

# Star Contest July 12 To Play First In Dodgerland

BECK Sports Editor

Y The first Williams in the 18th All-Star game will be one of the home park.

Brooklyn Dodger first baseman, Williams, is the only player to have hit in 18 official trips to the plate. Last year he had a torn rib cartilage and his only All-Star activity was a base on balls as a pinch hitter.

Included in his blows are three home runs, two doubles and four singles. He has driven home nine runs.

His best All-Star effort came in 1946 at Fenway Park, Boston. He had a perfect day at the plate with two homers, two singles and a walk to lead the attack in a 12-0 victory, the most one-sided of the 11 American League victories in 15 games thus far. Williams is the only American League player to hit two homers in one All-Star game. National League in Detroit's Briggs Stadium in 1941.

Williams is one of the really great hitters in baseball history, and in Ebbets Field the right field fence, 297 feet on the foul line, is made to order for the terrific pull hitter.

Suppose Williams hits a home run on his first trip to the plate. Naturally, the fans, even though most of them will be National League fans, will stand up and cheer. They will expect Williams to tip his cap in a gesture of appreciation between the time he reaches home plate and returns to the dugout.

Brooklyn fans know their baseball inside out but a lot of them have yet to see Williams. Their cheers, which usually are spontaneous, may turn to boos quickly. You see, Williams never tips his cap for applause.

# Good Trips Maryville 13-3 Sunday

# Ferguson Tops WNC Loop Hitters With .469 Mark

Mark Ferguson, Beacon manager, continues to lead the WNC Industrial League's individual hitters, although Berkeley catcher Ray Slider moved to within seven points of him through the week. Ferguson leads the pitchers with his 4.0 record. Berkeley hurler Ed Hummelt has the most wins at seven against one defeat.

Following are the averages released by Wilson Ayers, secretary of the loop:

**Leading Batsmen**

Include players who have participated in nine league games.

PLAYER & TEAM	Pct.
M. Ferguson, Beacon	.469
Slider, Berkeley	.462
Sams, Ecusta	.450
Gudger, Enka	.438
Patton, Enka	.417
Martin, Beacon	.400
T. Drake, Ecusta	.392
Sparks, Berkeley	.379
Alexander, Ecusta	.373
Prior, Enka	.376
O. Waldrop, Beacon	.375
Burgess, Beacon	.373
Yount, Hazelwood	.362
D. Hummelt, Berkeley	.362
Duncan, Clearwater	.359
Carland, Ecusta	.343
Swed, Enka	.345
Docking, Ecusta	.339
Buckner, Beacon	.327
Bailey, Beacon	.319
Abbolt, Berkeley	.315
Pitts, Hazelwood	.311
L. Drake, Berkeley	.311
E. Roberson, Martel	.304

**Pitching Record**

PLAYER & TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Trull, Enka	4	0	1.000
Hoots, Berkeley	3	0	1.000
Hummelt, Berkeley	7	1	.875
Ayers, Beacon	4	1	.800
Randall, Enka	3	1	.800
Alexander, Ecusta	3	1	.750
E. Williams, Enka	4	2	.667
Anders, Beacon	4	2	.667
Kerner, Ecusta	2	2	.500
Ammons, Hazelwood	4	5	.444

**BOYS MORE RECKLESS**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UP)—Twice as many boys as girls are involved in accidents that cause students to lose time at school. F. C. Sowell, chairman of the chamber of commerce safety committee, estimates. Sowell said that during this school year 717 pupils were involved in accidents that cost 1,991 days of school attendance.

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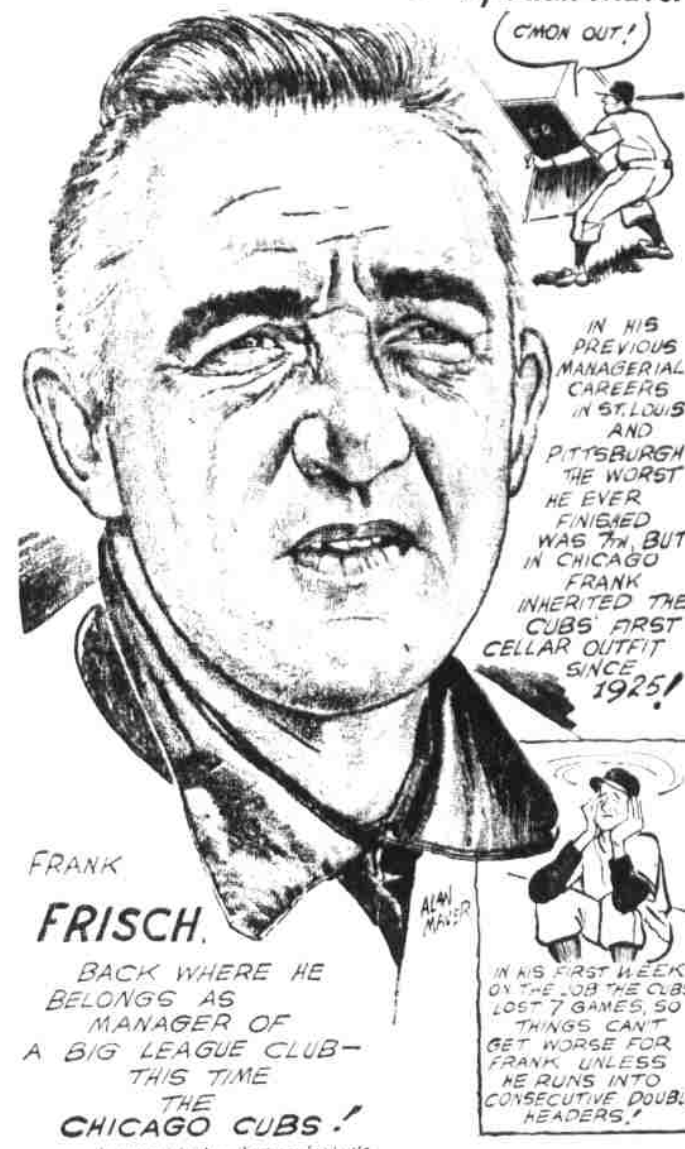
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FRANK FRISCH. BACK WHERE HE BELONGS AS MANAGER OF A BIG LEAGUE CLUB—THIS TIME THE CHICAGO CUBS!

# Waynesville Merchants Top Hazelwood 9-4 Saturday

The Waynesville Merchants, playing a lustrous brand of baseball, notched a 9-to-4 win over the Hazelwood Industrial Leaguers Saturday afternoon on the Waynesville High diamond.

The Hazelwood team was originally scheduled to play at Berkeley Mills but the tilt was postponed due to the Spinners' playing in the finals of the regional NBC tournament at Hallow.

Saturday's game was the first meeting between the local nines and a fast brand of ball was displayed.

Skinner Dudley and Jack Smith shared the pitching duties for Hazelwood with Dudley receiving credit for the loss. Walter "Crip" Wyatt went the route for the Merchants and scattered eight hits effectively.

Wayne Caldwell rapped out four hits in six trips for the winners while Neil Wyatt and Bob Pitt each had two in four for Hazelwood. Both of Wyatt's were long trips.

**The Box Score:**

WAYNESVILLE	AB	R	H
Richie, 2b	5	3	2
Bracken, 1b	4	1	2
Price, 2b	6	0	1
Caldwell, cf	6	1	4
Tate, 1b	5	1	1
Steven, 3b	5	1	1
Conlan, 1b	5	0	2
Sizemore, c	4	1	0
Wyatt, p	4	1	0
Total	44	9	13

HAZELWOOD	AB	R	H
Ammon	4	0	1
Trounman, 3b	4	0	0
Wyatt, 2b	3	1	1
Smith, 1b	4	0	1
Cass, cf	4	0	0
Pitts, 1b	4	1	2
Whitner, 1b	4	1	1
Wyatt, 1b	4	0	2
Dudley, p-1b	3	0	0
Total	34	4	8

**Totals:** Ritchie, Yount, Wyatt 2; Losing Pitcher, Dudley, Umpires, Fuller and Burleson.

# Champion Y To Meet Florida Club Wednesday

The Champion YMCA softball team will meet the Clearwater Bombers, Florida state champions for the past three years, in a doubleheader Wednesday night at Champion Park in Canton.

Jack Justice's Champion outfit defeated Saturday night 4-3 by Roane Anderson of Oak Ridge, Tenn., will be seeking to get back on the winning track at the expense of the team rated as their toughest opponents of the season.

Champion swept a Fourth of July doubleheader from Crutchfield's of Spartanburg, former South Carolina state king, 5-1 and 7-6 before taking their third loss of the season from the Oak Ridge nine.

The Canton club will go into the Clearwater series with a season's record of 14 victories in 17 games.

Gerald Overcash, with 18 victories in 19 games, heads the powerful Clearwater pitching corps in the Bombers' invasion of Canton, while Nani Miller and Windy Sams are the ace Champion hurlers.

The U. S. Amateur golf title went to Bobby Jones in 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928 and 1930—more times than to any other player.

# Waynesville Troop Wins Boy Scout Water Meet

The Scouts of Waynesville Troop 2 captured team honors yesterday in the water meet held at Camp Daniel Boone.

They had primed for the victory the night before by winning the treasure hunt, finding the big box of candy before any of the other Scouts.

Actually, the Waynesville Scouts won only two first places in the water events, but piled up their points in the second and third places.

Wilburn Davis and Red Parham of the Waynesville troop won the two-man canoe race for Class C swimmers, and Malcolm Clarke and Bobby Compton gave Waynesville its other first place victory by taking the two-man hand-paddle canoe race.

In this event, the boys were required to propel their canoes by using their hands as paddles.

The Waynesville boys came close to getting the greased watermelon to shore, but the swimmers of the Mills River Troop 12 Wolf Patrol snatched it to take a 7 to 5 victory.

Other results in the day's meet, directed by Bob Garner, Daniel Boone Council Scout executive, were:

Rock and spoon race and candle race, both for non-swimmers—won by Donald Tatum, Asheville Troop 4.

50-yard free style (B swimmers)—won by Ronald Harrell, Mills River Troop 12.

100-yard free style (C swimmers)—won by Butch Grimes, Mills River Troop 12.

100-yard back stroke (C)—won by Terry Lathrop, Asheville Troop 4.

100-yard breast stroke (C)—won by Stanley Shaw, Asheville Troop 8.

Two-man boat race—won by Gerald Banks and Lyle Rose, Lone Scouts, of Asheville.

# Close To Death 6 Months Ago Horse Nearly Killed By Fire Is Back In Training

By RALPH D. HALL  
AP Newsfeatures

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. — Although unscarred, Copperlight, a three-year-old pacer with a heart of steel, already has scored one of the greatest triumphs possible—a winning fight against death.

Nearly six months ago the pacer owned by Miss Herta Sonnenberg of Stonington, Conn., somehow managed to free himself from his stall and escape from a Saratoga raceway barn in a \$150,000 blaze that trapped 23 horses in one of the nation's worst disasters.

Copperlight was the sole survivor but so near death that many horsemen thought it best that he be destroyed. His hips and flanks were burned, his head and ears singed, his right eye swollen badly and his lungs choked with smoke.

Standing unsteadily near the smoldering embers, all that remained of the barn and the other fine horses, Copperlight looked as though death was his only.

Today, however, the stalwart pacer is sound and any horse could be the only survivor of the tragic fire as he sits on his best flank.

Yet, for days, he hovered close to death. Even breathing was a trouble. But his courageous heart continued holding. That, together with the skill of man's medicine and wonderful recuperative powers, saw Copperlight through smoke damage to his lungs proved the greatest threat to recovery, and Dr. V. C. Fabian, the Raceway's veterinarian, pumped heavy doses of penicillin into the horse, to ward off pneumonia.

Shedding his noticeably, Copperlight summoned back his strength, eating lightly at first and then with considerable vigor. Trainer Aubrey Rodney began to jog him easily when he appeared strong enough, finding the horse's wind surprisingly good.

Under the careful, patient grooming of George Leggett and Martin Gibbons, Copperlight's burns were healed and only the scar on his flank, actually a badge of rare courage, remains as a stark reminder of the fire.

At first, it was decided that Copperlight would be raced this season at the Saratoga oval. Later, when Copperlight displayed such promise in training, it was decided not to take a chance on hampering his future. Thus, Copperlight has been moved to his owner's farm where he can romp to his heart's content for a year and absorb more strength.

When he finally races for the first time, he will have a considerable following. His backers feel that a horse with a sire named Torchlight and a heart that conquered death cannot be anything but outstanding.

# Industrial League

Ecusta 6, Enka 4

Hazelwood at Berkeley, ppd.

Martel at Canton, ppd.

Clearwater at Beacon, ppd.

Club	W	L	Pct.
Berkeley	12	2	.857
Enka	11	4	.733
Beacon	10	4	.714
Ecusta	8	7	.533
Martel	5	8	.385
Hazelwood	4	8	.333
Clearwater	2	10	.167
Canton	2	11	.154

# TUNA CHAMP CATCHES BIRD ON FLY



THIS IS REALLY a bird of a fish story, and with a picture to prove it. It seems that Walter McDonough, winner of last year's Maine tuna championship, was trolling off the New Jersey coast when a flock of birds went after his lure. One was hooked in the bill and, as shown here, turned out to be a shearwater, of the petrel family. (International)

# State Softball Official Confers In Canton On Plans For State Event

Jim Day of Reidsville, executive secretary of the North Carolina Amateur Softball Association, will be in Canton from Wednesday until Friday, polishing plans for next month's 14 annual men's state softball championship.

The tournament, scheduled to be the largest ever staged, will be held at Champion Park under the direction of Champion YMCA Athletic Director Jack Justice.

It will be the first time the event has ever been held in Western North Carolina.

Eleven teams, including nine district champions chosen by playoff, the host Champion nine, and the defending titleholder, the Roanoke Rapids Ramblers, will compete in the double tournament which will run from August 16 through August 20.

Mr. Day indicated, as he revealed the tournament plans, that interest in softball is currently at a record peak in North Carolina.

More Tar Heels are playing softball than ever before, he declared.

"My office," Mr. Day said, "has been flooded with requests for tournament information in the nine districts for both men's and women's events."

The association secretary said 22 teams started a district tournament at Durham Thursday night for the single berth in the state event.

Mr. Justice, who is the Western North Carolina district softball commissioner, said the tournament to decide the District 8 representative in the state event will open August 8.

If Champion wins the district single-elimination playoff, however, the runner-up will enter the state tournament as the district representative. Champion will be playing in the state championships anyway as the host team.

District 8 covers Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.

Champion incidentally, is rated as one of the toughest contenders for the state crown held by Roanoke Rapids.

Meanwhile, Mr. Justice reminded softball players that the deadline for filing entries in the district playoffs is August 3.

The schedule for the start of other district tournaments is: Wilmington, July 18; North Piedmont at Greensboro, July 27; and Northeast at Roanoke Rapids, August 2.

The state women's tournament will open in High Point on August 4.

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Outstanding community, and semi-pro baseball players will be aiming for a toe-hold in professional baseball at Hendersonville July 21 and 22 when the Cincinnati Reds hold their try-out camp.

Cincinnati Scouts Neal Millard and Norman Shepard of Davidson College will hold the tryouts at Hendersonville's city stadium.