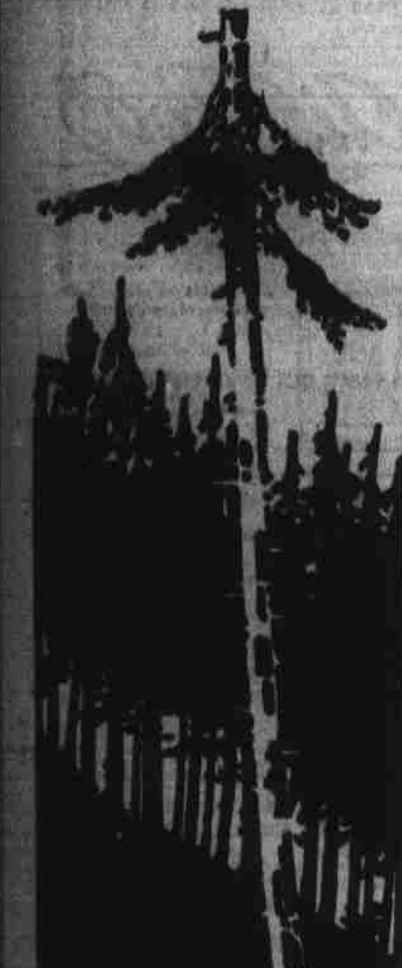
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