

On Bended Knee

By Ben McKinnon

The new balata baseball which has caused such a scarcity of base-hits since the regular big league season opened, is certainly an odd little pellet and if Branch Rickey has his way, it will not be in use long. Red and black balata which is reclaimed from old golf ball covers has replaced the rubber used last year. The center of the ball is a combination of cork and balata. Going outward from the center is the black balata compound, then the red compound, next blue woolen yarn, white woolen yarn, and finally gray woolen yarn and the cover. Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, says the manufacturer admitted the new ball was 25 per cent deader than last year and blamed it on the substitute for rubber cement between the cover and the yarn. The new ball, it seems, is also subject to weather changes. Meaning that it absorbs dampness from the air and that dry, warm weather is likely to make it livelier. Rain or shine, though, it is still not peppy enough for the World Champion Cardinals who have almost no batting average. Branch Rickey has ordered that last year's balls be used in spite of the depleted supply. And Giles has threatened to "use our own make of baseball."

Most popular spots at the Hill these sunny afternoons are the tennis courts. The clay courts are still not as hard as last year but seem to be in pretty good playing condition. Your scribe managed to get up enough energy Sunday afternoon to venture out to court No. 5 and play three sets with Jean Welborn, Winifred Rosenbaum and Charles Adams, a cadet. Net result of all this pleasant waste of energy was two broken nylon strings (I know how you girls feel now when you get a run in those beautiful Nylon hose) a slightly reddened nose (a truck pulled up in front of me and waited three minutes for it to change) and a cute little sunburn while Jean came up with a couple of blistered tootsies. It's a hard life but I'll still take it to the army!

WEEKEND ORCHIDS: To co-captain Mike Mangum for a sparkling, but not unusual, performance in the Southern Conference track meet on Fetzler Field Saturday afternoon. Mike accounted for 12½ points as he captured the high and low hurdles and took third place in the broad jump. To freshman catcher, Bill Cameron, who collected three hits, including a round tripper, against the Burlington Cameos as the Carolina "B" team beat the mill workers by a 11-3 score. Bill's homer started off the scoring in the second inning and there were two men on base. To Rich Van Wagoner, second only to Mangum, in individual points scored who again won the mile run, captured first place in the 880 yard dash, and ran the second leg of the mile relay. To Frank Wideman, who came through with a pinch hit triple when the chips were down. With two strikes on him, Frank smacked the next pitch for a triple to put the Tar Heels ahead of the Blue Devils. To CP Rackley for putting NROTC teams on the field for every sport. The NROTC had very little trouble in winning the Dorm-Town League Intramural swimming title and have been well represented in all other sports this season. To Julian McKenzie for running a beautiful two-mile run and timing his spurt just right as he defeated Palmer of Duke in as pretty a race as this writer has ever seen. To the Gremlins, who threw out the other cartridge in the when nothing was heard but a 'click,' when nothing was heard but a 'click.'

Two Pre-flight cadets were talking at the dance Saturday night. They were in the lobby and had evidently just left the dance floor in order to smoke a cigarette or just shoot bull. "I thought we were supposed to be in the pink of condition," the first one said. "We are," replied the second. The first countered with "By God, I'm not" and immediately draped himself over the nearest railing. This would indicate that even the most strenuous calisthenics that the cadets are used to doing, can not compare with modern dancing. "Live and learn," I always say.

Derby Trial On Tomorrow With Count Fleet Missing

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, April 26—(UP)—One of the turf's uncertain, yet highly emphasized measuring sticks for the Kentucky Derby, will be applied to 13 candidates tomorrow when the sixth annual derby trial is run at Churchill Downs.

While bearing the name of "derby trial," the \$2,500 stake over the mile route is missing the name of the favorite, Count Fleet, for the \$75,000 classic that will be run Saturday; and some of the outstanding challengers. Still it drew an unexpectedly large entry, including four "strangers" who had not been considered in previous Derby dope.

NEW YORK, April 26—(UP)—Riding an ever-increasing gale of attendance and betting, which began with the opening of the New York racing season on April 8, Jamaica Race track had an amazing afternoon today as a crowd of 20,269 turned-out and bet a total of \$1,480,000,017 on a seven-race card.

LONDON, April 26—(UP)—Jockey Gordon Richards, the Earl Sandy of England, booted home his 2,750th winner today to break a 57-year-old all-time record.

NEW YORK, April 26—(UP)—Henry (Gene) McCann, 67, a

widely-known baseball figure for 48 years, and President of the New York Yankees' Binghamton and Norfolk farm clubs, died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Jamaica hospital today.

SYRACUSE, April 26—(UP)—Vic Hanson, former Syracuse All-American end, and later a coach at his alma mater, today petitioned his draft board to move him from 3-A to 1-A, and induct him into the Army with its next draft quota.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., April 26—(UP)—Robert D. (Bob) Emshie, 84-year-old dean of major league umpires, the original deadpan arbiter, died yesterday after a long illness.

Students from England, Chile, and China recently enrolled in the College of St. Theresa, Winona, Minn.

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Carolina Still Leading In Ration Loop

Chi Phi, Phi Gam Win Mural Contests

Mullis Team Scores Over NROTC Stars

Five runs in the seventh enabled the hitherto non-winning Chi Phis to upset the Zeta Psis, 21-17 in last night's Intramural softball contest.

The game ran even throughout with both teams matching run for run, error for error, until the top half of the final frame when, losing by one run, the surprising Chi Phis put every man at bat to drive across the five tallies on four hits.

Sides and Tepper

Sides pitched a fine game against the powerful Zeta Psi outfit, while Norman Tepper earned the game's starring honors with a perfect performance behind the plate and five hits for a like number of times at bat.

Harvey Ward again paced the Zets, Peel did the hurling and Taylor turned in a fine defensive game at first.

Phi Gam

The Phi Gam No. 1 team continued at its unbeaten pace to whip the ATOs, 5-1. Held down by pitcher Hartly, the winners were able, however, to bunch their hits into the second and fourth innings, while holding the losers to six base hits and one tally in the fifth.

Phi Deltas

The Phi Deltas pushed across ten runs during the first two innings of their game with Chi Psi, added a pair of scores in the sixth, and won the contest, 12-7. Hartshorn held the losers down to three hits and one run until the end of the seventh when they ran through the batting order and scored six. Pope was the game's star, collecting three hits and playing a fine first base for the winners. Pollock was the batting star for the losers.

The Men of Mullis managed to leave five men stranded on base during their six innings at bat, make three pitiful errors, and still crush an all-star NROTC team, 3-0. The losers were hitting fairly well but Mullis scattered their efforts. Mathews batted a thousand for the sailors, and Mathes earned the hitting crown for the winning Mullis aggregation.

Kappa Psi

The Kappa Psis started off in the first inning with three runs and continued to score heavily over Steele until the umpire was forced to call the game during the fourth with Kappa Psi boys far ahead, 20-1. In the short space of four innings Steele fumbled eight balls and allowed six walks. The whole Kappa Psi outfit deserves batting honors, while Hood scored the losers' only base-knock.

Unbeaten Spencer Tops Chi Omega

An undefeated Spencer outfit chalked up another victory recently with a 17-7 win over Chi Omega.

Tomp McCormick, leading batter for the victors, chalked up two singles and a home run, while Sarah Umstead starred for Chi O. Fielding credit is due Allie Bell and Charlotte Powers of Spencer.

Sophomores at Mundelein college are investing proceeds of their cotillion in war bonds.

STARS IN SERVICE



Teams Fight For Top Berths As Mural Softball Closes

Regular Schedule Ends Thursday After Week Of Deciding Contests

The regular eight-game schedule in Intramural softball play ends this week. If rain and storm permit, the six softball games to be played Thursday evening will bring to a close the campus-wide mural tourney for this quarter, and make way for the famous semi-final and final games.

Playing off many cancelled contests and a few games not previously planned, the leaders and runner-ups will meet this week to settle the standings. BVP, beaten only once, plays a strong District No. 3 outfit tomorrow in a game that promises heavy hitting, fine pitching, and thrills throughout.

Tennis Tourney Finally Opens

The Intramural tennis tourney finally got under way yesterday afternoon, after rain, wind, and cold had kept the campus net artists idle for two weeks of the scheduled tournament.

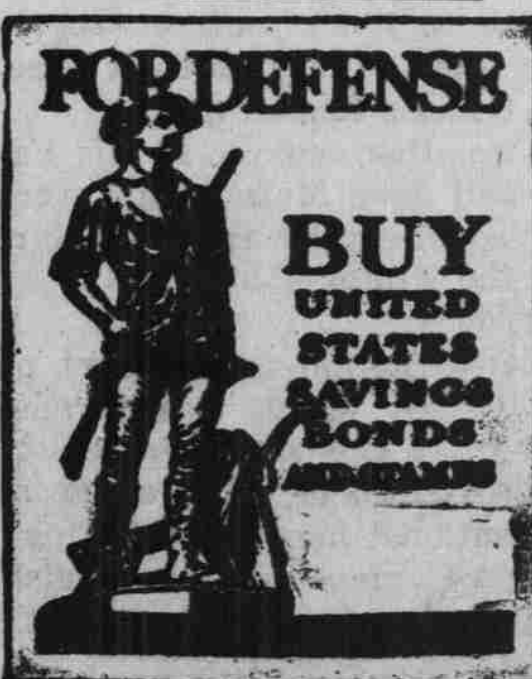
The games yesterday, in which St. Anthony, defending tennis champions, were toppled at the start by Sigma Nu, and Phi Kappa Sigma forfeited to TEP, placed TEP and Sigma Nu within one game's grasp of the semi-finals in the fraternity race.

The tennis tournament, unlike the round-robin softball tourney, is planned on an elimination basis in which many a team gains a lucky bye, some meet but few strong net groups, while others fall by the wayside at the start to the eventual winners.

This afternoon's matches, pitting Phi Alpha and ATO; DKE and Phi Delt No. 2, give promise of keenly contested play, during which mural officials will look for possible individual champions.

The remaining four matches of the week will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, weather permitting. All matches are played on courts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and contestants must appear on time and report to Paul Finch, who will represent the Mural Department on the courts.

The Dorm-Town League matches will be run off beginning Monday, April 2.



Dub Johnson Tops Batting At .467 Mark

RATION LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Carolina	6	1	.857
Pre-flight	3	1	.500
Duke	3	3	.500
State	1	6	.143

Garnering six hits for eight times at bat in Ration league competition during the last week, Tar Heel first sacker Dub Johnson now leads the loop batting averages with a mark of .467.

Dub has 14 safeties in 30 trips to the plate in the seven contests played so far. In addition, he leads the league in runs batted in, with nine to his credit. Holding down the runner-up slot is Bobby Rute, Duke catcher, with a mark of .421. The Blue Devil's average was boosted somewhat by a two-for-four day against Carolina Saturday.

Hayworth Third

Last week's leader, Lew Hayworth, now reposes in third place with .394. Making only three hits for 11 in the two games this week, Lew now has 13 hits for 33 tries. Then, in quick succession, come Duke's Tom Davis, with .376, State's Nevin Dayvault, at the .370 mark, and Pre-flight Al Niemiec, with .364. Dayvault's average soared last Thursday when he collected a homer, double, and two singles in five at bats against Carolina.

Heading the pitching parade for the season is the already Army-bound Allen Carmichael, who has three victories and no defeats. Also holding a perfect record is another Tar Heel, Charlie Moore, with two triumphs.

These averages do not include the Pre-flight-State clash played in Raleigh yesterday. Other games this week have Duke entertaining State Thursday and the Cloudbusters playing hosts to the Blue Devils Saturday.

Mural Schedule

Softball
5:30

Alexander No. 1: District No. 3 vs. BVP
No. 2 NROTC No. 1 vs. NROTC No. 2
Intramural No. 1 Kappa Sigma vs TEP
No. 2: Kappa Alpha vs. Phi Alpha
No. 3: Kappa Psi vs. Misfits
No. 4: Old West vs. Steele
6:30

Alexander No. 1: Chi Psi vs. Beta
No. 2: ATO vs. Pi Lambda Phi
Tennis
4:30
Phi Alpha vs. ATO
5:30
DKE vs. Phi Delt No. 2

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