

Baseball Fans Pay Tribute To Mantle

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The baseball fan is a wonderful creature. He's the man in a T-shirt chewing upon the stump of a half-smoked cigar while happily spilling beer all over himself and the people around him.

He is the lady with a straw hat and a big mouth which is always open yelling "ya bum" to the bullpen pitchers.

He is the young boy who finds both his heroes and his dreams on the smooth green grass and the red clay of the professional playing fields.

He is the cop who lets his eyes drift away from the crowds hoping that section 20 will be free of fights, foul balls, and heart attacks so that he can put his flat feet up and watch the game.

Last Saturday afternoon the baseball fan flocked to the cement walls of this historic stadium by the thousands.

They were small people but this day was special.

They stood in line at the entrances and watched. Yes, the fans at Yankee Stadium were probably more excited than ever before.

They spoke to one another at the turnstiles and in their seats. Their talk centered around one man.

Inside the Stadium an usher took off his red cap, swept the sweat from his face, and looked out towards the monuments in center field.

An old man pushed at the arm of a friend. "Listen to them buzz. They aren't talking about Aunt Hilda's will, or so and so's scandal, or the stock market or even the World's Fair. They're buzzing about number seven and the memories that go with it."

As I sat in the Stadium last Saturday I was one of 65,000 waiting to cheer him. His name and number had always been special to me. His was the most treasured bubble gum card and it was his name that I secretly assumed whenever I held a bat in my hands.

I remember seeing him for the first time, and I remember my disbelief when he struck out. I remember seeing him whip the ash bat through the air with such perfection that it sent countless baseballs arching into the seats. And I remember the pain of watching the swift legs slowly become stiff and fragile.

Sixty-five thousand rose to their feet and cheered as his name came through the loud speakers. Finally he walked from the dugout and waved his cap to the crowds. We cheered him for almost an hour, and we cheered loudest when he bent over the microphones and, with a nervous Midwestern voice wished that he could have fifteen more years with the Yankees.

If you happen to be in love with baseball you felt sad walking out of the Stadium after his day. You were sad because an era was drawing to a close. The sight of Mickey Mantle stepping up to the plate is sacred in the game. It is a moment of magic that millions have experienced. Soon it will only be a memory.



Co-captain Hank Barden

Michigan Battle Dispelled Doubts

By PAT STITH
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North Carolina football players don't think Saturday's loss to Michigan, the Big Dog of the Big Ten, was a blessing in disguise. Neither does Hank Barden, their co-captain.

But Barden does see a blessing or two wrapped in the folds of that opening defeat.

"I thought we could win it," he said after watching films of the game Sunday. "I think all of the boys who had been around a while and had played that type of competition, thought we could win."

"But if there was any doubt among our younger players that we could play even with a big name team, it shouldn't be there now. After last Saturday, the young ones should know that we have what it takes to handle anybody."

As college football players go, Hank Barden is an old timer. He came here as a freshman in 1960. In his junior year, he broke his right wrist early in the season and the Conference gave him another year under its hardship clause. Now he's actually in his fourth year of varsity ball.

Barden's personal injury record looks like a hospital chart for a whole ward.

Playing high school ball at Greensboro, he was the specimen of health. But during his college days he's spent a lot of time in sick bay.

His freshman year it was a bad ankle. His knee went into a cast during the spring of his sophomore year and then came the broken wrist and most recently, a partial shoulder separation.

After his last mishap, Hank handed in his old number 30

and asked for a jersey with better luck. Now he wears number 29.

"The kind of loss we took Saturday really hurts you," he said. "It's not so bad when you know you're completely out of it from the start, but we weren't."

"Michigan got us down early in the game but we never felt like we were out of it. We went on to lose by just one touchdown — it hurts."

Now the battle with Michigan is over and done with. Hank and his teammates are looking ahead to another Big Ten foe, Ohio State.

Tar Heels and Buckeyes have tangled only on one other occasion. That was back in 1962, when Barden was a sophomore, and it was under a setting similar to this year's clash.

Intramurals Set For Banner Year

By BILL HASS
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The 1965-66 Intramural Program at Carolina promises to be bigger and better than ever this year and things will start happening right away.

The first activity for the fall schedule is tag football, which will begin play Monday, Sept. 27. Dorm managers should have all team entries in by this Wednesday, Sept. 22. Games will be played Monday through Friday in Fraternity, Residence Hall and Graduate Divisions. A new feature of football this year will be night games on two new lighted fields adjacent to the gym. The fields should be ready for play in about two weeks.

A major change in the set-up for all intramural sports will eliminate the Fraternity and Residence Hall White Divisions entirely. Last year they were divided into Blue and White Divisions, but everyone will play in one division now. Football leagues in residence halls will be set up by the Residence College system. Preliminary competition will be a round robin schedule in a six-team league. Playoffs will be single elimination affairs until the champion is determined in each division.

A special event coming soon is the Cake Race which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30. To enter, each person must run the mile-and-a-half course twice before the race. Entries can be made any time between Sept. 22 and Sept. 29. There are two divisions: the Novice for boys who have never run track or cross country, and the Open for letter winners, current members of the track team and freshmen planning to go out for track. Last year's winners were Bill Horn in the Novice Division and Mike Williams in the Open Division.

Thomas H. Johnson, Director of Intramurals, is enthusiastic over this year's program. Last year 60 per cent of

the male student body, 5020 altogether, participated in one or more intramural activities setting all-time Carolina highs. "We think we can do even better," Johnson said. "Every student that is physically able should benefit from at least one or two activities per year. The wide variety of sports should interest everyone."

Johnson stressed the need for student officials. At least 30 per day will be needed for football. All officials are paid a dollar an hour and anyone interested should attend an official's clinic Wednesday and Thursday of this week at 4:30 p.m. in room 304 in Woolen Gymnasium.

Besides tag football, the fall schedule includes Track, volleyball, wrestling, basketball and handball.

Coaches Call Prospects

Candidates for for freshman and varsity baseball, track, and swimming will hold organizational meetings and practices this week.

Baseball Coach Walter Rabb has slated a meeting of freshman and varsity candidates tonight at 7:30 in 304 Woolen Gym.

Fall practice begins tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Emerson Stadium. Those who cannot come to tonight's meeting

should also attend. Coach Joe Hilton has asked that candidates for the freshman track and cross country teams meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room 304 Woolen Gym.

All freshman swimming candidates should report to Coach Pat Earey in 303 Woolen tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Varsity candidates will also meet tomorrow at 7:30 in 302 Woolen.

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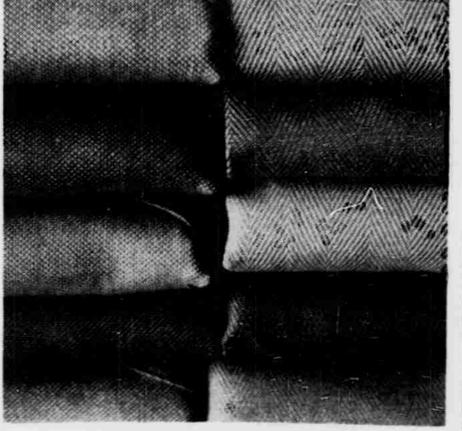
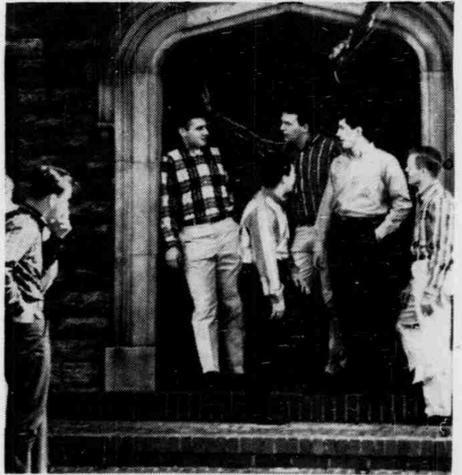
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