

CATAMOUNT GRIDMEN SHOW UP WELL IN SPRING PRACTICE SESSION AT W.C.T.C.

WCTC, Cullowhee—Coach Tom Young's Western Carolina spring football squad banged heads in a two-hour scrimmage session Saturday afternoon, marking the midway point in the four-week program of spring training.

Considerable progress has been made in plugging the gaping holes in the center of the heretofore power-driving Catamount line. The pivot position, both guards and both tackles, will be hard hit by graduation this spring when all five of last year's center-of-the-line starters get their sheepskins.

Center Hugh Constance, Guards Art Byrd and Von Ray Harris and tackles Dan Robinson and Buffalo Humphries will not be around this fall to batter up the lines of High Point, Appalachian, Lenoir Rhyne, et al.

Two replacements, a guard and a tackle, have definitely been found. Bob Greeson will take over Humphries' tackle slot and Effie Stewart will fill in where Harris left off at guard.

Several boys are showing promise at tackle including Clyde Bumgarner, Harley Stewart, Bill Owens and Bruce Jaynes. Guard candidates who have been outstanding are Dan Donovan, Joe Coffey, Glenn Yarborough, Pete Litaker, and Charles Howell. Two candidates are waging a small war for Constance's center position. Frank Parker and Tommy Robertson both show promise of developing a one-two punch at the pivot. Young is well pleased with the prospects of plugging the center post.

The backfield, not so hard hit as the line through graduation, should again be up to or above par. Pee Wee Hamilton's running hasn't slackened since last fall. Neither has Hershey Hipps'. These tailbacks are big threats to other North State Conference teams.

Robert Rumbaugh, Bobby Cunningham and Paul Rogers looked best at fullback. Wingbacks Dick White, Tommy Hornaday, Jimmy Johnson and Jack Noland turned

in creditable performances. If it is possible to plug up the line, Young will do it. The boys have been working hard and are willing to give and take in an effort to win their second straight North Conference championship.

3 JACKSON MEN COACH WINNING BASKETBALL TEAM

Winning a basketball tournament is considered an everyday matter now with all the tournaments that are being held around the country. But when a team wins a tournament under such conditions as Yadkinville High won the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel Tournament last week, there's something more than everyday matters involved.

To begin with, the Journal-Sentinel tournament is one of the biggest high school affairs in the world. Competition comes from all over and it is exceptionally rugged.

To develop a team, Yadkinville had to travel a distance of 20 miles each day for practice. Yadkinville High has no gymnasium. They practice at West Yadkin.

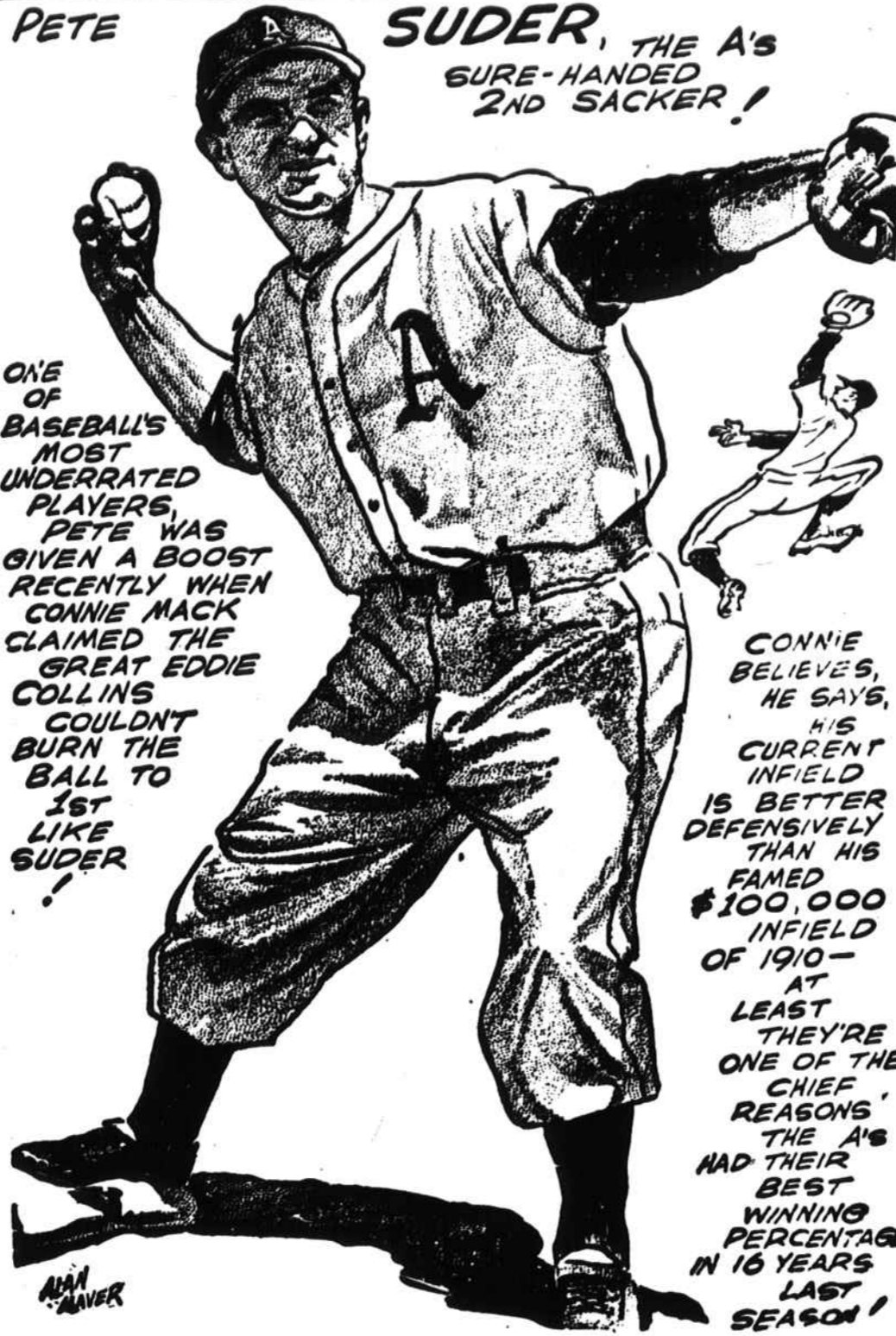
Coaches Malcombe Brown of Sylva and Ed Allman and Paul Buchanan of Webster, all of whom had a hand in developing this Yadkinville team, mastered these unpleasant conditions to the extent that they developed one of the best small high school teams in North Carolina.

In the semi-final round Yadkinville defeated Meadow of Dan, the Virginia State champions, then in the finals Yadkinville topped King High, 33-31, for the championship. King had lost only one game all season.

There's more to this story than what appears above—the team had a lot of spirit and fight, and it had good coaching. A lot of credit goes to these three Jackson County fellows for the job they did.

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BUCK'S WIN PLAYOFFS IN CITY LEAGUE

Buck's Soda Shop of Cullowhee won the playoffs in the Sylva City League Friday night by decisioning Boodleville, last year's champions, 30 to 24, in the Sylva High School gymnasium.

Boodleville led Buck's until the final three minutes when Hullen-der fouled out of the Boodleville lineup and the defending champions were forced to finish the game with four men.

The sharpshooting of Bryson then pulled the game out of the fire for Buck's. Bryson hit on his last four shots in the final two minutes good for eight points.

Wednesday night in the opening round, Buck's defeated Kirk-Davis, 27-20. On Thursday night Buck's swept by the Latter Day Saints of Cherokee, 33-18.

Buck's, managed by L. H. Higdon, is a well-balanced group of former Cullowhee High School players. The team was handicapped in height but made up for it in speed. O. V. Cagle, 6-3 center, fractured an ankle in the opening minutes of the Wednesday game.

The lineups: Finals— Buck's (30) Boodleville (24) F—L. Norton 2 Hall 3 F—D. Norton 5 Duck 4 C—Cole 8 Hullen-der 8 G—Tilley 4 Benton 4 G—Bryson 11 Green 5

Asheville Tourist Start Season With Exhibition

VERO BEACH, Fla.—The Asheville Tourists of the Class B Tri-State League, Western North Carolina's largest professional baseball club, dropped their opening exhibition game of the season to St. Paul of the American Association (AAA) last Sunday, 10-2.

St. Paul scored three runs in the first inning, enough to win, but went on to tally seven more in the remaining eight innings. Asheville pitchers Moser, Brosowski, Muscian, Birksis, and Fiacouzzi were touched for 11 hits. Asheville made two errors.

The Tourists scored a run in the sixth and another in the 8th. Asheville made seven hits off three St. Paul hurlers. Asheville 000 001 010—2 7 2 St. Paul 300 102 13x—10 11 1 Moser, Brosowski (5), Muscian (6), Birksis (7), Fiacouzzi (8) and Sirota; Chandler, Taylor (4), Lewis (7) and Anderson.

SYLVA HIGH WILL NOT HOLD SPRING GRID PRACTICE

Coach Jim Barnwell announced Monday that Sylva High School would hold no spring football practice this year.

Baseball is at hand and the boys will be able to whip themselves into shape in this sport. Barnwell had previously planned to hold spring football but only light drills.

The players will derive the same benefits from baseball which got underway last Tuesday.

Joe Lewis Reportedly To Join Circus

Joe Louis, the retired heavyweight champion of the world, firmly denied the rumors that he was seeking to regain his crown this summer in a fight with Ezzard Charles when he announced Saturday that he would join the Dailey Brothers circus for a 94-day tour and give up professional boxing.

Louis will join the circus May 24, but before that he will tour South America, exhibiting his boxing skill in several Latin American cities.

Winding up an exhibition tour in the United States, Louis, who retired March 1, 1948 after 11 years as ruler of the roost, will go with the circus for a minimum salary of \$1,000 per day.

Louis stated that he would not consider a fight with Charles for less than 35 percent of the gate. Since only 60 percent goes to the fighters, Charles would be left with just 25 percent.

SYLVA HIGH OPENED SPRING BASEBALL PRACTICE TUESDAY

The Sylva High Hurricanes opened their spring baseball drills Tuesday afternoon with thirty-odd candidates out for the team.

Coach Jim Barnwell was pleased with several performances of individual players and stated that the Hurricanes could develop into a well-balanced team.

Coach Barnwell plans to play an eight or 10-game schedule with games pending with several schools including Cullowhee, Canton, Andrews, Bryson City, Murphy, and a couple of Buncombe

County teams. Some of the outstanding candidates for the team include pitchers Derel Monteith, a southpaw; Charles Cunningham, and Zollie Fincannon. Catchers are T. C. Shepherd, and Perry Rhodes.

Infielders include Furman Dillard, John Hoxit, Wesley Warren, and Jack Holcombe. Outfielders are Thornton Cabe, Ed Summers, Dick Barkley and Jerry Dillard.

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CATAMOUNT DIAMOND—MEN TIGHTENING UP IN PREPARATION OF FIRST GAME OF SEASON

WCTC, Cullowhee—A promising pitching staff, a tight infield, good outfield and strong catching are the keys Tuck McConnell is using to unlock the doors to a successful diamond season for his Catamounts this spring.

And what more does one need to cross the threshold to success? The Catamounts show promise of possessing all these assets, and if so, a fruitful season could hardly be escaped.

Already three weeks of practices are behind the Cats and they are ready to launch the season next Tuesday at North Georgia College. Tuck has not named his starting pitcher, but it is almost understood that either James Pardue, a strapping, young southpaw who was the top WCTC starter last year, or newcomer Bill Davis will get the starting assignment.

Along with these two hurlers, the Cats have on roster Harold Keener who tossed for the Eucastine of the WNC Industrial League last summer, Red Griffin, and Dick McKinney. That's the shape of the mound corps at present.

McConnell expects to field a good offensive machine as well as a top defensive club. Speed on the base-paths has been one keynote of the drills. McConnell is a strict believer in the admonition that a man can score three times quicker from 3rd than he can from 1st. So the Cats will get around the bases if Tuck has his way.

Veteran catchers Squirt Williamson and Buck Page anchor the receiving department. And

Frank Parker is expected to bolster these boys as soon as spring football ends.

The infield shapes up as a tight defensive unit with Charles Stallings on first, Buddy Foster at second, J. C. Price at third, and Artis Carter at the hot corner. Aaron Stroud will serve as utility man.

The outfield lists a trio of veterans in Tommy Selzer, a 300 hitter from last year's squad, Clyde Pressley, and Don McKenzie, powermen. Three newcomers, Donald Ussery, Jim Evans and Dick Eden, are at present in reserve.

After playing at North Georgia on Tuesday afternoon, the Catamounts will return here for a Wednesday game with Wofford College. The complete schedule follows:

- April 4—North Georgia, there.
- April 5—Wofford, here.
- April 8—North Georgia, here.
- April 11—Wofford, there.
- April 14-15—Appalachian, here.
- April 20—ECTC (Doubleheader), there.
- April 21-22—Atlantic Christian, there.
- April 28-29—Piedmont, here.
- May 5-6—Appalachian, there.
- May 9-10—Lenoir-Rhyne, here.
- May 12-13—High Point, here.
- May 15—Elon (Doubleheader), here.

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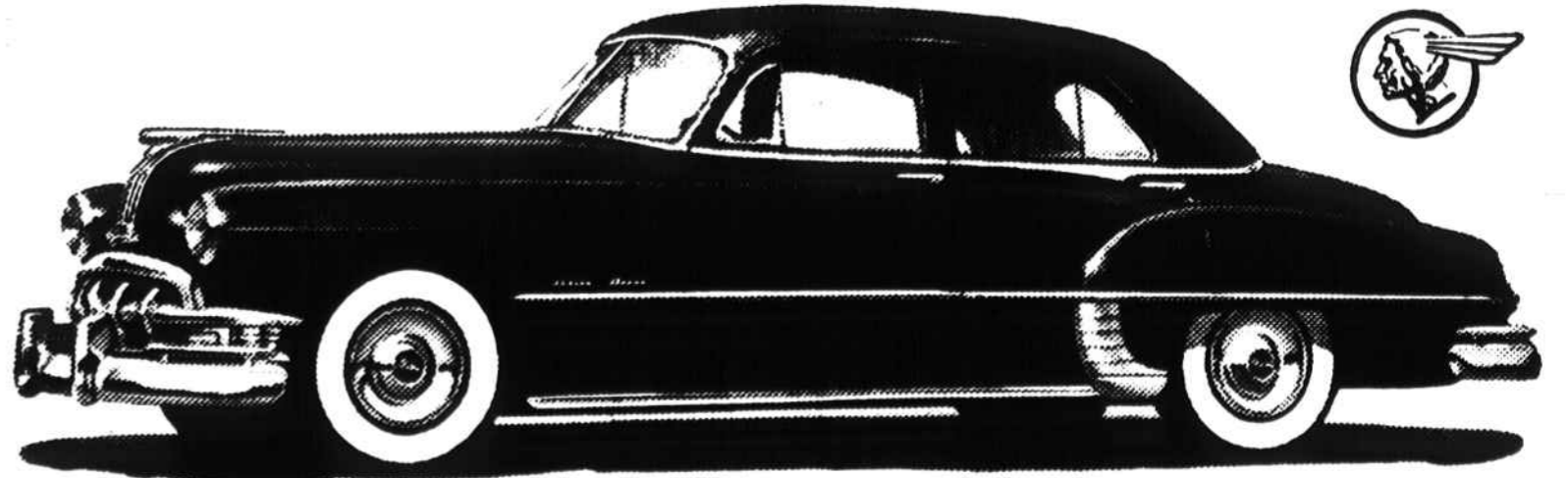
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