

# SPORTS

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## AT ANY RATE IT GOES DOWN AS A GAME

### Even Though it Rock Along for Eleven Tiresome Frames.

Colonel Jake Munch's swat to left in the eleventh inning of yesterday's game finally accomplished the purposes of the Mackian envoys and the Hornets "won" the second game of the series from the Capital gang, thanks to some timely aid by the opposition. It goes down in the league records as a game but it could hardly be termed as such. The score was 6 to 5 and it was one of those "don't-care" sort of a give-aways featured by double killings, errors and stolen bases. In all three of the feature departments the Hornets excelled—but they weren't able to make their bobbles count for as much as did the representatives from Raleigh. Eleven errors were corked and Charlotte garnered seven. Ten stolen bases were pilfered and Charlotte got nine. Four double killings are recorded and Charlotte staged three.

The winning tally chased across in the eleventh. Some one had borrowed gloves belonging to Cy Perkins in right, and McConnell on second, so these two fellows chased along barehanded. It got rather dumpy and cool so Chief Myers and Cy Perkins proceeded to garner sweaters. Not relishing the idea of grabbing the flies without some sort of a glove, Cy Perkins borrowed Jake Munch's wrong-handed glove—so Dick Manchester skied to him. Cy dropped the thing and Manchester took second while Cy was yanking the glove so he could throw. The next three Hornets were easy outs. Realizing that they were forcing the engagement into extra frames, Raleigh got busy and lost and Charlotte got busy and won in the eleventh. Anderson hit to third, Citrano pegged and Chief Myers hit it with his glove only to let it hit the fence. Anderson taking second. Wofford poked one to left—Roberts caring no more about getting the ball than the man at the plate.

The game was to start the least a farce. Nine stolen bases were garnered by the locals and it got so after a while that Tally made no attempt to throw. The Hornets were playing for the win and while they weren't over-exerting themselves, they didn't refuse any chances. The Macks fielded indifferently—as did some of the locals. Many bobbles were recorded that could have been transformed into outs had there been the proper amount of ambition. But there was nothing at stake, the grandstand featured by its sparse settlement and the game was nothing more than one could expect.

**The Scoring.** Asheville garnered two in the first. With one down, Mack hit one to Slats that was a little too hot to be handled, and took second when Slats uncorked a wild pitch. Citrano skied to center. Perkins hit an easy one to Leonard and Charlie joined the Macks and booted. Perkins taking second and Mack scoring. Wofford dropped in Myers' fly and Perkins counted. Charlotte garnered three in the fourth. Smith walked and so did Anderson. Wofford sacrificed and Munch doubled, scoring both. Wasmé doubled and Munch scored.

Raleigh came back with three in the sixth. Leonard started the thing by booting Perkins' roller. Myers singled to left. Roberts doubled to right and Perkins and Myers scored when the ball went to left field on Dunning's peg to second. McCord singled to left and Roberts tallied.

The Hornets tied in the seventh. Ledbetter tripled to deep left center, but Dunning and Smith were easy outs. McConnell booted Anderson's roller and Ledbetter scored. Anderson stole second. Wofford singled and Anderson scored. Wofford stole second. Myers' error, Wofford's sacrifice and Munch's single produced the long desire results in the eleventh.

The box score:

Raleigh	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McConnell, 2b	5	0	1	0	1	0
Mack, cf	5	1	2	5	0	1
Citrano, 3b	5	0	1	1	4	0
Perkins, rf	5	2	0	1	0	0
Myers, 1b	5	1	1	0	2	0
Roberts, if	5	1	1	0	0	0
McCord, ss	5	0	2	4	2	0
Tally, c	5	0	0	4	1	0
Munch, p	5	0	2	0	5	0
Totals	45	5	12	31	13	4

x-One out when winning run was scored.

**CHARLOTTE.**

AB	R	H	PO	A	E	
Dunning, rf	6	0	2	0	0	1
Smith, cf	5	1	0	5	0	0
Anderson, ss	5	3	0	5	7	1
Munch, 1b	4	0	2	1	3	0
Wofford, 3b	4	1	2	8	0	0
Wasmé, if	4	0	2	4	0	0
Leonard, 2b	4	0	1	3	2	0
Manchester, c	5	0	1	0	2	0
Ledbetter, p	4	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	42	6	10	33	15	7

Score by innings: R. H. E.  
Raleigh 000 000 001—6 10 4  
CHARLOTTE 000 300 200—11 6 10

**Summary:** Stolen bases, Dunning, Smith, Anderson, Wofford, Munch 2, Wasmé 2, Manchester, McConnell. Sacrifice hits Wofford 2. Two base hits, Munch, Wasmé, Munoz 2, Roberts. Three base hit, Ledbetter. Earned runs, Charlotte 1, Raleigh 2. Left on bases, Charlotte 14, Raleigh 7. Double plays, Wofford to Leonard to Munch, Anderson to Leonard, Anderson to Leonard to Munch, Munoz to Tally to Myers. Struck out, by Ledbetter 3, by Munoz 2. Bases on balls, Ledbetter none, Munoz 5. Hit by pitched ball, Munch by Munoz. Wild pitch, Ledbetter. Time of game 1:50. Umpire, Mr. Lauzon. Attendance 100.

## MARTIN DUDLEY WILL MANAGE THE HORNETS

### Next Season, According to Straight Dope Handed Out—Where They Winter.

The News learns on good authority that Manager Martin G. Dudley, pilot of the Hornets for the past six weeks, will be chosen as Manager of the 1916 Hornets at the meeting of the Charlotte Baseball Association, scheduled for tonight. It was impossible this morning to either get a confirmation or a denial of this report—but it seems to us absolutely straight.

The locals have been considering the selection of a 1916 pilot for some little time and they were strongly inclined to Dudley. The players liked him, and as a result of his efforts, while Manager Dudley was liked around the entire circuit. The directors, the report said, put it up to the local manager straight from the shoulder. If such and such a thing was brought to pass, Dudley would be retained for next season, and it happened. At the meeting scheduled for tonight, therefore, the ratification of this choice will be about all that is necessary and local fans need not worry over the chances of the Hornets for the coming season.

This selection will no doubt meet with the greatest approval by the local fans. Dudley may not hit a ball a year—he may not get in a single game. He is a good man—ever though local fans were glad to see him get out of the game—for Dudley suffered about as bad a year this year as a man can suffer. He knows more ball players and has his hands on more men ready to step in and get to work than any other man it has ever been our pleasure to meet and Dudley will have a regular team to work for Charlotte when the 1916 season starts off. The report has been general for some time that Dunning didn't belong to Charlotte. He didn't, but he does. This youngster secured his release from the Georgia-Alabama circuit and it was generally reported around here that he had sold his services to Cleveland. There was, we understand, some dickerings along this line but one of the last things Manager Dudley did before leaving for his home, was to sign this fellow up for another season. Dunning, therefore and barring drafts, will be a member of Charlotte's 1916 pennant winners.

Three of the local team will winter in Charlotte. Pratt and Garry have bought a pool room in the Stonewall hotel and will run it throughout the winter. Charlie Leonard, we understand, is to run the Buford pool room. Among the present crew, there are but two who do not belong to Charlotte—but two who will not return for practice next year. Dick Manchester goes back to Griffin, Ga. to do duty for these fellows in the next season, while Leonard has been recalled by Memphis. Sykes will go back to his home in Georgia, Slats Ledbetter will winter at Rutherford College, Jake Munch will go back to his home just outside of Philadelphia, while we are uncertain as to the winter quarters of Andy Anderson's basketball and baseball careers. While Freddie Wasmé will return to his home after playing with Corbett in the post-season series with Rocky Mount. Ty Smith hikes back to Chattanooga for another spell of study while Joe Wofford is first, last and all the time a farmer, of Woodruff, S. C.

All of these fellows with the possible exception of Manchester and Leonard will return for practice next season. The Hornets will have little preparation to go through with and the 1916 season—even though many, many moons away—looks mighty good from this distance.

**RADNOR**  
THE NEW ARROW COLLAR

## MAJOR LEAGUE MOGULS CONSIDER THEIR DRAFT

### With Same Plan as Was Worked Last Year in Effect This Year.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., Sept. 15.—Many prominent baseball men were present when the National Baseball Commission opened its annual meeting here today to consider drafts submitted by major league players.

This annual drawing for the choice of minor league players always draws a large attendance. When the commission convened it was believed it would follow the same plan as last year and not make public the names of the players drafted. This plan was adopted to give the clubs of the National and American Leagues opportunity to sign the players allotted to them by the commission, so they would not be tempted by Federal League offers.

It was stated the drafts probably would not be announced until every player drafted had signed a contract.

## PATRIOTS AGAIN WHIPPED TWINS

Greensboro, Sept. 15.—Greensboro and Winston staged the only real game of baseball in the Carolina League yesterday and the Climbers made it two straight, the score being 3 to 2. Schwartzje and McWhorter were the opposing moundsmen and both pitched good ball. The loose fielding of the Twins proved costly.

The box score:

Winston	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Heck, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
McBane, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Honig, lf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Parker, 2b	4	0	0	1	5	1
Stuart, ss	4	1	3	2	1	1
Parker, 1b	4	0	0	1	5	1
Moorefield, c	4	0	2	3	1	0
Crow, 3b	3	0	0	2	0	0
Schwartzje, p	3	0	1	1	0	0
x-Teague	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	8	24	8	4

x-Batted for Crow in 9th.

Greensboro	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Carlisle, 3b	4	1	2	3	4	0
Davis, 2b	4	0	1	1	4	1
Nesser, ss	4	1	1	2	2	0
Schwartzje, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Van Horn, 1b	4	0	0	13	1	0
Clapp, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Harper, if	4	0	0	2	0	0
Haddock, c	3	0	0	3	1	0
McWhorter, p	2	1	1	2	4	0
Totals	30	3	6	27	17	1

Score by innings: R. H. E.  
Greensboro 000 100 10x—3  
Winston 000 010 000—2

**Summary:** Two-base hits, Carlisle, Moorefield, Davis. Sacrifice hit, Parker. Base on balls, of McWhorter 1, by Schwartzje 2. Stolen bases, Nesser, Clapp (2), Haddock, Honig, Parker. Double plays, Stuart to Moorefield; Carlisle to Van Horn. Passed ball, Haddock. Left on bases, Greensboro 6, Winston 3. First base on errors, Greensboro 3, Winston 1. Time, 1:45. Umpire, Mr. Blackburn. Attendance, 250.

## STAGED AFFAIR 59 MINUTES

Durham, Sept. 15.—Agreeing to pitch nothing but straight ones and agreeing to hit, when possible, the first ball pitched, the Bulls and the Tourists yesterday unrolled the second game of the series in fifty-nine minutes, the Bulls coming out with the big end of a 7-3 score. Twenty-five hits for forty-two bases were collected by the two teams, with Asheville getting thirteen of the twenty-five. Frey was credited with the only strike out of the game.

The box score:

Durham	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Butts, if	4	1	2	1	1	0
W. Kelly, 2b	4	1	1	5	4	0
Kirke, ss	4	1	1	1	3	0
Morpeth, 1b	4	2	3	10	0	0
Dayton, rf	4	0	1	1	1	0
Hiller, 3b	4	1	2	3	1	0
Angier, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Boyle, c	3	0	0	1	0	0
Frey, p	3	1	2	1	3	0
Totals	34	7	12	27	15	0

Asheville	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bradshaw, 2b	4	1	3	0	7	0
Burr, 1b	4	0	0	17	0	0
Perritt, rf	4	0	0	3	0	1
Hickman, if	4	0	0	1	0	0
Fenton, cf	4	1	3	0	0	0
Hewell, 3b	3	1	3	0	4	1
Woodall, c	4	0	0	2	2	0
Fortune, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Roberts, ss	3	0	0	1	3	0
Totals	33	3	13	24	17	1

Score by innings: R. H. E.  
Durham 000 010 11x—7  
Asheville 000 000 01x—3

**Summary:** Two-base hits, Fenton (2), Hiller (2), Kelly, Frey, Hewell. Three-base hits, Bradshaw, Fenton. Home runs, Butts, Morpeth. Sacrifice hits, Hewell. Struck out, Frey 1. Stolen bases, Hewell, Kirke (2), Morpeth. Double plays, Frey to Kirke to Morpeth; Kelly to Morpeth. Left on bases, Durham 3, Asheville 4. Time, 1:59. Umpire, Mr. Kelly. Attendance, 500.

## JUST DOPE

By "GOSH."

Copped. Ledbetter. Hardly a copping, though.

Rather an Alphonse-Gaston sort of an affair—and they got tired playing in the eleventh.

The features? There was one more out yesterday than the day before.

The Hornets started miserably and Raleigh finished miserably.

The Hornets tightened while the Macks started off well—but throughout the whole affair neither team seemed to give a—well, they didn't seem to care.

In fact the struggle got so tense and so interesting that there wasn't a kick registered on the ump's decisions. And then when darkness came creeping on and neither team seemed disposed to win. And then in the tenth, some one had swiped Cy Perkins' glove and McConnell couldn't find his. They played barehanded. Then Cy borrowed Jake Munch's left handed mitt and dropped one. And then Cy and Chief Myers grabbed their sweaters and proceeded to keep with warm and—well, there was all kinds of interest chucked into the eleven frames.

Again we offer our sincerest congratulations to Durham. One from Asheville from July first to September 13 and then, whoops! two straight. Today it'll be three straight for there's a bonus offered for finishing in second place.

Want to know how the standing will look after today's curtain ringers? Asheville will lose, Charlotte and Durham will win and quit at a tie for second, Raleigh will lose, Winston will win and Greensboro will lose.

We kinder hate to see a race finish this way—but when the pennant was definitely decided—the whole nerve tension seemed to bust and the thing dropped—also the attendance.

A total of 950 witnessed the three games in this league yesterday—and about 350 of those were passes.

We await with much interest and speculation the beginning of today's game. In the first place we want to see a regular comedy and in the second place we're waiting the final song with much interest. We've had about enough baseball for once and the finish that's been furnished—the fans around this six club kinder makes a man disgusted with baseball.

Earl Mack went into yesterday's game with ten men and he will play today's with nine. Murphy Currie and Brazier were turned loose early and Frankie Munoz left this morning for his home in Cuba after pitching the past season for the Mountaineers and the Macks.

Charlotte all right—Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro and have had 'em all—awful. Me no pitch here next year—me go somewhere else—these were the musings of the furringer. Say what you will, he's a good pitcher; but we don't know as this old league will lose much in his services.

The Hornets are just at present rocking along with thirteen men. Slats Ledbetter and Pratt have worked their last games of the season and Bob Garry will probably pitch the ring-dawner this after. It's going to be a merry sort of an affair—the're really nothing at stake and we're looking for the grandest little struggle that ever was struggled.

Hats off to Ledbetter. Slats, when it comes to hitting, isn't any Ty Cobb. But Slats some time ago told Manager Dudley to get up a bit of nerve and get in a few more games—that he wanted to shoot him to the cellar in the batting column. Slats yesterday ran out all his hits. He garnered one in four and as a result his average for the season climbs to .172. Dudley hit .171 so Slats is today wearing the smile that won't come off.

Carolina's football team will receive a nice bit of strengthening next week when Fatty Cowell, star guard, will report for practice. Cowell had announced earlier in the season that he wouldn't return to school this fall—but when he chased along down to the hill and saw the prospects for a winner, he couldn't resist the temptation. He will return and will hold down his old position at guard.

In fact the four teams operating in this state seem to be much stronger this year than ever before. Carolina is materially strengthened while A. & M. reports some hefty looking material. Wake Forest is materially strengthened while Davidson has much better prospects than last year. Wake Forest and A. & M. sit in the season with the same coaches that they had last year while Davidson boasts Bill Fetzer and DeWitt Klutz. Carolina has Trechard for the ends, Rist for the line and Blumenthal for the backfield. With the rapid approach of the initial engagements, football followers will soon be able to get a line on the teams.

The Braves yesterday climbed back to second place—going over the Dodgers by a single point. Today the Braves are playing the Cubs while the Brooklyns are idle. From this distance though it would seem that the present—between the National centers—at the initial engagements, football followers will soon be able to get a line on the teams.

Wins. Losses.

Asheville	600	583
CHARLOTTE	587	541
Durham	567	541
Raleigh	475	459
Winston	475	459
Greensboro	379	362

## BOSTON BRAVES FURNISHED THE ONLY CHANGE

### In Yesterday's Major League Games When They Overhauled the Dodgers.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 15.—The world's champion Boston Nationals furnished the only change in the baseball situation yesterday by jumping back into second place as the result of their victory over Chicago while Brooklyn was losing to St. Louis. The Braves hold the second position by a single percentage point over Brooklyn. The Philadelphia Nationals by winning another game from Pittsburgh kept their four-game lead.

The apparent deadlock in the American League remained unchanged. The Detroiters, although winning their third straight game from New York, were given no opportunity to gain on the Red Sox, who won their seventh consecutive game by defeating Chicago and thus retaining a three and a half game lead. The Red Sox and the Tigers wind up their series today and then cross bats at Boston for what may be the decisive struggle.

Those who already concede the race to the Red Sox are speculating now whether Chicago can retain third position, Washington today is only four games behind the White Sox and at the rate Clark Griffith's team has been going there is a chance to overhaul Chicago.

The Boston Braves will have an opportunity today to get a better hold on second place, ending their series in Chicago, while Brooklyn has an off day. Philadelphia will wind up their series at Pittsburgh.

## FATTY COWELL WILL GO BACK TO CAROLINA

### Changing His Mind When He Saw the Chance of Winning Team.

Special to The News. Chapel Hill, Sept. 15.—Head Coach Doggie Trechard gave out the announcement here today that Fatty Cowell, star guard on Carolina's football squad both last year and year before had changed his mind and would report for practice by the first of October. Cowell was one of the strongest men on a year's team and was a bulwark on defense. This summer he has been traveling and finding much remuneration for his efforts, he decided not to return this fall. Returning here, though, for a visit of a few days, the call of the gridiron and the students proved too much for him and Cowell announced definitely that he would return as soon as possible. The return of Cowell will make eleven letter men back for this year's squad.

## WILL FILED FOR PROBATE.

By Associated Press. San Diego, Cal., Sept. 15.—The will of A. G. Spalding, who died here last Thursday, was filed today for probate. Mrs. Elizabeth Churchill Spalding, the widow, is named as executrix. She estimated the estate to be worth \$600,000.

Beneficiaries are Keith Spalding, son of Chicago; Durand Churchill, a stepson, of San Diego; Albert G. Spalding, an adopted son, of London, and the widow, who resides here.

## ATHLETICS SHIFT GAMES.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—There will be no major league baseball games in Philadelphia today or tomorrow. The game scheduled for today between the Philadelphia Americans and St. Louis was played last Saturday in a double-header. Tomorrow's scheduled game with Cleveland will be played on Saturday.

fight between the Phils and the Braves scheduled for later.

With the sojourn of the Tigers in Boston for a series starting tomorrow, the pennant in the American League will come mighty near being settled—or maybe the teams'll break even and the race will continue for a bit longer. If Boston is to win in the National, we would like to see the Tigers pull through. If the Dodgers and the Phils are slated to win in the National, though, our choice is the Braves. We hate these home affairs.

Gastonia fans are kicking quite a bit over the reception they received in Charlotte—rather, we should say, over the predominance of Red Springs' rooting as they claim. We can vouch for one thing. That the majority of Charlotte fans were pulling for Gastonia either throughout or until the Bender incident. The trouble, as we see it, with Gastonia's conclusions is that the Tiger fans must have considered all strangers as Charlotteans when the truth of the business is that the vast majority of those attending came from towns other than Charlotte. Statesville had a large delegation pulling for Red Springs while so did Morganton. Allow us to assure you that Charlotte is for Gastonia, first, last and all the time.

## GASTONIA CENSURES CHARLOTTE

### Fandom for "Rooting for Red Springs"—Also Claim Deal from Papers.

We print below a complaint, as we see it, from Gastonia fans over the treatment accorded them by Charlotte and Charlotte papers throughout the series here last week. As far as we know there is little cause for this complaint. We can speak, we feel, for Charlotte fandom and can speak for this paper.

If the majority of Charlotte fans did pull against Gastonia—and we doubt it—it was done either because of the play pulled by Chief Bender or because the majority of those in attendance were from Gastonia and the local fans were looking for some fun. We have heard any number of people say that they didn't care to take in Saturday's game because they understood that Bender was still in town and was liable to pitch. Of course, we are not blaming Gastonia for Bender's actions—we are simply giving one reason why the majority of Charlotte fans were against Gastonia—if they were. Another trouble with the Gastonian's piece, is that there were very few Charlotteans attending the games—in comparison. The majority were from Gastonia—and did you ever attend a ball game in an alien town and root against the home team—just for the fun of the thing? Baseball and business, friends, are two entirely different matters. We have seen respected business men do things at a ball game that they would have shunned in the business world. They are not to be compared—or are the actions of any fans at a ball game. This is not a defense—simply an explanation.

Then the "rambler" in the Gastonian rambles along and rambles on the treatment they accorded the Tiger team and fans. We can speak only for The News and we submit the files of this paper in substantiation of these remarks. The Western North Carolina League received more space in this paper during the time it ran than did any other league. The race in the league followed more closely—anything—and a greater length than was the race in the North Carolina. And this paper pulled for Gastonia to win—being neutral in the series. We tried to get the "Amateur Dope" from Gastonia—we were promised it time and again—and it failed to come. You're wrong, rambler, Charlotte was for Gastonia—but even if they weren't can you censure Springs' fans for pulling for Red Springs? Can you hold them up as traitors? We write the above as an explanation—not as a defense.

Following is the article appearing in the Gastonian:

**"BASEBALL AND NEWSPAPERS.**  
"Rambling Thoughts From the Mind of a Member of Our Staff Who is Slowly Recovering From a Severe Case of 'Baseballitis'.

"The baseball fans of the city feel rather sore at the Charlotte papers on account of the partially shown the Red Springs team in the write-up of the games played in that city last week. Of course, a baseball enthusiast is very enthusiastic, and gets rather scarce in his denunciation of anything or person that does not exactly think as he does about the matter, but in this instance we believe 'the boys' have a little room for feeling—that they have not been given a square deal by the Charlotte papers, Thursday's game, an event in which the entire state was interested, got about as much space in the Observer as the arrest of a few negroes for playing skin would get. As to who the write-up favored we leave that with the fans to decide. Friday's game received a little better write-up but it certainly did not give Gastonia very much credit for winning. One of the features of the game, looked at from Gastonia's viewpoint, was the fact that the first seven balls Bender threw were strikes, retiring two men and getting one strike on another before the ball was touched or a ball called. A complaint is entered also because it seems that the entire Charlotte population pulled against Gastonia. It seems strange that a city which draws so largely from her sister city would have all her citizens against her. Though it seems that Charlotte has always been against her nearest neighbors when it came to sport. In years gone by we have seen the time when another neighbor of hers met foes in the sport world on her diamond and in every instance people and press were against her. It is not surprising, therefore, that their greatest support. The fans here felt that they had a worthy opponent in the Red Springs team, because they had been playing the larger part of them all during the month of August, five members being from the West end Carolina League in the persons of Correll, Winston, Burg, Marshall and Cain.

The series was more of a contest between the pick of the Western Carolina League and the Gastonia team, it being strengthened by men from some of the Western teams.

"Charlotte papers and people may think it is a good thing to always pull against her nearest neighbors, but she will some time realize that this is not the thing to do. We would think the Observer and The News have ten times as many patrons here as they have in Red Springs, and that the people in Gastonia buy as much in Charlotte in a week as the Red Springs people would in six months, and there should not be the feeling against these close neighbors that is still in Charlotte. Let Charlotte have any kind of affair and the newspapers boost it up and Gastonia and Concord will turn hundreds upon hundreds of people into the city. On the other hand very few people attend like events in the smaller towns. We would not expect as many, because it is natural for people to want to go to larger towns. One man has suggested that a boycott of the Charlotte papers be started, but this is 'cutting off your nose to spite your face' because we can get the

Charlotte papers, and they keep us well posted, for they are good newspapers that can not be denied. A business man told a representative of this paper that he had been spending from \$300 to \$500 a month in Charlotte and he was going to cut it out. Others are going to do the same thing. Charlotte may claim that this is a 'baby act,' but when people are as loyal to a ball team as the citizens of Gastonia have been they don't expect their nearest neighbors to knock their team and boost the other—they could at least remain neutral