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YOUNG SAYS THIS SEASON WILL NOT BE REPETITION OF LAST

Veteran Squad Returning; 25 Lettermen on Roster

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Coach Tom Young of the Western Carolina Catamounts definitely says that the 1948 season will not be a repetition of 1947 as he makes final preparation for the opening of practice on September first.

The veteran coach, beginning his third year at Cullowhee, is pointing toward the coming season. It should be a banner year for the Catamounts. Besides having two of the finest lines in the North State conference, Young has finally accumulated some fine, high stepping backs to operate behind this line.

Last year the Catamounts were plagued by injuries, bad weather, and every bit of hard luck that could happen to a team. This 1948 Catamount edition is determined to make all the bad breaks of last year go the other way. The boys are filled with a fine spirit—they want to win. They are no longer green material, but a seasoned bunch of men who mean business.

The Western Carolina roster includes 25 lettermen from the 1947 campaign among its 80 candidates for the 1948 club. A list of outstanding backfield men who should carry the pigskin across the line for the Cats include Pee Wee Hamilton of Andrews and Al Caparella of Norristown, Pa., at tailback; Joe Hunt of North Wilkesboro and Ralph McConnell of Andrews at fullback; Big Jack Arrington, 245 pounder from Waynesville, at blocking back; and at wingback; Dewey Whitaker, of Horse Shoe and Ovie Heavener of Cherryville.

Coach Young's squad also con-

tains three of the best tackles in the conference in Dan Robinson of Marion, Buffalo Humphries of Cherryville and Harry Jaynes of Waynesville. The outstanding lineman is Arthur Byrd, 165 pounds of power from Marion, who will be making a strong bid for Little All-America honors from one of the guard positions.

Western Carolina will open the 1948 season with one of its toughest conference opponents — High Point college at High Point, September 18. The following week, Sept. 25, the Catamounts take on their old conference rival, Appalachian State in Asheville.

Coach Young will be ably assisted in the tutoring department by E. R. (Tuck) McConnell, line coach and scout, Bill Swift and Jake Allison. McConnell turned out a headline basketball team last year in his first season as head coach of the Catamount basketball team.

A seven game schedule for the Catamount "B" squad has been rigged up in order that all men who turn out for the Cat eleven will get to play regardless of whether they run for the varsity or not.

The "B" squad schedule follows: Sept. 18 Brevard at Brevard, Oct. 1 Marion High at Marion, Oct. 9 Asheville-Biltmore at Asheville.

Oct. 23 Blue Ridge at Hendersonville.

Nov. 5 Gardner-Webb at Shelby, Nov. 13 Brevard at Cullowhee, Nov. 20 Newberry "B" at Newberry, S. C.

The varsity schedule: Sept. 18 High Point at High Point.

Oct. 2 Tusculum at Cullowhee.

Oct. 9 East Tennessee State at Cullowhee (Homecoming).

Oct. 16 East Carolina at Greenville, N. C.

Oct. 23 Lenoir-Rhyne at Hickory, Oct. 30 Maryville at Cullowhee.

Nov. 6 Newberry at Cullowhee, Nov. 13 Emory and Henry at Bristol, Va.

Nov. 20 Carson-Newman at Norristown, Tenn.

Games through Oct. 23 will begin at 8 p. m. After that, kickoff will be at 7:30.

New Rain Check Idea Designed To Help Fans

Rex Barney, Brooklyn Dodger pitcher, has come through with an idea designed to benefit baseball fans through the states. It concerns new rain checks for double-

Three Knockouts Feature Fast Cherokee Fight Card

Three knockouts out of seven three-round fights is almost something for the books. That's what happened at Cherokee last Thursday night when the Cherokee Legion team met the Gatlinburg fighters from Tennessee.

The fans saw everything happen during the course of the evening. They saw fighters go down for the count, to be carried out of the ring. They saw a fighter banging on the ropes, absorbing brutal punishment until the referee stopped the fight. They saw decisions, blood, haymakers, knock-downs, everything.

In the main event of the evening Willy Ogle of Gatlinburg, who claimed to be the Pacific Fleet middleweight champ, knocked out Bobby Hill of Cherokee in 27 seconds of the third round. Hill, using a style typical to that of Jersey Joe Walcott, forced Ogle into a slow, waiting fight during the first round. In the second, Ogle began to get the range and once sent Hill to the floor for a one-count. Then in the third, an outburst of lefts and rights at the opening bell, sent Hill down for the count. He was on his knees trying to clear his head when the count was finished.

The most exciting knockout of the evening came when Buddy Arch, Cherokee high school student, Kced Gordon Zane, University of Tennessee, in one minute, 55 seconds of the second round. Both boys came out fast in the first, swinging haymakers from the floor. Zane was shifty and fancy, dodging and ducking Arch's blows. But the Indian kept boring in, landing telling blows about Zane's face and body.

Arch shortened his blows in the second, making them count and cutting Zane down. Suddenly Arch came in, blocked Zane's left and swung a smashing left haymaker that caught the Tennessee man on the point of the chin. Zane fell for the count and was groggily helped from the ring.

In the fastest bout, Ken Smith of Cherokee won a technical knockout over J. B. Williams of Dryson City. For two rounds the leather flew from all sides with the fight sailing along on even terms. In the third, Smith cornered Williams and savagely cut him down. Williams was hanging on the ropes unable to fall, help-

ers. Since the players of all leagues, big and small, know that their bread and butter comes from the fans who watch them play, they decided that something should be done about the fan who pays with the intention of seeing two games, and, with rain postponing the games, gets to see only one on his rain check. Also, Mr. Barney doesn't like the idea of a double-header rain check becoming no good after four and one-half innings of the first game has been played. He says that rain checks should be valid unless at least one complete game (nine innings) has been played.

The question should arise at the next meeting of the Player-Management Committee and maybe it will be worked out so the average fan will receive the benefit of his money's worth.

"From the Inside Out"

By Bob Terrell

Last week we shot our wad at Jersey Joe Walcott and his chances at the heavyweight crown. This week we'll take up the fellow that we think is good enough to be the new champ. Although he is a lightweight, seldom scaling over the 175 mark, Cincinnati's Ezzard Charles is rated as one of the outstanding candidates for the throne.

Easily enough he seems plenty capable of handling the bigger fellows as they come. His string of knockouts is long and many along the trail are heavyweights.

Charles, in appearance, does not seem very rugged, but in the ring he's dynamite. He is a clever boxer, a ring general in every respect, and a bountiful belter with either hand. Charles was a good boxer before the war, though he wasn't in his prime. He was good enough then to whip the likes of Joey Maxim and others who rated high among the heavier group.

But it has been since his discharge from the army—two and a half years ago—that Ezzard hit his peak. Since early in 1946, he has lost only one fight in twenty-five trips through the ropes, and that one was debatable. Heavyweight Elmer (Violent) Ray was awarded a split decision over him in Madison Square Garden, but Charles partly made that marr on the books when he sent Ray crashing to the floor in the ninth round in a return match in Chicago.

Of his 24 wins since 1946, 16 have been by knockouts, and that's good for any fighter. He whipped Jimmy Bivins, a ranking heavy, in Pittsburgh and Cleveland. He outpointed Archie Moore in Pittsburgh and knocked him out in

Las Vegas. For a full minute he absorbed terrific rights and lefts to the head and body until Referee Chief Saunook stepped in and awarded a TKO to Smith.

Dick Driver, stalwart Cherokee pugner, took a three-round decision from Bomber Reagan, of Gatlinburg. This bout featured the most fierce fighting of the evening. Reagan started fast in the first, countering his way. Driver proved to be the better man in the infighting. Reagan tired early in the third and had to hold on by clinching Driver throughout the round. Driver kept slicing away until the bell ending the fight sent both men to their corners with Driver the unanimous victor.

In other bouts of the evening, Gatlinburg's Bobby Whaley decided George Craig of Cherokee in a fight that brought blood in the first round from Craig's nose. J. B. Tyrdall of Cherokee lost a close decision to Gatlinburg's Jim Kelly, and Ray Cline of Cherokee and Johnny Clyde of Gatlinburg fought to an undisputed draw.

Chief Saunook, famed Cherokee wrestler, refereed the bouts with Dewey Tahquette and Highway Patrolman Ed Guy serving as judges.

Baseball "Greats" Seldom Make Outstanding Pilots

It's strange but it's true. Baseball's outstanding players seldom make great managers. The records will back that statement up.

The three greatest managers of the past, Connie Mack, John J. McGraw and Miller Huggins, were never double threats on the diamond in their playing days. Mack was an ordinary catcher, and McGraw was an average big league third sacker. Huggins was a flash field shortstop, but couldn't beat his way out of a wet paper bag with a bat.

The two best managers today are Joe McCarthy and Billy Southworth according to statistics and good common horse sense. But McCarthy was never a good enough second baseman to reach the big time, and Southworth, an excellent outfielder, was not classed with the "greats" of his day.

Leo Durocher, one of the best present-day managers despite his ways, was nicknamed the "All-America Out" during his playing days with the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinal Gas-House Gang.

Babe Ruth was never granted the chance to pilot a big league club. He was offered managerial jobs in the Yankees' minor league chain, but refused to go back to the small time.

Why is it that the "big shots" of baseball do not make the best bench pilots? It could be because they expect every player on their club to play perfect ball. No one plays without mistakes. Everyone does not play the brand of baseball played by the brilliant flashes of the diamond.

It's strange but it's true. The best managers come from the lot of second rate ball players.

forced to leave the hill with one out and the bases loaded in the ninth inning. Whitehill's first pitch hit the first batter and forced in a run, leaving Buffalo ahead 3-2. The first pitch to the second batter was a ball, but the next pitch struck the batter and forced in the tying run. Earl made one more pitch after that and the game was over. The pitch hit the third batter in the head and forced in the winning run. That was probably the shortest comeback in baseball history.

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Louis Will Retire This Week; Can Claim Crown For Next Six Months

Joe Louis will formally retire this week.

The heavyweight king for the last 11 years said that he would turn in a written statement of his resignation to Mike Jacobs sometime during the week.

There is only one catch to his resignation. He will retain the right to reclaim his crown at any time for the next six months. However, the Brown Bomber from Detroit stated that he has no intention of returning to the ring, but just to play it safe he will hold onto the right to recall his resignation.

Since June 25th when he knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott at Yankee Stadium and announced that he was leaving the ring for good, Louis has made no move to turn in his formal quitting papers. This caused a good bit of controversy among three boxing writers of America. Some say that the 34-year-old king of the leather throwers has no intention of ending his fistic career. Others say he has.

From a reliable source came the word that Louis would take on Gus Lesnevich if Gus came through with flying colors against Freddie Mills of London. But Mills won the decision over Lesnevich and that left no one for Louis to fight. That prompted his decision to send his resignation to Uncle Mike.

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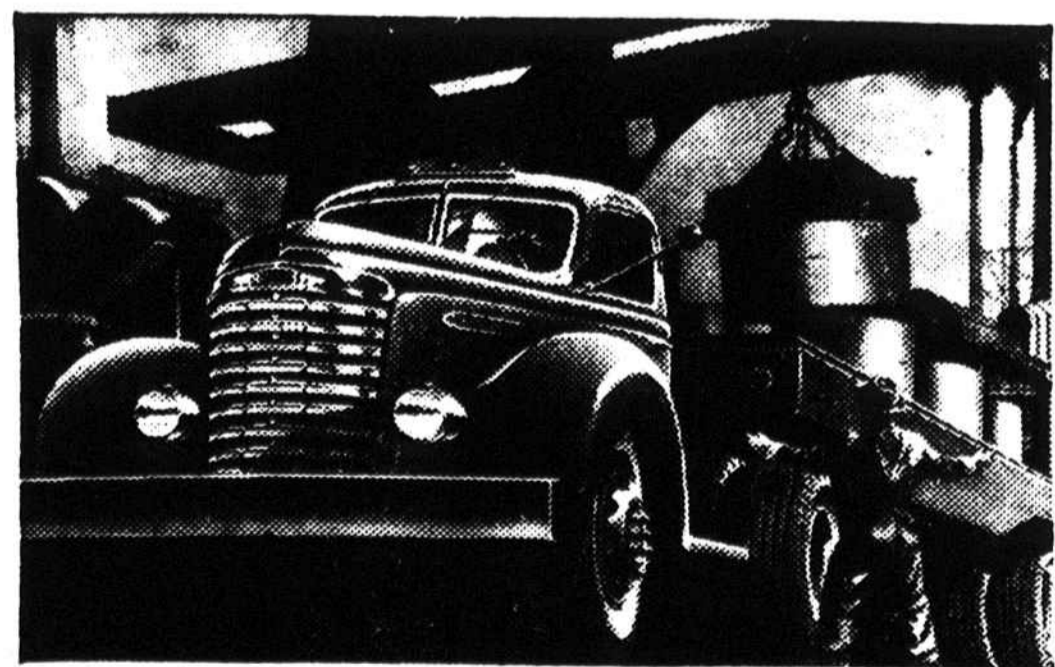
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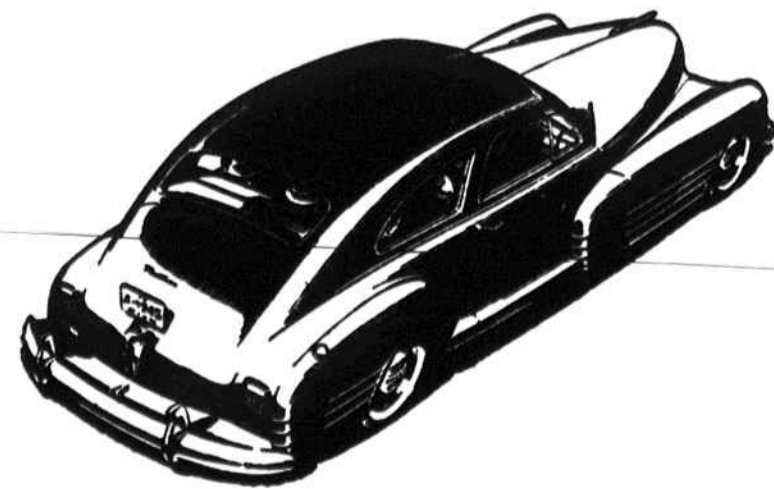
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