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Old Memories Triggered

I received an official Brooklyn Dodgers' program the other day from my friend, Ronnie Baker. Seems Ronnie had come across the program while rummaging through some old Broadway playbills and other memorabilia.

After Ronnie brought the program by, I immediately looked it over from cover to cover. It came from the 1944 season and was in remarkably good condition for a booklet 37 years old.

Someone had kept score that day when the Dodgers hosted the Chicago Cubs in Ebbets Field. The cubs had some big names on their roster headed by the legendary Jimmy (Double X) Foxx. On the Dodgers' roster were greats Paul Waner, Eddie Stanky, and big Ralph Branca. Branca would become more famous for tossing the shot heard 'round the world, when Bobby Thomson homered to send the Giants into the 1951 World Series.

Leo "The Lip" Durocher, one of baseball's most famous managers, piloted the Dodgers. The score was kept in pencil and the best I could tell, the Cubs won the game 12-5.

The most interesting parts of the program were the advertisements. A musical jamboree featuring Louis Prima and his orchestra was being held at the Astor Hotel in Times Square. The cover charge: \$1.25.

Cigarette ads dominated the brochure, with Old Gold advertising theirs as the cigarettes protected by "apple honey." Lucky Strikes, which sent its green label "off to the war," was advertising its red label brand with the famous "LSMFT." Coincidentally, I had seen a little pack of those old Luckies just the other day at Smith's Grocery in LaCrosse—the first time I had seen one of those packs in years.

There was also a Garcia y Vega cigar ad which read: "the bonded Havana cigar." One of the largest ads was for Camel cigarettes, which came in one of those short packs. The ad said Camels were made from "costlier tobaccos." Another popular cigarette of the day was Chesterfields, which had a palladin beside the pack of cigarettes which said: "Buy War Bond Stamps." I guess a lot of folks smoked in 1944.

A lot of people drank too. A Canada Dry ginger ale ad said: "It isn't pitched, it's danced...Sparkle and flavor foxtrot in every tangy drop."

There were several beer ads for brands like Ballantine, Trommer's, and Ruppert Beer. Mr. Ruppert once owned the New York Yankees.

One of the more interesting ads was for Douglas Shoes of Brockton, Mass. The company was advertising the "Legionnaire," their top of line shoe I guess. The prices: \$6.50 and \$8.50 a pair. Legionnaire is a name no company would use today.

Peters Jewellers of Brooklyn was advertising diamond rings from \$50 all the way up to \$3,000. Calling itself the "diamond house of Brooklyn," Peters boasted they were in business in 1900, 13 years before Ebbets Field opened.

With the baseball strike on, many radio and TV stations are running highlights of old World Series games, to keep us in the spirit. A lot of memories are being dusted off to remind us of the golden era of our national pastime. Yep, those truly were the great days of baseball.

All of this made me think about my old baseball card collection, which I kept from the early fifties until 1966 or so. I must have had thousands of bubble gum cards — kept 'em in a wooden box my Dad made me in the shop.

When I got too old for this activity, I handed the cards down to my nextdoor neighbor, Mikel Wimbrow. The cards didn't seem all that important to me at the time, but I wish I'd kept 'em. I hope Mikel has them safely stored somewhere.

I remember trading the cards at semi-pro ball games back in the middle '50's. I used to sit and watch Norlina's games with Mr. Buck Duke, Mr. Simon White, and Mr. Cash Watson — three men who loved the game.

Charles White (Ed's son), and Herbert Burrows were best friends and they collected baseball cards. I traded with them a lot. Also, I remember when Dwight Pearce would cover the baseball cards up, all except one little corner of the card, and I would guess who the player was. I won a lot of cards that way.

And speaking of the Dodgers, their number one fan at that time was Larry Pridgen. When Larry was around, you didn't say anything bad about Duke Snider, Pee Wee Reese, Carl Furillo, or Gil Hodges. Larry lived and died with the boys in royal blue. I think Snider was his hero.

Along with the Dodgers, the great teams of the mid fifties were the Yankees, the White Sox, and the Milwaukee Braves.

The first major league game I saw was in 1957 in Griffith Stadium. Whitey Ford pitched the Yanks to a 4-1 win over the Washington Senators. Every time I see the rerun of "Damn Yankees" I think about that game.

The Braves were the champs in '57 with Warren Spahn, Lew Burdette, and Bob Buhl pitching. The Braves had young Hank Aaron, Eddie Matthews, Johnny Logan, and Big Joe Adcock. They had a pretty good catcher too in Del Crandall.

Andy Pafko, who played in that Dodgers-Cubs game in '44, was also with the Braves later.

In '59, the Chicago White Sox had a winner with Nellie Fox, Minnie Minoza, Al Smith, Sherm Lollar, Roy Seivers and Luis Aparicio. The Sox had a couple of tough customers on the mound as well, with Early Wynn and lefty Billy Pierce.

Now, I don't know about you, but just bringing up those names does something for me. Back then there were only 16 major league teams, and with dozens of minor leagues, it was tough to get to the majors. Now, it's a piece of cake.

People like Reggie Jackson, Mike Schmidt, and Tug McGraw don't do much for men, but names like Campanella, Mays, Musial, Mantle, Kluszewski and Williams can still turn dull to dynamite. I believe Ted Williams was the greatest hitter of all time. It's no telling what his stats would read if his career had not been interrupted by the wars.

Those were the golden days of baseball.



The first athlete to win a gold medal in the modern day Olympics was James B. Connolly who won the hop, skip and jump events in Athens in 1896.

Turnout To Watch Top Talent Is Disappointing, Many Think

By LEW HEGE

The charity basketball games the former Big Four stars put on in Reynolds Coliseum the other night was attended by only 4,500 fans.

With some 140 former players from State, Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest, it's a shame the arena was not sold out. If another twinbill like this one is held — let's hope it comes during the basketball season, say during Christmas or in April or November.

Two games were played and there was some dazzling basketball. But more importantly, the contests stirred some great memories from the past 30 years of Big Four basketball. And some of the memories center around the "Old Gray Fox," Everett Case.

Case brought big time basketball to the South. His style of play was revolutionary — a run and gun game. His record in coaching is legendary.

Case coached the Wolfpack from 1946 to 1965. In those 19 years, State registered 379 wins and only 134 losses. Case's teams won six Southern Conference titles and captured ACC championships in 1954-55-56 and '59. State also won several Dixie Classics, the showcase holiday tournament that Case started.

Case coached high school, military and college teams for a total of 48 seasons. During this period, his teams won a staggering 1,116 games and lost just 213. In the decade from 1950 to 1960, State won more games than any other team.

Case was from Indiana, and many of his best Pack players came from that state. Folks called them the "Hoosier Hotshots" and among them were Dick Dickey, Bobby Spright, Sammy Ranzino, Vic Bubas, Norm Sloan and John Maglio.

Employing the fast break, the full-court press; and using detailed scouting reports, game films, and national recruiting — Case revolutionized basketball as we know it. The Fox initiated intersectional scheduling and summer clinics. It was at one of those camps that I met the "Coach" in 1959. One of his flashiest guards, Lou Pucillo, was an All-American that season.

Case's arrival in West Raleigh brought a frenzy to State basketball. The students nearly had a riot in Frank Thompson Gym in 1947. State was supposed to play arch enemy Carolina and the gym was packed. So filled that the fire marshal wouldn't allow the game to be played! Announcer Ray Reeve had to enter the gym through a window, but it was all for naught.

Not long after that, Case saw to it that 12,400-seat Reynolds Coliseum was completed. That facility gave State an even bigger edge in recruiting the top players.

The other Big Four teams soon tired of getting shellacked by the Wolfpack. Reeve once said Carolina had scored "a moral victory" after getting whipped 81-42 by the Pack. Carolina hired Frank McGuire and Wake Forest countered with the Rev. Bones McKinney. The ACC was in business and the war was in full gear.

"He was a big leaguer, and I never minded losing to him because of that," said McGuire. Ironically, it was a rare Case mistake that gave McGuire and Carolina its national championship in 1957.

In '57, when the Tar Heels went 32-0, the star of the team was All-American Lennie Rosenbluth. Needless to say, that without Rosenbluth there would have been no title.

Well, Rosenbluth wanted to go to State and thought everything was set when he visited Raleigh during the Easter break in 1952.

"But I found out I was down for a tryout and I played awful," recalled Rosenbluth. "We didn't have any high school ball in New York (due to a teachers' strike) that year and I was in terrible shape. The tryout was held in old Thompson Gym and it must have been 120 (degrees) in there. Anyway, afterwards, Case told me they couldn't use me anymore."

"When I got home, Harry Gotkin, who had lined things up for me to go to State, was really mad," Rosey said. "He felt Case was reneging. It was just one of those things," added Rosenbluth.

Hargrove Picked For Trip To France

Barry Hargrove, a freshman at East Orange High School in East Orange, N. J., has been named the recipient of a scholarship from the Experiment in International Living and has become an Outbound Ambassador to France.

He left for France on July 4, following a two-week language immersion course and cultural orientation program at North Adams State College in Massachusetts.

After living with a French family for four weeks, he will visit Paris

for five days. He will return in August and will be available as a speaker to different organizations and groups to discuss his educational trip.

He hopes to sell this program to future candidates and to enlist the financial support of the business community.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hargrove, he has been elected president of his sophomore class this fall. His mother is the former Trumilla Alston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Alston of Warren-

ton. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hargrove of Manson.

BALANCED TIRES

Well-balanced tires are necessary if top gas mileage is desired. When buying a set of new tires, drive a few hundred miles on unbalanced tires, and then have them balanced—it will be more accurate and longer lasting. You will gain extra miles of tire wear, and economy will improve because of less rolling resistance.

Recreation Schedule

- Junior's Baseball Schedule**
Thursday, July 9
6:00 Tar Heel vs Hardee's
Friday, July 10
6:00 BB&T vs. Warrenton Railroad
Saturday, July 11
11:00 Warrenton Furn. Ex. vs Jaycees
Monday, July 13
6:00 Hardee's vs Warrenton Railroad
Tuesday, July 14
6:00 Warrenton Furn. Ex. vs Tar Heel
Wednesday, July 15
6:00 BB&T vs Jaycees
- Senior's Baseball Schedule**
at John Graham
Monday, July 13
6:00 A's vs Red Sox
Wednesday, July 15
6:00 Pirates vs A's
- Girl's Softball Schedule**
Monday, July 13
5:00 Lady Blues vs Red Hots
- Men's Softball Schedule**
Thursday, July 9
7:00 Roadrunners vs Warrenton Railroad
8:00 Henderson Insulation vs Aggies
9:00 D&S vs State Line Gulf
Tuesday, July 14
7:00 D&S vs Aggies
8:00 State Line Gulf vs Pumas
9:00 Henderson Insulation vs Warrenton Railroad
Women's Softball Schedule
Monday, July 13
7:00 Tarheel Shakers vs Pumettes
8:00 Carolina Sportswear vs Perdue Chicks
Wednesday, July 15
7:00 Perdue Chicks vs Pumettes
8:00 Carolina Sportswear vs Tarheel Shakers
T-Ball Schedule
Saturday, July 11
9:00 Carriage House vs Lions
10:00 High Dollar vs People's Bank

Warren Native Ending Career

Mrs. Margaret Parham LaBroi, a native of Warren County is retiring from the teaching profession after 40 years of teaching.

Mrs. LaBroi is a graduate of Fayetteville State University with a B.S. degree in elementary education. She did further study at Central University and received a M.A. degree from Roosevelt University in Early Childhood Education.

Mrs. LaBroi was a teacher in the North Warren Elementary School for 17 years. She has been a teacher in the Chicago Public School System for 23 years.



MRS. LABROI

Four From Here Make Dean's List

GREENSBORO — Four students from Warren County attained the Dean's List at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the spring semester which ended recently.

The Warren County students are: Sheryl R. Aycock, a child development major, daughter of Mrs. Joyce O. Aycock of Rt. 1, Warrenton; Debora G. Harris, an early childhood education major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Harris of Rt. 3, Littleton; Patricia Henderson, a nursing major, daughter of Mrs. Lavert M. Henderson of Rt. 1, Manson; and Debra L. White, a clothing and textiles major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Adams White, Jr., of Wise.

SPECIAL

JOE SAMBITO
HAS EARNED THE RESPECT OF N.L. BATTERS. THIS HOUSTON ASTROS RELIEF HURLER COMBINES GOOD STUFF WITH SHARP CONTROL TO THWART MANY A BUDDING RALLY WHEN MGR. VIRDEN CALLS HIM TO THE MOUND. JOE WON 9 GAMES, LOST 4 AND SAVED 17 GAMES IN 1980. HE'S AN ALL-STAR PITCHER.

SAMBITO, A NATIVE OF NEW YORK, HAD A LOW EARNED-RUN AVERAGE OF 2.20 LAST SEASON. HE APPEARED IN 64 GAMES, FANNED 77 BATTERS, WALKED ONLY 22 AND YIELDED 65 BASE HITS.

Projects Planned By Eagles Club

The Eagles Club, Warrenton County High School's booster club, will sponsor a softball tournament Aug. 7-9, and may sponsor a football game if details can be worked out.

In its regular meeting Monday night, the club moved to sponsor a mens' and womens' softball tournament, with early round games to be played at both the Norlina and John Graham fields — then shift the finals to one site, probably at Norlina. Tommy Frazier was named chairman of the tourney and Betsy Frazier will serve as concessions manager. Teams interested in competing in the event should contact Mr. Frazier for further information.

Frazier said he expects the combined field to have 20 teams, with a format of ladies' game being followed by a men's game. The tourney will begin on Friday night and end Sunday afternoon. Persons interested in helping with the concessions or fields should contact either Mr. or Mrs. Frazier.

The club also moved to sponsor an alumni football game between the graduates of Norlina and John Graham, on Friday night, July 24. If the minor equipment details can be worked out this week, the game will be played.

All former Blue Wave or Yellow Jacket players who are interested in playing in the game should contact either Bryant Caulder in Norlina or Bill Davis to sign up. Caulder was named chairman of the game and is seeking players. Interested persons may register at the Country Store in Norlina or

Warrenton Auto Parts — in addition to registering through Caulder or Davis. Many former greats from the two schools are expected to suit up for this benefit game.

Other business conducted by the 15 members present were: introduction of new athletic director Monte Allen; discussion of position of athletic trainer for the schools; discussion of club sponsoring a wrestling match and alumni basketball game when new gym is completed; finishing helmets for new football team; and grassing and irrigating Norlina Athletic Field prior to start of football season. Randy Garrett reported that the club now has 50 members on the roll.

President Davis expressed the appreciation of the club to member Ann Rappe, who donated a portrait of an eagle to the new school. The painting will be placed in the hallway of the new school.

Davis reported that nine cheerleaders, all that tried out, were picked as varsity cheerleaders for the coming season. Principal Ben Terrell noted that the jayvee cheerleaders would probably be selected as soon as school begins in August.

Davis reported that the Wise Ruritan Club had generously donated \$100 to the club for the athletic department.

A meeting of the club's executive committee has been called for Monday night, July 13 at 7:30. The committee will discuss the two upcoming projects, plus the helmet and grassing of the football field projects.

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 7/12 - 7/18/1981

- ARIES** Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Matters concerning property or real estate which you've put on the back burner can be expedited now to your advantage.
- TAURUS** Apr. 20-May 20 Lend a helping hand to the children in the project they are working on. Smarten them up.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Your creative talents open new doors to ways of increasing income and improving business relationships.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Take advantage of positive aspects to proceed with confidence in dealings with others. Goals are achieved.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 To others you may appear to be withdrawn, but you need this quiet period to regroup your forces.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 An authoritative person who wields some power seeks you out; - or is it the other way around?
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Business affairs with social overtones could find you unwittingly involved in a struggle for status.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Travel to strange areas may bring a bit of physical discomfort. Overindulgence in the good things could be your undoing.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Shed old, worn-out things—ideas, clothes, anything which is not of value to you at this time.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 A new partnership—possibly marriage—seems to be in the picture, or at least a close relationship.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your flair for the unusual touch introduces a new fashion among your peers—the ultimate compliment!
- PISCES** Feb. 19-Mar. 20 Artistic matters capture your attention and you lend a dramatic air to a commonplace setting.

Nine On Dean's List

Nine Warren County students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring quarter at Vance-Granville Community College.

Local students making the honor list were Sandra S. Cobb of Manson; Catherine G. Sledge, Robert R. Thomas and Lovie E. Jones, all of Norlina;

and William H. Green, Patricia C. Burchett, Shirley A. Pope, Iris F. Richardson and Doris C. Williams, all of Warrenton.

In achieving the distinction, students maintained grade point averages of 3.2 or better in at least 12 credit hours during the entire quarter.