

SPORTS PAGE

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Rambling With The Sports Editor

HIGHLY HONORED . . . Rarely does an athlete break into the editorial columns of a newspaper. But Gil Coan did and we are reprinting the editorial which appeared in the Washington Times Herald last week.

Cheers for Gil Coan

Washington baseball fans had something to brag about yesterday morning as the latest batting averages showed Gil Coan of the Senators leading the American league with .336.

At this writing, he leads Ted Williams, whose baseball ability commands a \$100,000 salary with the Boston Red Sox, by one point. That Coan is up there where he is today is a tribute to his own courage and to the patience of Clark Griffith, venerable owner of the Senators.

Altho Coan hit a brilliant .372 with Chattanooga in the Southern association in 1945 and was voted the most valuable player in the minor leagues, he was a dismal failure with the Senators in his rookie year, 1946, batting a feeble .209.

For the next few years, he alternated between the majors and the minors, between Washington and Chattanooga. At Chattanooga, he was brilliant, but when he put on a Washington uniform, he seemed to lose his natural skill for the game.

But Clark Griffith refused to give up on the boy. He turned down a \$45,000 offer for the fleet young outfielder from the Cleveland Indians. Coan reached the depths of despair in 1949 and he was ready to quit baseball after hitting only .218.

It appeared that Coan's baseball career might be ended early in the season last year when he fractured his skull sliding into second base. Yet that injury marked the turning point in his fortunes.

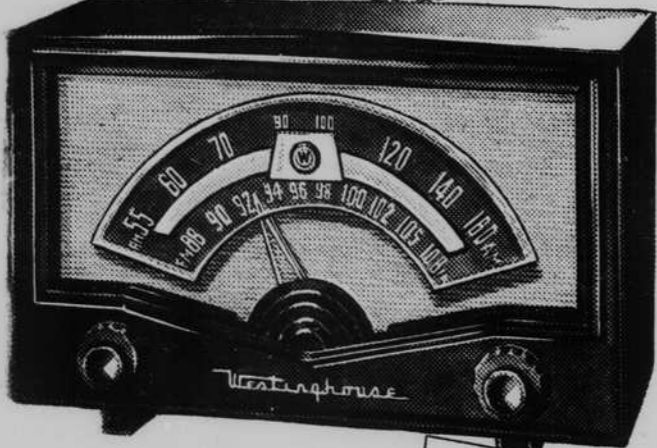
He returned to the line-up after a six weeks' absence and then he began to click. He ended the 1950 season with a .303 average, the only Washington player to bat over .300. To show his confidence in Coan, Clark Griffith gave him a \$3,000 raise. Congratulations, Gil. Your story is one we're glad to tell—something pleasant for a change.

ECUSTANS TO PLAY . . . Five of the Ecusta WNC Industrial league baseball team members will play in the 1951 All-Star clash at McCormick field in Asheville on Sunday. They are Fritz Merrell, the playing-manager, Ronald Rogers, Dave Robinson, Troy Drake and Carl Chastain. The cream of the players of each of the teams, Beacon, Enka, Clearwater and Ecusta, has been picked to play against the league leading Berkeley club. Beacon Manager Pepper Martin will pilot the star-studded "All-Star" team, and tickets are available here at Ecusta's athletic office.

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Pisgah Forest, N. C.

PANTHERS HOLD TO FIRST PLACE IN LITTLE LOOP

Maple Street Noses Out East Main Team In Extra Innings

The Pisgah Forest "Panthers" overwhelmed Gallamore Hill last Saturday morning in the Little League to the tune of 18 to 3.

In clinching their fourth win, the Panthers are now within one game of becoming the first champions of the 1951 Elk's "Little League."

It was Doyle Enloe on the mound for the winners, and it was Doyle Enloe who led his teammates at the plate. He had a perfect day. His two triples and a double featured the nine-hit attack.

Weldon English, a newcomer to the Panthers, also did his share of the stickwork with three for four.

E. Keener, of the Wildcats, garnered three of his team's six hits. Providing the Panthers can take East Main into camp on Saturday, the league championship will firmly rest in the grip of Pisgah Forest.

In one of the most interesting games of the year, the Maple street "Warriors" edged past East Main in a two extra-inning affair by the score of 2 to 1. The victory planted the Warriors in second place, only one game behind Pisgah Forest.

"Pinky" Gravelly tied the league record of 21 strikeouts in a regulation game, however it took nine innings to accomplish the feat. A total of 21 strikeouts was formerly recorded by "Lefty" Howard, of the Pisgah Forest nine.

Leading hitters for the winners were P. Gravelly and E. Gannett.

A win Saturday for Maple street and a loss for Pisgah Forest will throw these two teams into a deadlock for first place. Saturday morning will tell the tale.

Saturday's Schedule
10:00 o'clock—Maple Street vs. Gallamore Hill; 11:30 o'clock, Pisgah Forest vs. East Main.

INTEREST MOUNTS IN SOFTBALL HERE

Group Now Playing On College Diamond. Plan All-Star Game

By J. ALDERMAN
It seems that Transylvania's Softball league got off to a bad start this year, primarily for lack of a sponsor. Heretofore, it seems the sponsors had lost a considerable amount of money by sponsoring these games. On the other hand, in backing the last Transylvania county league, they also stimulated considerable amount of interest among the players on the various teams. Too, a good many business men enjoyed recreation and relaxation that these games brought to the county. It seems a shame that the returning college boys who were active in the league last year and previous years are missing the good natured rivalry that existed among the teams in the league. Although there were much cramped for uniforms and equipment, we had nice crowds turn out and support their favorite teams.

This year quite a number of the players have gotten together to see if they can organize several teams, and through determination to play ball have already organized two teams. Although they still do not have a sponsor, they would like to have enough players turn out, who are interested in playing softball, so that at least two more teams can be organized. It is rather late in the season to start a softball league in the county, but the object is to pick one "crack" all-star team to represent Transylvania county in the state tournament held in Canton each year during the first two weeks in August. In this tournament, there are teams from all parts of the state and teams with players who are other than amateurs. Of the two teams that represented Transylvania last year in this tournament, neither brought back

Square Dance Team To Enter Asheville Folk Festival Aug. 2

Burder W. Teague, junior activities chairman of the American Legion, announces that the Junior Legion square dance team will dance next Thursday night, August 2, in the Asheville Mountain Folk Festival.

The young people will give an exhibition and it is possible that they will be eligible to enter the junior competition.

Mr. Teague states that they received a great deal of local support last Friday night in Canton, and he hopes that many Brevard people will turn out to applaud them in the folk festival.

Most girls hitch their wagon to a man who works like a horse.

TARHEEL WILDLIFE SKETCHES A TARHEEL WILDLIFE QUIZ



BY THESE YOU SHOULD KNOW THEM

1 I AM THE ONLY ONE OF MY KIND THAT HAS CURLED TAIL FEATHERS

2 I CAN PULL WORMS FROM DEEP MUD WITH MY LONG BILL—NOTE HOW I CAN CONTROL THE TIP

3 MY FRONT FOOT IS MUCH LARGER THAN MY HIND FOOT

4 I AM THE ONLY TARHEEL ANIMAL THAT CAN HANG BY ITS TAIL

5 MY LONG BARBED STICKY TONGUE PULLS ANTS BY THE THOUSANDS OUT OF THEIR HILLS

6 THIS IS ONE OF MY HIND FEET—NOTICE HOW ONE NAIL IS FORMED INTO A COMB FOR MY FUR

7 MY FLATTENED TAIL SERVES AS A RUDDER WHEN I AM SWIMMING

BRASHER WINS "BLIND BOGEY"

Patsy Maley Gets Prize For Drive On No. 6. Fraser Also Winner

The first "blind bogey" golf tourney of the season at the Brevard country club was highly successful last week end with some 30 golfers participating in the event.

With a score of 77, Don Brasher won the top prize, which consisted of a number of golf balls. Mr. Brasher is an accountant with the duPont company.

Miss Patsy Maley, granddaughter of Manager E. E. Fraser of the club, won the prize for the tee shot nearest the hole on No. 6. Budgie Fraser won the prize for

Ecusta Continues To Win In WNC Industrial League Race

CARDINALS LEAD IN ECUSTA RACE

Win Over Indians On Monday Afternoon. Standing Is Given

The Cardinals defeated the Indians by the score of 7 to 4 Monday afternoon in the Ecusta Inter-departmental baseball race and are on top of the standings with six wins and two losses.

The Indians are in second place with a record of four and four, and the Yanks have three wins and four losses. The Tigers are on the bottom with two and five.

In the victory of the Cards on Monday, Paul Jackson had three for four for the winners, and Troy Drake hit a homer with two men on. Hubert Bryson led the losers with three for three.

Defeat League Leading Berkeley Team. Will Play Away From Home

Ecusta's "improving right along" WNC Industrial league baseball team will take to the road during the next few days and will continue to try to upset the league leaders.

Last Saturday Ecusta knocked Berkeley off by the score of 4-1, with Ronald Rogers tripling in the third to put Ecusta in the lead. Grover Suttles pitched another steady game, and set the league leaders down with six hits.

On Saturday Ecusta travels to Enka, and next Tuesday the locals meet Clearwater there.

"It was that silly habit of hers that caused all the embarrassment," Mrs. Thinwhistle explained, speaking of her spinster sister, Imogene.

"What habit?" her friend inquired.

"Of always looking under her bed at night," came the reply.

"How did that cause her any embarrassment?"

"She was in an upper berth on a 'rain at the time.'"

You can't build a reputation on the basis of what you are going to do.

GAME OF THE DAY OVER WPNF

Thursday, July 26—White Sox vs Red Sox, Fenway Park, 12:55
Friday, July 27—Phillies vs Cubs, Wrigley Field, Chicago, 1:25
Saturday, July 28—Indians vs Red Sox Fenway Park, 12:55
Monday, July 30—Giants vs Cubs, Wrigley Field, 1:25
Tuesday, July 31—Giants vs Cubs, Wrigley Field, 1:25
Wednesday, August 1—Tigers vs Yankees, Yankee Stadium, 12:30

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