

Hazelwood Nips Murphy; All-Stars Edged

After The Ball

By SANDY GRADY

The rubber match of the fabulous feud between Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale will be fought in New Jersey next week. Winner of this brawl can pick up the middleweight marbles—although there is some talk that neither of the participants have any marbles left. Both young men have a great instinct for homicide and have declared that they will eat each other alive when they get inside the ring, which is a new height in barbarism.

This fight between Graziano and Zale should prove to be a more earth-shaking spectacle than the publicized Louis Walcott match later in the month. In previous engagements they have been quite willing to knock each others brains out, and the rivalry has reached such a pitch that only the complete annihilation of one of the fighters will end the affair successfully.

The Rock has frightened his backers considerably by training out in the country for this battle. Graziano is really out of his element when his feet leave the concrete of New York City. Things looked bad the other day when the wire services sent out a picture of Graziano plucking flowers in a bosky dell. Before it got any worse, the Rock was quickly fetched back to his native habitat at Lou Stillman's Gym.

Stillman's is in the heart of Manhattan, a rusty old building whose windows have not been raised since prohibition. The cigar smoke is so thick that fighters have been lost for several hours merely navigating the route between locker room and punching bag. The air, says Sportswriter John Lardner, "has been there 16 years, maturing like wine." Here Graziano breathed great drafts of the misty air, which is 90 per cent humidity and smoke, 10 per cent oxygen. He took a five-round workout and his followers were happy to see him revive after the dangerous dose of fresh air.

His most serious handicap in the country was the lackadaisical caliber of his sparring mates, who seemed to be drowsy under the effect of the sunshine and green grass. "I had a couple of lazy guys up there and knocked 'em all out," says Rocky. "That's no good. Know what I mean?"

The Rock meets Zale in Newark on June 9 in a title fight. Zale will come to Stillman's this week to finish his own training. Thus, both men will have an equal opportunity to quaff as much of the Stillman smoke as they want. If Zale and Graziano get their full capacity of the Stillman atmosphere—which is said to turn the gentlest boxers into maniacal killers—the fight on the 9th should be a pretty murderous event.

If you aren't too squeamish about such things, you should be able to pick it up on the radio.

Coach Bob Evans over at Clyde is looking around for any young ball players who would like to break into organized baseball via the Cincinnati Reds. Coach Evans got word from Norm Shepard at Davidson that the Reds are going to hold a two-day baseball tryout at the Gastonia high school stadium on Monday and Tuesday, June 7th and 8th, and up at Henderson on June 10-11.

If you're under 21, were "outstanding on a high school or community team," and want to get your foot in the pro ball door, this should be a good deal.

About 200 boys from the Carolinas are expected to attend these tryouts. The boys will compete in running, throwing and hitting. Several nine inning games will be played. The players must bring their own equipment and pay for the bus tickets—but the Reds say they'll refund that if there is any contract signing.

Coach Evans, incidentally, is already talking about the hot basketball teams he expects to have next year. "I ought to have the best girl's team in years," quoth he. "The boy's team won't be quite as good."



Rocky and Lou Stillman

Canton Rips Softballers By 5 and 3

The Waynesville-Hazelwood softball All-Stars trekked to Canton Saturday night in high hopes of breaking the 7-7 tie of a previous game on the local diamond in their favor—but it was a long 12 miles back. The local nine was licking its wounds from a 5-3 defeat.

The Waynesville-Hazelwood crew still think they have the hottest combination around here and they'll try to prove it again Friday night. They'll entertain the High Point team in the high school stadium at 8 o'clock. The game should prove how softball in the mountain section of the state stacks up against ball further East.

The All-Stars hopped off to a promising start Saturday night against the Cantonites. They scooted across one run the first time at bat. But Canton came back with a two-run attack of their own. The remaining eight innings followed that pattern—up and down.

Waynesville-Hazelwood came back in the second with another tally, then went scoreless until the fifth inning. They pushed across the tie-breaking score then and the board read 3-2. That was the last time a Waynesville-Hazelwood man hit the plate.

Canton tied it up again in their half of the fifth. They scored the last run in the seventh frame on a questionable home run. Ground rules agreed on before the game had a ditch in centerfield as the home run limit. Anything over this was an automatic four-master. The Canton homer, Waynesville-Hazelwood outfielder, lacked five feet of making the ditch, but the umpire waved the runner around.

Johnny Miller hurled fairly consistently for the All-Stars. The local had the pleasure of swinging at the tosses of Windy Sams again. The highly-rated Mr. Sams was beaten soundly in Waynesville last Wednesday in their first meeting. Powell started the game for Canton, but was knocked off the mound in the seventh, and replaced by the pulpman ace, Sams.

The Waynesville-Hazelwooders made a dying try in the last inning. Ken Troutman poked the ball far and away for a triple. Another man reached base, but with two on—Cantonite Sams sat the All-Stars down in order to end the game to avenge his earlier defeat.

Although they were on the short side of the score, the locals were still pondering the softball with regularity. Pitcher Milner had two for three, and Shortstop Erwin Shook had the same.

200 HOMER CLUB

NEW YORK (AP)—Only 11 players in National League history have hit more than 200 home runs during their careers. They were Mel Ott, 541; Chuck Klein, 300; Rogers Hornsby, 299; Johnny Mike, 257; Fred Cox, Williams, 251; Hank Wilson, 244; Wally Berger, 242; Dolph Camilli, 237; Gabby Hartnett, 206 and Joe Medwick, 205. Only Mike and Medwick still are active.

Ted Has the Touch

NEW YORK (AP)—Jokey Ted Atkinson has never lost a race on Relic—or his sire, War Relic. In 1941, Atkinson scored three victories on War Relic, one of them over Whirlaway in the Narragansett Special. Last winter at Hialeah he rode Relic to victory in the Hibiscus and Bahamas before the Circle M Colt was forced out of training with a pulled muscle.

TWO CARRY ON

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Michigan State College's powerful act of three swimming brothers has been reduced.

Lefty Hall Gives Up Two Hits In 4-1 Win

There was only one phrase for the Hazelwood baseball team today—hot as a drug store pistol. The Hazelwood bunch met a highly rated semi-pro outfit from Murphy here Sunday and sent them packing home with a 4-1 defeat. It was the local team's third win in a row and Manager Jack Smith hopes his mates won't cool off for the game with Franklin here tomorrow.

The Franklin game, which will not be an Industrial League contest, will open at 3:30 on the high school diamond.

The southpaw stringing of Thomas Hall stole the show in Sunday's game with Murphy. The visitors were able to scratch only two hits off the stingy Hall.

The Hazelwood batting order came through with eight hits—all of them singles—to help the cause. Third-sacker Ken Troutman and Outfielder Bill Milner had two hits apiece to pace the attack.

The Smithmen shoved off in the first inning with a two-run splurge, came back in the fourth to pick up two more. Murphy never seriously threatened.

Some classy work by the Hazelwood infield probably discouraged the Murphy hopes for a comeback. In the second inning a grounder to Troutman was turned into a double play. Ammons catching the runner at second and Powers nabbing the man at first. Another fancy bit of ball handling came in the fifth, this time from Robinson to Ammons to Powers.

Umpires for the game were Burrell and Leatherwood.

WILD PITCHES: The Hazelwood club was supposed to play host to Sayles here last Saturday. Reports have it that the Sayles team was involved in a bus crack-up. Five players are said to be hurt. The Hazelwooders will get an

It Was Carolina Day... Charlotte's Heafner Cops Big Money In Texas Event

A big blond guy from Charlotte—Clayton Heafner—used his golf putter like a magic wand Sunday to turn a last round score of 69 into a \$3,000 first prize in the Colonial Invitation tournament at Fort Worth, Texas.

Heafner is a broad-shoulder, balding gent who hasn't won a major tournament in a couple of years. He shot four sub-par rounds to take the tourney money this time, surprising more than a few people.

But Clay went into the last round just three strokes ahead of Ben Hogan, the game little man from Pennsylvania who had just copped the PGA tournament. But the North Carolinian put on the pressure to win in beautiful style.

He was over par on only one hole of the round—No. 5 when he shot into water and took a stroke penalty. But he chipped 100 feet to within six inches of the cup for a birdie on the Number One hole, sank a neat five-footer on Number Sixteen and a hair-breath 20-footer on No. 18. From there on he coasted. He ran into some trouble on the eighteenth hole, but it didn't matter, he had the title clinched. He had also set a new course record.

It was North Carolina's day. Right behind Heafner was Skip Alexander of Lexington who tied with Ben Hogan for \$1,700 second place.

Going into the eighteenth hole, Alexander had a great chance to take second place. Skip, who was playing Heafner, slammed his drive onto a creek bank. He took off his right shoe and with that foot in the water blasted the ball with a

Local Golfers Enter Tourney

At least three Waynesville golfers are entering the Beaver Lake invitational tourney in Asheville. Chief threat to ... Waynesville trio will be Al Dowlin, the mechanical man who is Asheville golf champ. He is noted for his accuracy and cool playing. Dowlin was in the final round to J. C. Hall last year but will be playing for revenge this time.

The lowest qualifying score has been 76 so far, this shot by ... Rogers, a young Asheville golfer.

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Rains Help Bombers Edge A's

Rain helped the New York Yankees halt the Philadelphia Athletics' eight game winning streak when the umpire called the last game of a doubleheader Sunday in the fifth inning. The Yanks were ahead at the time, 2-1.

The Athletics several thrilling matches in the first game to win 7-6. They are still one game ahead of the Cleveland Indians for first place.

The Indians had a rather wild time Sunday when they used 21 players in a double-header with the White Sox. Shortstop Manager Lou Boudreau had to catch the last two innings of the twin bill. The White Sox slammed Bob Feller for six hits and a 4-2 loss in the opener. In the slightly mad second game, the Indians scored nine runs in the eighth inning to win 13-8.

Hal Newhouser worked his way out of a 11th inning threat to take a 6-4 win over the St. Louis Browns. The lean southpaw was given a lead when Pat Mullin whacked a single bringing in two runs. The win put the Bengals back in fourth place, dropped St. Louis to fifth.

Early Wynn only handed out five hits to the Boston Red Sox for an 8-1 victory. Homers by Ed Stewart and Gil Coan helped the Washington team.

Clint Hartung made his first start of the season, came out with a 10-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Hartung's New York Giants banged fourteen hits, two of them homers, to win the contest.

Powerful home runs by Grady Hatton and Howie Schultz gave the Cincinnati Redlegs a clean sweep of the Chicago Cubs in a doubleheader. The Reds won 6-1 and 8-3.

The Pittsburgh Pirates whittled the St. Louis Cards to a one game lead Sunday when they spilled the Red Birds 9-3 and 7-6.

Games were scheduled for last night between Philadelphia and Boston, New York at Brooklyn, St. Louis at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at Chicago in the National League; Chicago at Detroit, St. Louis at Cleveland, Boston at Philadelphia, and Washington at New York in the American League.

The Philadelphia-Boston meeting will be another double bill for the Mackmen in their attempt to hold the American loop first place. Coleman and Brissie were slated to hurl for the A's, Dobson and Harris for the Red Sox.

At Costa Rica bull fights, the bulls are not injured or killed and their horns are sawed off to prevent injury to the participants.



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