Blue's Sports Views

Harry "Blue" Robinson

Editor's Note: Today's guest columnist is Harry "Blue" Robinson, sports announcer on WHCC, and former sports editor of Shelby. "Blue" has a deep love for sports and is pinch-hitting as sports editor of this newspaper for the present. We are fortunate to have a man who knows local sports as "Blue" to take over the work of gathering news for this page.

After sitting in front of this typewriter for several minutes before typing the first word, I realize how much easier it is to talk sports rather than write about it. As guest columnist in this edition of The Mountaineer, I first want to express my very best wishes to Ed Spears as he undertakes a new field with a daily paper in Asheville. Best of luck, Ed, and I know that the people in Haywood county express the same feeling, for they are losing one of the most competent sportswriters and a great guy, in losing you. During my brief acquaintance with Ed, I know that he has meant a great deal to this community in the way of sports both in promotion and writing. To man to fill his shoes will certainly have big shoes to fill (I don't mean to throw off on Ed's feet, just a compliment to him for a great job by a grand guy).

It does seem like old times to sit behind a typewriter and bat out a sports story, as I was once a struggling newspaperman myself, and believe you me I had to struggle. I was with the Shelby Daily Star (that's in Cleveland County, NEXT to the best county in North Carolina) as sportswriter, and I still think I have a little printers' ink left in my blood, but it was one of the most enjoyable jobs I have ever had, for one reason I have always been interested in sports and for another I wanted to see if I could become a newspaperman (I'm still interested in sports).

You know it has been brought up before several times by sports minded people about sportswriters and sports announcers in reference to their actual experiences in sports, and it is believed by a great deal of them that sports writers and announcers were not good enough to splay sports and had to take the next best thing. Now I happen to know that is not true with most of them, but I do know for a fact that it is true in my case. My father, J. R. "Lefty" Robinson, was a great pitcher in his day, and it has always been my ambition to follow in his footsteps, but in high school and American Legion ball, my curves wouldn't curve, my slow ball was too slow and my fast ball was just right. Then I tried basketball and did make the second string three years, but it seems like the hoop was just too small for the ball when I took a shot. Well football seemed like a last resort, but I was pretty light and I never could get a helmet small enough to fit me, and it was just too much to go home every day after practice and nurse a skinned nose. So here I am with the next best thing writing and announcing sports, but it is always a great thrill to me just to be on the sidelines with a scorebook or a microphone, knowing that in a small way I am participating in a field of sports.

Here in Haywood county I was very much surprised and even more pleased with the sports activities going on. The football season was one of the best I have ever witnessed and the way you fans turned out to see the games was gratifying to know that you support the sporting events in the county. The basketball season wound up with some red hot tournaments that proved exciting, and now the baseball diamonds around the county are seeing a lot of activity, with high school and industrial league games. Next week the softball season will get underway and another sport will attract the crowds for that particular sport. Also at your very fingertips, you have one of the most beautiful golf courses that any community in the world would be proud of. And I understand that in the very near future eight bowling alleys will be available for you bowling fans. So with all the sports activities in Haywood county there certainly is enough activity going on to keep any sportswriter busy. But the main thing is to encourage more of you to participate in these sports for your own recreation and entertainment, and if you feel that you can't take an active part in sports won't you attend sporting events regularly.

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Hazelwood Nips Clearwater 25 to

Mountaineers Edge Out Black Bears In Close Diamond Battle, 4 to 3

'The Hat' Tries One for Size

HARRY (THE HAT) WALKER, Philadelphia Phillies' star outfielder and National League batting champion last season, tries on one of the 20 caps he wears out each year with his habit of tugging at the peak while at bat. Philly Property Custodian "Unk" Russell holds the caps.

SPEARHEADING With SPORTS

By ED SPEARS

THERE WERE 350 permits issued on opening day at the West Fork of the Pigeon last week, so Protector Don Taylor reported during a visit to The Mountaineer office Saturday. About a hundred anglers checked out by noon with their limit, the larger portion of their catch being native trout hooked in the smaller branches.

THE PROTECTORS are busy as any bee this time of year, and one to a county isn't enough to adequately enforce the laws. The system of part-time assistant protectors is being worked out in Haywood, which will help quite a bit. Three from the Canton Area, Willis Hipps, Lawt Johnson and Jack Blankenship, are already at work. Floyd Rippetoe is to meet with Wildlife Federation assistants to work with the fish and game warden on enforcement.

COACH WEATHERBY was quite proud of his boys when they came through with a baseball win over Canton. They played a fine all-round game, coming through with the odds against them and put the first fissure in Canton's dominance of the Blue Ridge conference. This was Waynesville's last home game—and incidentally it was aired over WHCC—and should have found the stands full of fans. Baseball is a costly sport, and the high school games, being free, bring in no income. Those who are interested in the future of baseball here should encourage the boys and those in charge of them by getting down to more of the games. It's well worth the trouble, in more ways than one.

IT IS DIFFICULT to say goodbye to the readers of The Mountaineer sports page. For the past couple of years your scribe has followed and reported as best he could the many activities of Waynesville and vicinity. It has been a most interesting field to follow, and one in which I have found many persons to admire and like. I am sure that whoever takes over this department will find the same spirit of friendship and cooperation which made our stay here so pleasant.

I WILL BE a part of the sports staff of the Asheville Citizen by the time this appears in print. My new boss, "Red" Miller, will give me the opportunity to gather a good share of material in the other towns of this section and cover such events as the Canton-Waynesville football games. Naturally, it will take some time to break in, and I have no illusions about bringing any immediate changes to your morning sports sheet. Nor is it possible for a city paper to replace the home town one, which can give the space and details that local interest justifies to local sports news. Your new Mountaineer sports editor, after he likewise has time to adjust himself, can find plenty to improve on what yours truly has managed to provide, and will undoubtedly have some new ideas you will like.

SPEARHEADING WITH SPORTS thus comes to a close. We appreciate the interest that has been shown in it, and hope that it has served whatever purpose a sports column should fill. Our best wishes to all.

Ammons, Waynesville Hurler, and Miller, Canton Pitcher, Stage Pretty Contest

Two years of training paid off for Waynesville's baseball crew on Friday afternoon as the boys faced the best their traditional rivals from Canton had to offer, and Richard Powers came through with a centerfield homer in the sixth to provide the winning run. The Black Bears went home with a 4-3 loss, their first in the Blue Ridge conference this season.

In their final pitching duel while wearing high school uniforms, little Jack Ammons equalled the offerings of Clyde Miller. Both allowed five hits, and Ammons struck out nine in seven innings and Miller whiffed eight in the six times the Mountaineers came to bat. Oddly enough, both hurlers batted in the clean up positions, and each singled twice in three trips to the plate. Two players were walked by each to keep the record further balanced.

Canton went ahead the first stanza when Richard Reagon led off with a double. Don Stiles was walked, Miller and Ted Stiles singled to send three runs over the home platter.

Waynesville first threatened in the third, when Wiggins took three bases on a single which got away from Rightfielder Stevens. The next batter, however, grounded out to retire the side. Ervin Shook led off the home half of the fourth with a double, stole third, and easyed home when Mackay flipped a ball over Miller's reach.

Heads-up infield play nipped Canton runners in a dangerous fourth, after which the visitors failed to get a man past first base.

The sixth inning saw the pendulum swing. With one out, Shook was walked and stole second. Burgin was struck out, but Ammons popped a single over first to score Shook. Powers stepped up to the plate and rapped a flat drive past the centerfielder and beat the throw home in a photo finish slide for the final score of the game.

Powers also made the outstanding catch of the clash, nabbing Stroup's hot foul along the baseline in the seventh.

Canton	ab	r	h	e
Reagan, cf	4	1	1	0
Smathers, c	4	0	0	1
D. Stiles, ss	1	1	0	0
Miller, ss	3	1	2	0
T. Siles, 2b	3	0	1	0
Mackey, 3b	3	0	0	1
Stevens, rf	2	0	0	1
M. Stiles, 1b	3	0	0	0
Stroup, lf	3	0	1	0
Totals	26	3	5	3
Waynesville	**ab**	**r**	**h**	**e**
Bob Owens, rf	3	0	0	1
Shook: ss	2	2	1	0
Burgin, 2b	3	0	0	0
Ammons, p	3	1	2	0
Powers, 1b	3	1	1	0
Owens, cf	2	0	0	0
Price, 3b	3	0	0	0
Caldwell, lf	1	0	0	0
Wiggins, c	2	0	1	0
Robinson, lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	5	1

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HAZELWOOD, 5; MARYVILLE, 8

On Sunday afternoon the Hazelwood team was the victim of an 8 to 5 defeat by the Marysville, Tenn., baseball team on the Maryvilles diamond.

Tate and Stonesiphor, pitching for Maryville, held Hazelwood to six hits, three of them doubles by Yount, Smith and Milner, and had five strikeouts apiece to their credit. The Hazelwood team had on the mound "Lefty" Frisbee, and he turned in a stellar performance by whiffing ten and giving up only five hits.

Maryville scored three runs in the first inning, three more in the third and two in the fifth for their eight runs. Hazelwood scored single talleys in the first, fifth and eighth, then started a rally in the ninth, but were able to score only two runs before it was checked.

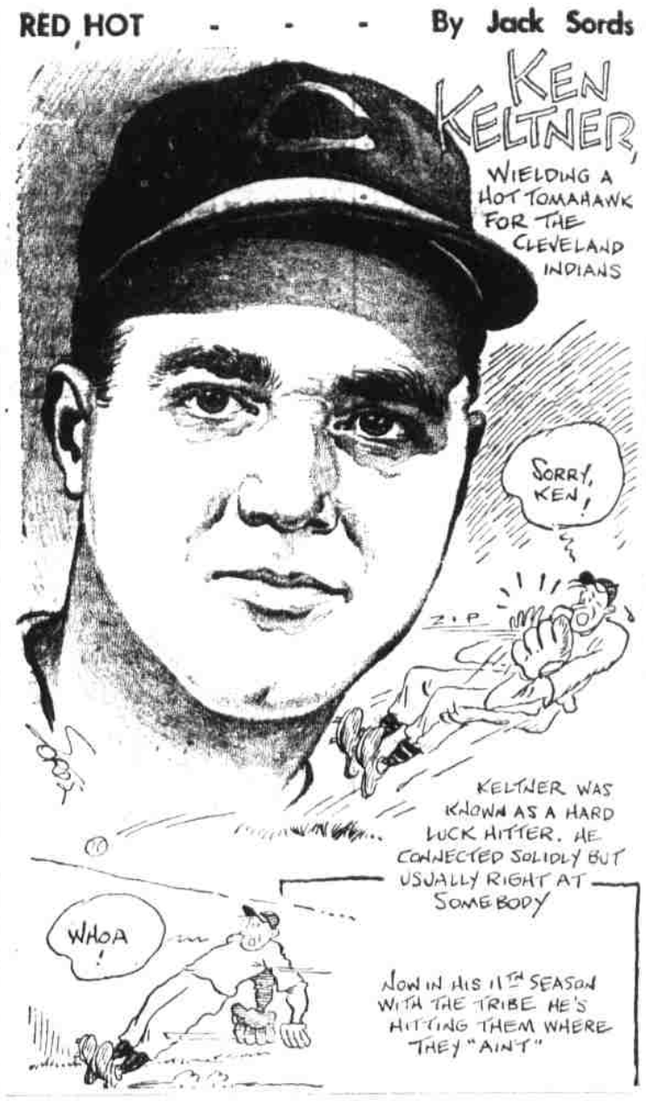
Score by innings:

Hazelwood	**100 010 012**	**5**	**6**	**1**
Maryville	**303 020 00x**	**8**	**5**	**0**

John Stevens, added this year to the umpiring staff of the American League, spent the winter officiating in the Basketball Association of America.

The Inverness round robin fourball invitation golf tournament will be held in Toledo June 24 through June 27.

RED HOT - - - By Jack Sords



The Barron Of Fenway Is Gentleman's Golfer

By FRANK ECK

AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — You hear very little about Herman Barron when people talk about the country's top professional golfers. The talk is usually Lloyd Mangrum this or Ben Hogan that or about Jimmy Demaret's funny caps and chartreuse slacks.

Barron is not the most colorful player among the pros. Yet he is one of the real gentlemen of a game designed for gentlemen. Around this town, the county seat of Westchester, Herman is the Baron of Fenway. He can do no wrong. He's been the Fenway Golf Club pro for the last 14 years.

His triumph over Bobby Locke of South Africa and 14 other top pros in the recent $10,000 Goodall Round-Robin tournament at New Rochelle's Wykagyl course came as a huge surprise to the golfing world. But not to Barron's legion of followers.

If a golfer's friends mean anything, Barron was "in" even before the 90-hole tournament started. He sold Fenway members $1,100 worth of tickets for the Goodall which in turn realized about $14,000 for the benefit of New Rochelle Hospital.

But that wasn't all. By winning top prize Barron won $2,000. He passed up the $10,000 tournaments this year and has missed the "play-for-pay" prizes he won during the past two years. Yet he turned over one-fourth of his

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HERMAN BARRON
Points for Open

Dayton Golfers Lose To Beacon

Beacon Mills defeated the Dayton Rubber golfers by a score of 7 to 5 on the Country Club course here Sunday afternoon. The local team missed the services of Jonathan Woody and Aaron Prevost.

In the four foursomes, the Beacon team copped two and lost two, but failed to gather the most points.

The foursomes, and scores were as follows:

(D) Chas. Putnam 68
(D) R. L. Hendricks 73
Won 2 to 1 over.
(B) Nebo Edwards 72
(B) Buchanan 76

Second foursome,
(B) Stroupe 72
(B) Burrell 84
Won 3 to 0 over
(D) Eric Clausson 81
(D) Bud Cutherbtson 82

Third fouresome,
(B) Cody 81
(B) Jolly 85
Won 3 to 0 over
(D) M. H. Bowles 85
(D) W. H. Prevost 85

Fourth foursome,
(B) Chas. Edwards 93
(B) Croy 91
Lost by 3 points to
(D) Joe Davis 79
(D) R. L. Prevost 87

The Dayton golfers meet the Champion team here this coming week-end.

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At Old Fort
A Pitcher's D

Manager "Sh
Smith Credit
Win Over C
water Team

Saturday afternoon
wood baseball team
trial league made a
Fort for their first
the Clearwater nine
ball diamond looked
race track as Hazel
trotted around the
in their 25 to 3 victo
Jack "Sheriff" Smi
manager of the Haze
started on the mound
afternoon's fun and
with the win.

Every man on the
starting line-up got at
during the game
knocks totaled 30 wh
cleared. Righthander
Hazelwood team, 2
three doubles and a
five appearances at
South Dudley Yount
also had doubles to
and during the game
hit by Yount, Pitts
The Clearwater
their three runs in
in the third, fourth
nings. They touched
6 hits and Harris
man getting more
apiece.

Having dropped the
games to Enka, Marv
this win gave them a
in the standings as
Beacon here on May
The Enka Rayonit
the league with 5
losses, having triumph
tel Mills Saturday
3 to 4. In other Indu
games Ecusta lost its
Sayles in a thriller
6 to 5. Berkeley edg
run win over Beacon,
ing 8 to 7.

HAZELWOOD BO

Hazelwood
Shook ss
Troutman sb
Smith c p
Milner ct
Yount, lf
Dudley 2b
Powers 1b
Pitts, rf
Whitner c
Case, rf
Price, 2b
Harris p
Totals

Clearwater
Cathey, ct
Beech 2b
Cordell 1b
Lowdermilk ss
Jolly rf
Cathey lf
Johnson c
Wilson 3b
Simmons p
Crewman p
Thompson lf
Stewart p
Totals

Score by innings
Hazelwood 431 4
Clearwater 100 1

Runs batted in—Y
Dudley 3 Shook
ner 1 Milner 2 2
base hits Shook
Yount Milner Pitts
hits Yount 2 P
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rris 2 Struck out—S
Harris 2 by Simmons
Smith 6 in 4 innings
8 to 5 defeat by
Losing pitcher—Sim

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PROGRAM

Monday and Tuesday, May 17-18

"Wistful Widow of W Gap"

—Starring—

ABBOTT and COSTELLO—MARJORIE M

Wednesday, May 19

"Dick Tracy Meets Gruesome"

— Starring —

BORIS KARLOFF and RALPH BYRD

Thursday, Friday, May 20-21

"Gentleman's Agreem

Academy Award Winner

—Starring—

GREGORY PECK and DOROTHY McG