

Strictly Ad Lib

By Zane Robbins

Mebbe It's Spring Fever

"WELL, I DUNNO, MEBBE it's just another form of Spring fever, but all the sports-minded residents of the College on the Hill have thoughts of love on the brain—how they'd love to see the Tar Heels make off with another Big Four title, that is." These were the caustic words of my old pal "Meatball" Hoffer as the two of us picked our way through the mob at Harry's and headed for a semi-quiet booth in the back.

"Course the boys ain't gonna have an easy time of it this year," he continued. "No team can lose seven first-stringers and a pair of first-line hurlers and not feel it where it hurts. Men like Vinnie DiLorenzo, Frank Robinson, John Gregory, Jim Hamilton, Jim Hayworth, Emmett Cheek, Jim Kelly, Ott Evans, and Kenny Black can't be replaced in the span between seasons. Professional teams would find the going plenty rough should they be called upon to field an entirely new team, a pennant winner at that, in a few short months.

"It just ain't done even in the best circles," sighed my swarthy little friend, "Even in Brooklyn it's tough."

"But," I interrupted, "we've done pretty well so far haven't we?"

Big Boys Play Rough

"YEH, I KNOW ALL THAT," quoth the sage, "but you havta take into consideration the fact that when you're playin' against the big boys you've gotta be good all the time. And believe me brother, the Big Four is just about the toughest college loop around.

"These teams always come up with something good. Carolina is a good example. They're good all right, but are they good enough? In any other league they would stand an excellent chance of coping the title with little trouble, but it won't be so easy with clubs like Wake Forest, Duke, and Davidson in the running. The bat-crazy boys from Baptist Hollow will be particularly tough," moaned "Meatball". "What those guys haven't got isn't worth havin'. Why I'll bet their batboy is good enough to break into class D ball right now.

"And old Jack Coombs over Durham way isn't in the habit of turning out bad ball clubs either. The Blue Devils have had a little trouble getting started, but you can bet that when the going gets rough they'll be plenty tough to beat. As for Davidson, anything can happen. The Wildcats haven't been overly impressive thus far, in fact they've looked downright lousy some say, but once they feel the heat of a Big Four battle, you'll find them far from mediocre."

Time Will Tell

"SURE, 'MEATIE', I FOLLOW YOU, but don'tcha think the teams we've been playing are tough?" I asked.

"Natch," he replied in a slightly sarcastic tone. "Some of the teams our boys have played are the best in their section of the country, but they'd find the sledding plenty rough if they were to play out the Carolina schedule.

"Time alone will tell the whole story which is still a li'l bit hazy, but my guess is that the Big Four champ will go on to win the Eastern NCAA title. I'll even go a little bit further out on the limb," chirped "Meatie", "and predict that Carolina or Wake Forest will be the team to win both crowns. And, maybe it's just sentiment, but I think Coaches Bunn Hearn and Walt Rabb will turn out a diamond crew that will sparkle as bright as any team in the loop.

"There's plenty of talent around, but some of it just hasn't been harnessed yet, and I'm willin' to wager my last pretzel that Messrs. Hearn and Rabb will accomplish that man-sized task soon enough to come up with the Big Four laurels."

Cross Your Fingers

"PITCHERS LIKE 'DIZZY' DEAN CASSELL, Ray 'Bub' Blair, Tommy Andrew, Andy Tranavitch, and Bill McGinn can be counted upon for a barrel-full of victories if they get a little decent support, and the Tar Heels have never been a sloppy club afield.

"Big Will Hobbs, Sid Varney, and Rip Ryan, who are just about the only guys around who have seen considerable varsity action, have been hitting the ball hard all year and youngsters like Ed Lamb, "Zero" Allen, and Joe Eldridge have added more punch to the Carolina offense.

"The boys all run well, and the fielding hasn't looked bad at all. The Carolinians seem to a bunch of hustlers from the word go, and when you turn that kind of team loose on a baseball field anything can happen, and usually does.

"Oh, oh, time for my nightly chat with the members of the Chapel Hill Bookie's Association. Gotta run now, but just keep your fingers crossed, and watch for the Tar Heels to rise to the top Big Four standings. They can do it," shouted "Meatball" as he hurried out the door.

Freshman Netters To Play Goldsboro

Carolina's freshman tennis team will travel to Goldsboro today in quest of its win of the season in a meet with Goldsboro High School.

Jim Hammerstein is currently the Tar Babies' number one singles player, with Charles Duval holding down the second spot. The remaining singlesmen are Beet Smith, Cecil Milton, Sharen Haroutunian, and Buck Buchanan, ranking in that order.

Combinations of Hammerstein-

Smith, Milton-Duval, and Littleton-Reddington were victorious in Saturday's meet, and will probably play in that order today.

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Golfers Nip Purdue, 14-13, On Final Hole

Sapp Scores a 66 As Brooks' Finale Brings Fifth Win

By Billy Carmichael III
The rain came early and the points came late at Hope Valley yesterday afternoon for the golfing Tar Heels of Carolina as the locals picked up a single point on the last hole of the last four-some to ease by some potent Purdue linksmen for a 14-13 victory and their fifth straight win of the season.

No. 5 man Frank Brooks parred the 18th hole of his match with Boilermaker Gene Nemeth and that was good enough to win the hole, halve the round and bring triumph to the Tar Heel camp.

Yet, Brooks' 18th hole point had a close battle for thrill of the day with a couple of tremendous rounds turned in by Oliver Sapp and Harvie Ward.

Like A Veteran
Sapp, the newcomer at the No. 6 slot, looked more the part of the seasoned veteran as he carded an amazing 32-34-66 for a round played mostly in the driving rain. Sapp had fourteen pars coupled with birdies on the 2nd, 8th, 9th and 12th holes. It was the best competitive round fired by a Tar Heel all season.

Ward, a stroke behind Sapp, faced the toughest of the Purdue team in his No. 1 match with Fred Wampler, Big Nine champion. With Wampler scoring a one-under-par 69 for the day, the Tarboro lad had to be content with halving the front nine with the Boilermaker ace and then coming back to defeat him 2 and 1 on the back side.

The first foursome was a terrific match for the majority of the 18 holes. Tar Heel No. 2 man Bob Cox had an even par 70, but in the fast field could do no better than a 1/2 loss to Bob Coulter who registered a 69. Cox rallied at the close of the match when, two down and two to go, he almost halved the round when his birdie putt slipped on the 18th hole.

Same Number
Ward had the same number of birdies as Sapp—on the 2nd, 10th, 14th, and 15th holes, but drew a bogey on the 13th where his second shot was trapped. He had a birdie putt on the 3rd lip out, while another on the 14th stopped less than an inch from the cup.

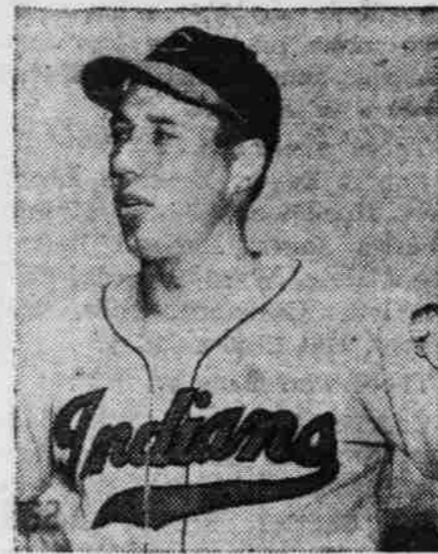
The second Carolina foursome was completely shut out when Purdue's Johnny Hare dropped a 35-chip on the 18th to stave off a back nine rally by Roy McKenzie and Jack Brantley. The latter two carded 73 and 76 respectively.

Bullet Bob Feller Might Surprise Critics If All Goes Well This Year

By Oscar Fraley
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, April 12—There is small solace for the Bob Feller fan today in the off-again on-again manner in which the Iowa farm boy has been pitching this spring, but there's a hint during the on-again periods that Bullet Bob's critics are in for a surprise this year.

They have been saying for several years now that Feller is finished. The theory is that the dazzling speed is gone from his fast one. And those who say he is "through" point to the fact that he "only" won 19 games last season.

Most pitchers should live so long. But admittedly it is not up to the calibre which has become a Feller trademark. Nothing like those 27 victories of 1940 or those 26 triumphs



Not that he still didn't work hard at baseball. He just worked too hard overall and his pitching suffered.

So it might be slightly significant that Feller hasn't worked too hard this spring. Always one to take exception-

ally fine care of himself, Bob has been bringing himself along his own way.

In his first stint, Feller went three innings against the New York Giants and in one inning allowed four runs.

Next the Cubs touched him for a run in three heats and then got two runs over the same distance. Shortly thereafter he gave San Francisco two runs and seven hits in going the route and a few days later Boudreau voiced his disappointment openly.

Feller, a well-kept 30, shouldn't be through by any means. There's a hunch in this corner that he'll prove it this season—and, maybe in the World Series if the rest of the Cleveland pitchers can keep up with the "old man" from Van Meter, Iowa.

Tar Baby Trackmen to Run Against State Frosh Today

Carolina's freshman tracksters will play host to the Baby Wolf-pack cindermen of N. C. State in their first meet of the season tomorrow afternoon on Fetzer field. The field events are scheduled to get underway at 3 o'clock with the running beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

The Tar Babies have run in several meets this year but this will be the first time they have taken part in a meet that is solely for freshmen. Up to now they have had to take a back-seat to their big brothers, the varsity cindermen in meets such as the Carolina Relays.

Earlier this year the junior tracksters proved their prowess by beating Duke in several indoor meets. Since taking to the out-of-doors, however, they haven't run in any freshman meets.

Coached by Dick Hollander, the Tar Babies showed up well in the Relays by taking a second and third place in the 440 relay and the sprint medley respectively.

The 440 relay composed of Cecil Pless, Romas White, James Woolcott and Willam Winslow is expected to bring home the bacon again tomorrow.

On the sprint medley team were Gordon Hamrick, Tommy Hilton, Roy Solaski and Gene Brigham. These boys placed third behind Maryland and Virginia Tech so should beat State easily.

If Gordon Hamrick lives up to the form he displayed in the indoor meet with Duke, he should end up a winner in the mile race tomorrow. He ran in the three-fourths mile run in the Duke meet, but should have had enough practice since then to make a good showing in the mile run. He also runs in the two mile event, the one which so many of the varsity runners were unable to finish in the Carolina Relays.

Notices

SAFETY COURSE

All persons interested in signing up for a water safety instructors course have been requested to attend a meeting Wednesday night at 7 o'clock in room 303, Woolen gym.

OPEN HOUSE

The practice of holding open house in Woolen Gym on Monday and Wednesday nights between 7 and 9:30 o'clock will be resumed this evening, and will be continued for the remainder of the spring quarter.

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INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

INTRAMURAL TRACK

Intramural track trials will continue through Thursday afternoon. Those wishing to qualify must report to the track officials between 3 and 6 o'clock today or tomorrow. All entry sheets for events where trials are not held are due in 311 Woolen Gym today before 6 o'clock.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

4:00—Field 1, Town 1 vs YM-CA; 2, Miller vs Thur Rocks; 3, DKE 3 vs Pi Lamb 2; 4, Phi Delt 1 vs KA 3; 5, SAE 1 vs PIKA 1; 6, KA 1 vs Beta 1; 7, Stacey vs Mangum.
5:00—Field 1, Graham vs Emerson 2; 2, Phi Gam 1 vs DKE 1; 3, Steele vs Old Grads; 4, Sigma Chi 1 vs Lamb Chi 2; 5, Sigma Chi 3 vs Sig Eps; 6, Kappa Psi 2 vs Phi Delt Chi.

GOLF SUMMARIES

Ward (C) defeated Wampler, 2½-1½. Coulter (P) defeated Cox, 2-1. Best ball to Carolina, 3-0.
Hare (P) defeated McKenzie, 3-0. Cleary (P) defeated Brantley, 3-0. Best ball to Purdue, 3-0.
Brooks (C) halved with Nemeth, 1½-1½. Sapp (C) defeated Thomas, 3-0. Best ball to Carolina, 3-0.
Sapp and Ward's Rounds:
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Sapp 421 443 443 443 435 443 —32-34-66
Ward 421 443 454 344 534 343 —34-33-67

Wake-Carolina Game Rained Out; Albright Tennis Match Cancelled

The weatherman won another victory yesterday as rain forced the postponement of the Carolina-Wake Forest baseball game—the third game rained out thus far this season. The Carolina-Albright tennis match was also cancelled because of rain.

No attempt has been made yet to reschedule the rained out ball game. Since Wake Forest has a full schedule through the remainder of the week, the game will have to be played later this month or the first of next month. The only open date the Tar Heels have this week is today and Wake Forest already has a game scheduled.

There is a possibility that the

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