



After The Ball

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It's Just A Summer Interlude For Beattie

Through the windows of the country club lounge you could see tee-shirted men chipping golf balls in the burning afternoon sun. The people on the porch outside watched a lanky man with a cigar sink a long butt on the practice green. It was a summer day and a hot one for Waynesville. But for the man sitting on the couch it was fall, the other seasons are just an interlude between autumn for him.

"Yeah," he said quietly, "we ought not to do bad this fall. Carolina is going to be the team to beat, naturally. They're going to have too much power for anybody else in the conference to cope with. And Duke—that's the game. We open with them, you know. I always respect Coach Wade and I think he's going to come back this year. They were just like us, you know, last year. They started out like a house afire, won four games, and then they got those injuries. That's what hurts. They might surprise people this time. But I've got a pretty solid little club coming back. I'm not worried."

The man talking was Beattie Feathers, head football coach at State college and the man whom many people picked as the coach of the year last season. He was in our town last week, talking to the alumni about tickets and things, playing a little golf, but mostly talking football. He's a reserved, quiet fellow, but his ruffled features show that he's been in some hellacious football games. Feathers doesn't like to talk much about his own career but, in his time, this bronzed man in the flowered tie was the toughest little tailback of them all. He was the best of Tennessee in 1933, an All-American, and went on to set new ground-gaining records with the Chicago Bears between 1934 and 1937. A charming, spinning runner, Beattie was poison in an open field. When he got to Brooklyn in 1938, he felt his change-of-pace was slowing down a little. He was running into tacklers when he used to skirt them easily. So Feathers played a little more with the Green Bay Packers in 1940 and looked for something more substantial. He signed on as assistant coach with Appalachian in '41 and took over the head coaching job the next year. State was looking for a bright young man and he joined Doc Newton's staff in 1942. He began directing the Wolfpack's fortunes in 1943. He has kept his lucky 14 in the cardinal red jersey, hunting ever since.

He Would Like To Beat Peahead Again

As he waited in the country club for the rest of the golf foursome—insurance man Paul Davis, line coach Al Rotella, and Wolfpack Club leader Allen Nelms—to get ready, Feathers' mind was already on the chilly Saturday afternoons in October. Somebody wanted to take his picture and somebody yelled, "Hey, Beattie, what size golf shoe do you wear?" People were sweating and talking of six-iron shots, but Feathers had that faraway look. He was thinking of how he would like to beat Peahead Walker again this season and how tough it is going to be.

"Wake Forest is going to run from the T," he said. "They have Greig and a faster team than usual. They'll be tough, too. How many will we win? Well," he studied his shoe laces a moment. "I'd say we'll win about half our games. When you're playing teams like Carolina and Duke, you're good to win that many."

As always, Feathers will have a fine starting lineup but he moans about the lack of reserves. He doesn't feel that a boy can play at his best for over fifteen minutes. Carolina has an athletic fund which is about seven times as big as that allotted to the Wolfpack, and in a time when college ball teams are frankly built on alumni pocketbooks, you can tell the difference on the playing field. Feathers is a man with the odds against him. He knows that bigger schools will toss fresh ball players against his tired guards and tackles in those grueling last halves. He has to depend on the stamina and ruggedness of the starting lineup.

"That's what I like about Fotsie Palmer," Feathers said. "He's not big for a fullback—about 176—but he can really take it. He's fast and he was the top punter in the nation last year. But it's his stamina that comes in handy."

Feathers figures Gwynn Fletcher will be his No. 1 fullback, although Orden Smith showed up well in spring drills. Fletcher had an injury which left his right-hand fingers useless last season, but Beattie hopes the young Raleigh Springs runner will be able to go on this year. The backfield is going to be a light, pony affair. Bowles, the blocking back, weighs about 170, and Al Bozeman, the swiftie at wing, doesn't weigh much more. Al Huxzar, the terrific freshman who came down from Pennsylvania with a sensational record, won't be counted on for much duty this season. He was a big fullback whom publicity built into a Raleigh white hope last year, but wrenched his knee in mid-season. "Worst knee I've ever seen," declares Feathers.

Feathers Says Choo-Choo Is 'Great'

The Pack will have some new boys coming up who may help Martin, a lanky center, Carlson at full, Bob Smith, up from the B squad to full, and Kerner at wing are hopefuls. The Wolfpack coaching staff is looking ahead to the time when Palmer won't be operating for them, and fullbacks are like gold around Raleigh. And Al Rotella, the king-sized new line mentor, says his forward wall will be called Rotella is another Tennessee boy, an ex-tackle, and he knows the State system. He's losing Waggoner at tackle, but moving Ballard over from guard to replace him. And he'll have Ferris Watts, the 120-pound chunk of dynamite back at running guard.

Since Feathers was the cream of the backs in his own college years, it is natural that he is interested in the young man who is the current sensation—one Charlie Justice. Feathers says earnestly that Justice was the most valuable player he saw last year, and considers his play at the close of last season the best of his career. "He's really great," Beattie nods, "because he can do everything—block, tackle, pass, run. I'll never forget that underhand pass he threw against us for a touchdown last year. And he's got a great receiver in Weiner, who really makes Carolina go. He's a good runner as they have in the backfield, a definite prospect." Asked if he knew why Justice wasn't making those spectacular long runs last fall, Feathers replied with a grin. "Well, I think I know, but I'm not telling. We have to play against him, remember."

Feathers has heard the roar of the crowd in his own time. Does he think football was tougher then than now? "Yes, I would say the game was a little rougher on an individual player in my day. Now a man specializes—he just plays defense or blocks on offense. He had to play everything and plenty of it."

Is he going to install Carl Snavelly's famed two-team system at Raleigh this year? Feathers looks a mile wistful when you mention that. "Nope, just haven't got the men to do it. He's got more

Dayton Rubber Golf Team Slacks Gets 35 Hits In Massacre

R. L. Hendricks could well afford to whistle as he worked today at the Dayton Rubber plant. His golf team representing the Dayton company had virtually won the 1948 Industrial League pennant.

Dayton played their last regular game of the season Sunday on the municipal fairways at Asheville. Although the local shot maker had a wee bit of trouble with the putters they came out with a 5 to 5 victory over Savies. Bleacher—enough to give them 77 total points for the season and probably the league flag.

The local linksters were far ahead of the rest of the league golfers. The regular season is completed. Now the only thing which can stop Dayton's clinching of the winner's trophy is the match between Champion and Postal Accounts.

The two clubs were rained out several weeks ago and will play off the matches on August 8. Postal Accounts is in second place behind Dayton, exactly 11 1/2 points back. That makes things pretty dramatic; they will have to whitewash Champion 12-0 to beat Dayton for the flag.

Manager Hendricks says he has his fingers crossed, but, confidentially, he is not too worried about the situation.

The league winners probably had one of their toughest battles in drinking Savies team Sunday. The Bleachers swingers refused to be beaten and bounced back in the last match to put on a narrow finish.

Charlie Putnam opened the day with a 77 for Dayton, and partner Hilliard Page turned in an 85. That was enough to win 2 1/2 to 1 over Pennington with a 79 and Jones, with an 88.

In the second match, Dayton broke even with their game rivals. A Prevost shot a 73 and Manager Hendricks carved an 84. For Savies, it was Bartlett with an 80 and Melton with a 78.

Dayton finally came through with a clear-cut win in the third

match when Jonathan Woody shot an 87 and Eric Claassen shot an 81 to win 3 and 0 over West's 91 and Bates 87.

Savies fought to the last ditch, holding Dayton 3 and 0 in the final match. Days pulled in a 90 and W. Prevost left to a 96 for the local. Claassen had an 81 and Melton had a 91 for Savies.

Manager Hendricks says that "Anton Prevost was about the only one of us who could make his putter work on those rough runs."

Battled a whitewash by Postal on August 22 the Dayton outfit will go over to a banquet at Asheville to receive the victor's trophy on August 23.

Also at that time an Industrial League field day will be held on the municipal course. A handicap tournament on average season score will be held. All of the Dayton team members plan on entering, according to Hendricks.

Contests for driving, putting and chipping will also be staged.

... And Coming Up

Hazelwood will face the Savies Bleachers team here Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock on the high school diamond.

Saturday afternoon they will take on Easta—holding down second place in the Industrial League—there.

Softball Standings

Team	W	L	pts.
Tannery	7	2	.777
Spic & Span	5	3	.625
Slacks	5	3	.625
Iron Duff	4	4	.500
Veterans E.	2	4	.333
Albion Creek	2	5	.285

Material that he knows what to do with. We lack that manpower.

State is working to remedy this. How long she has seen her clubs overpowered. That's why Feathers and his group are touring the state, trying to talk up a more dynamic athletic program for State. They've lined up 22 new freshmen among them is Dan Wallace, son of the state star of the 20's, and a good center in his own right, says Feathers, and are building for the future. They want to get football on a par with Coach Case's hot-rock basketball team. But Feathers isn't thinking that far ahead now. He's worrying about a little engagement he has in Duke stadium.

Somebody yelled, "Let's get started," and Feathers began looking around for a pair of size twelve golf shoes. "Golf isn't exactly my game," he explained. "It would be surprising for a man to make good golf shots while he's figuring on a way to mouse-trap that big Duke tackle in September."

Slacks Gets 35 Hits In Massacre

Slacks shoved their way into a tie with Spic & Span for second place in the W-H softball major league Friday night—and no one could complain that they didn't do it in a convincing manner.

The Slacks outfit went berserk at the plate and rocked out 35—count 'em—hits to massacre a helpless Veterans Electric team by 23 to 3. It was a hitters holiday and every man on the club got a solid poke at the poor softball.

The Electric club took the worst dubbing any team has suffered in the league this year—they could only manage three hits off two Slacks hurlers. The Veterans spent most of the evening chasing Slacks bingles across the high school diamond.

It was chesty Stan Henry who paced the Slacks team with a hitter's dream—six hits for six trips. Henry pounded out two home runs in the evening's barrage. He also took over the pitching chores in the last inning after Haney had held the Electric outfit to one hit in six frames. As a hurler, Henry wasn't quite as successful and allowed two of his foes' three hits during his inning.

July 26th

Parkmans vs. High School, Spic & Span vs. Veterans Elec.

July 27th

National Guard vs. Underwoods, Tannery vs. Slacks.

July 30th

Parkmans vs. Underwoods, Albion Creek vs. Iron Duff.

Underwoods Belts High School, 9 to 8

The High School was momentarily stopped in its try for the minor league first place Friday night when Underwoods edged the schoolboys out by 9-8.

Moodly scattered seven High School hits to rack up the win. His own mates were smashing fifteen hits off of High School's Boyd.

J. Kuykendall and Bradford slammed home runs in the Underwoods victory. Davis and Limer had some of the same for the losers.

Team	W	L	pts.
Parkmans	8	3	.728
High School	7	4	.636
Underwoods	3	7	.300
National G.	2	6	.250

Locals Split

It just goes to show you, folks—you can't depend on horses, women or baseball.

Hazelwood's inaction proved that you certainly can't depend on the latter subject over the week end. The local sensation, hitting on all eight for the league pennant, shellacked the loop leaders, Enka by 9-4 Saturday afternoon. Everybody was happy and the local were a crush to lick Berkeley, which is way down in the league standings—on Sunday afternoon.

As such things usually are, the going to be dealt with that early hot-rock Berky's outfit, but they surprised all concerned by flattening Hazelwood all over the high school diamond and coming up with a 7-6 victory.

The proceeding left Hazelwood with eight wins and six losses. It also left them out of reach of first place this season.

Whatever the implications were, the Saturday afternoon ball game was a clear victory for the local. They had been losing for the Rayon team from Asheville for weeks and unleased a fourteen-run barrage that took four pitchers in its fury.

Hazelwood slammered Enka to hard in the first inning, then the visitors didn't have a chance to recover. The locals belted 15 runs in one of the wilder games seen here this season. They got three more in the fourth and simply coasted behind Junior Rhymer's cool pitching for the rest of the game.

Ken Troutman, the wild third-sacker who warms up for the Hazelwood games by playing a fast hand of softball here, turned in the nearest hitting record of the weekend. He notched four hits for four trips, one of them a double, and tallied two runs. Elmer Dudley also did all right for himself, getting three for four. Oliver Young batted a single and a triple for four times at bat.

Junior Rhymer, the 3-0-0 smokeshedder, scattered Enka, nine hits over the route and out of his only trouble came in the two-run sixth inning, with a few high hard ones. He gave no five free tickets, and whiffed three more.

Steadfast holding job of the day was done by Elmer Shock, the polished little outfielder who was in town over the week end from his studio at Mar. Hill School, handled eight batters at the top, didn't hit one a one.

Guides and Patton led Enka's hitting. Patton smacked a triple, but like nine other Enka batters,

died on base.

If you're a fan of the Hazelwood club, you'll be disappointed to hear that they won't be playing on Sunday.

But Sunday afternoon developed a strong rivalry between the local and the Asheville team. Study considered the Asheville a best bet, and he then the moon. They he tipped a single and they only one home run. A few minutes later, a home run hit Hazelwood, but all of the hot ones held them to one run and seal the deal for the day.

The rest of the day,



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