

Hazelwood Edges Ecusta, 6-5, For 2nd Straight Win

Winer Leads Hitting Assault With 3 Bingles

Hazelwood's ball players grabbed an early lead, and cut off a running Ecusta rally to their second straight win in the WNC Industrial League 6-5, at the Ecusta diamond yesterday afternoon in a free-for-all game.

Grogan, former Canton ace, led the first action of the current season, and Southpaw Jimmy Kuykendall gave up a dozen hits but kept them fair-ly scattered.

Holding in the pinches and advanced hitting power paid the long run to keep the lead.

In this battle match-up, Hazelwood boys' season at home the previous week, they edged Ecusta, 5-4, May 6-3, the Ecusta lads for their last chance in the ninth, promptly two runs across.

Had their tying and winning run base when the Hazelwood defense tightened and snuffed the rally before it could do any damage.

Herbiller Bill Milner, Hazelwood's heaviest hitter Saturday, hit the tie in the third by slugging a booming homer.

It gave the locals the lead they never lost.

Bill Milner, who had hit two singles in his other times at bat, driving home the run and crossing the plate three times in the course of the game.

Hazelwood followed up this outburst by scoring twice in their half of the next inning and Bob Pitts singled, Stan Henry slugged out a towering home run, and they came back in the bottom fourth with their first two runs.

Whitaker, and Morris of the opening drive with then Poor drove in two of them with a slugging double.

The Hazelwood part of the Milner slugged out his straight hit, then Pitts made safe on an error.

Catcher Walt Spence rapped a single to right, chasing home.

Ecusta promptly stayed in the game when they came to the bottom of the same inning.

They drove out a single, Charles in that Drake raced home on a single.

pitching and defenses tightened that stage, and it was a tie ball game until the woods opened the wild ninth.

Stevenson, a former Canton Pigeon, was a big gun for Hazelwood he joined them before season started, slapped out a then Pig Troutman walked the third time of the ball.

Stephenson, another Canton star, then led it connected for a triple that took his teammates in.

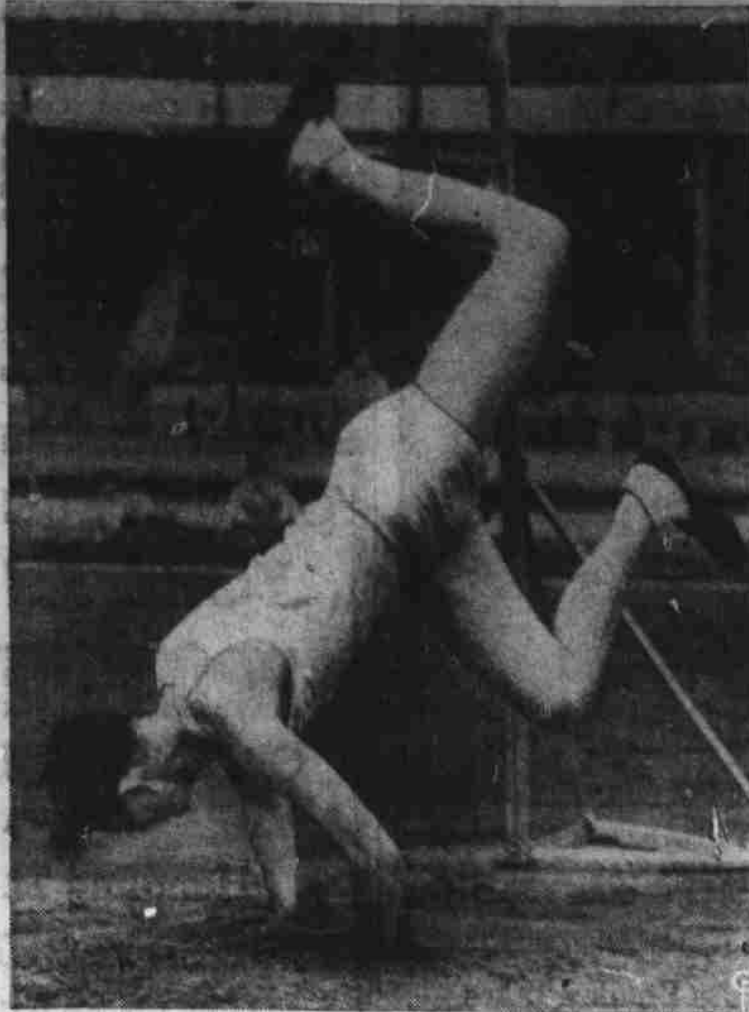
It was the only thing that tipped the final Hazelwood lead at that point.

Dudley picked one out of the driving liner down the base line right after a Hazelwood had gotten aboard.

The ball hit the Ecusta third baseman and bounced off to the shortstop who threw Dudley out at second.

Manager J. C. Want Ads Bring Outlet Results

HIGH JUMPER GETS DOWN TO EARTH



THANKS TO THE SAND PIT, J. M. Wilson finds things a bit soft for him after a hard try at the high jump in the Challenge Cup Meet of the London Athletic Club. He lands elbows deep in the earth. (International)

Burrell declared he was "fairly well satisfied" with the way his Hazelwood boys were rounding in to shape, though they still were a little sluggish.

He added he was satisfied with Righthander Gene Grogan's first appearance in Hazelwood uniform.

Tossing his first ball of the season, Grogan worked five innings, giving up six hits. Kuykendall, who pitched the rest of the game, was credited with the victory.

The locals meet Martel Mills next Saturday afternoon at the Martel diamond.

Ecusta	ab	r	h
Drake, lf	6	1	1
Charles, rf	2	0	0
Sams, ss	4	0	2
Carland, lb	4	2	3
Whitaker, 2b	5	0	2
Morris, p	3	0	2
Merrill, c	5	0	0
Poor, 3b	4	0	1
Wright, rf	3	0	0
Milner, lf	2	0	0
a-Jennings	0	0	0
Totals	38	5	12

Hazelwood	ab	r	h
Troutman, 3b	3	1	0
Stevenson, ss	5	0	1
Dudley, lf	5	0	0
Milner, cf	4	3	3
Pitts, rf	4	1	1
Young, lf	4	0	1
Henry, 2b	4	0	2
Spence, c	4	1	2
Kuykendall, p	1	0	0
Grogan, p	3	0	0
Totals	37	6	10

a—Hit for Poor in 9th.

Hazelwood 6 0 10 201 002-6

Ecusta 5 0 0 0 201 002-5

E: Poor 2, Whitaker, Stevenson, RBI: Pitts, Henry, Milner, Spence, Morris 2, Sams, 2 B: Henry, 3B: Stevenson, HR: Milner, SB: Spence, left: Hazelwood 7, Ecusta 13. Winner: Kuykendall. Loser: Morris. Umpires: Sorrells and Burleson.

1950 Baseball Should Be Much Better

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VERO BEACH, Fla. — Baseball will be more interesting to watch in 1950—if the freshmen stars of last season, who now are sophomores, come through as anticipated.

The sophomore year, however, has been the jinx year for many youngsters. The list of second year disappointments includes such names as Pee Wee Reese, Phil Rizzuto, Danny Litwhiler, Elmer Valo and Charlie Keller, who hit .334 as a freshman but dropped to .386 in 1940. More recently you could add Alvin Dark, Richie Ashburn, Del Ennis, Larry Doby, Sam Mele, Bobby Thomson, Earl Torgeson and Vic Wertz to the list.

A look at some of the fine pitchers who were failures their second year in the majors is startling. Gene Bearden dropped from a 20-game freshman season in 1948 to 8 wins last year, Bob Chesnes went from 14 wins to 7 and before that Art Houtteman went from 7 to 2, Tex Hughson from 22 to 12, Johnny Vander Meer from 15 to 5, Dutch Leonard from 14 to 3 and Dizzy Trout from 9 to 3.

Newcombe is far and away the pitcher who will be most discussed in baseball this season. A real workhorse who can pitch with two days rest—although he failed to do it in the World Series—the 23-year-old six-foot Negro won 17 games. Five were shutouts. It's all the more remarkable because Newcombe didn't get his first start until the season was five weeks old. Off his debut year a conservative estimate would give him 22 victories this year. Some estimates run as high as 30.

The Athletics over at West Palm Beach have another west who rates high. He is Alex Kellner, 25-year-old southpaw who won 26 last year. He pitched 20 complete games, had no shutouts but ranked 12th in earned runs.

Another potential mound ace is Cleveland's Mike Garcia, 26, whose 14 first year victories included five shutouts. Like Newcombe, his first starting job didn't arrive until May 22. The Boston Red Sox have two youthful southpaw sophs, Maurice McDermott, 21, and Charley Stobbs, 20. McDermott won only five games after being recalled from Louisville in mid-June but they say he's another Lefty Grove. Stobbs, signed out of Norfolk's Granby High, won 11 last year. Joe McCarthy hopes these two will be regular starters.

The Pirates have a fine lefty in Bill Werle, 28, a 12-game winner. His 106 strikeouts ranked seventh in the league. May 11 marked his first victory as a starter.

In the infield, several 1949 freshmen have the start on what appear to be fine careers. In Gerry Coleman, 25, the Yankees have a second baseman in the graceful class of the old Joe Gordon.



DON NEWCOMBE



GUS ZERNIAL



ALEX KELLNER

Coleman led the American League keystone men and hit .275. He won't hit the Gordon long ball but he'll hit timely as he proved in the clincher against the Sox and in one of the World Series games in Ebbets Field.

The Phillies boast a long ball hitter at third in Willie "Puddin'" Head Jones. He hit only .245 but blasted 19 homers and in one game equalled a record by hitting four doubles.

The Cardinals have a purple heart veteran who also wields a big stick at third base. He is Eddie Kazak, who hit .305 in 92 games as a freshman. Only a troublesome ankle stands in his way of being a regular.

Two young catchers with a future are Del Crandall, just turned 20, and Stan Lopata, 24. Crandall hit .263 in 67 games for the Braves and Billy Southworth, regarding him as a natural hitter, plans to use him against all types of pitching. Lopata will have a job replacing long ball hitter Andy Seminick with the Phillies but his .271 in 83 games forces Eddie Sawyer to give him every opportunity.

The American League has three good hitting outfielders among its sophs. They are Roy Sievers (.306 Browns), Gus Zernial (.318 White Sox) and Johnny Groth (.293 Tigers). Both Zernial and Groth were

WTHS 9 In Two Games This Week

Waynesville High School's baseball team will swing into action again Wednesday after more than a week of idleness.

The boys will meet Brevard, then will tangle with Canton on Friday. Both games are scheduled for the Waynesville diamond.

It will be Waynesville's last chance to even the count with both clubs.

On April 19, Brevard whipped the Mountaineers in a 7-3 contest at Brevard, then Canton shut them out, 1-0, two days later at Canton on Don Stiles' no-hit pitching.

The Mountaineers will go into the Brevard contest with a 50-50 record to show for their four games so far this season.

Southpaw Jimmy Kuykendall is scheduled to start for Waynesville, with James Fugate behind the plate.

Both contests will open right after classes end for the day.

HEAVY ON THE SCORING

Those eastern North Carolina high school teams seem to have an affinity for lots of figures.

One day's high school baseball games produced these results last week:

Ashoket smothered Columbia, 34-0, on 21 hits and 12 Columbia errors.

Selma smacked Kenly, 18-5, Kingston stomped Elizabeth City, 15-2. Compared to the others, the West End-Pinehurst game was a pitcher's duel. West End won, 11-2.

CAGE SPORT NOT THROUGH YET

North Carolina and Duke will tangle in a basketball—yes, basketball—game next Saturday at Chapel Hill. It will be a feature in the annual North Carolina High School Day program at the University. Another big feature will be the annual Blue vs White football game, which ends the winter drills at the Hill.

BANTAM CHAMP SUSPENDED

Manuel Ortiz, world's bantamweight boxing king, was suspended last week for mixing up his ring dates.

The National Boxing Association took the action after Ortiz cancelled his scheduled title defense bout in London in exchange for a fight in South Africa. However, Manager Ray Luna said the NBA itself had given its blessing to the South African engagement. He made that statement just about an hour before the NBA made its announcement of Ortiz' suspension.

Three records—one world, one intercollegiate and one league—were set during the 1950 eastern intercollegiate league swimming season.

Hampered by injuries but have recovered. Sievers, 23, blasted 10 homers. The Pirates have in Tom Saffell a batter with a keen eye. Though lacking power he hit .322 in 73 games for Pittsburgh. All he must do is get on base. Ralph (Home Run) Kiner will do the rest.

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A. C. Lawrence, Ward's Esso Meet For Loop Title

Pisgah Remains Closed To Trout Fishing

The trout streams of the Pisgah National Forest will remain closed until the woods become green enough to reduce the fire hazard.

Scattered showers late last week helped the situation somewhat, reported Forest Supervisor D. J. Morris, but not enough to permit sportsmen into the area. The streams may be opened to fishing by the middle of May.

NC CAGE STARS DRAFTED

Pro basketball teams last week drafted three North Carolina college stars of last season.

Baltimore drafted Dick Dickey, N. C. State College ace, the Washington Caps got his teammate, Warren Cartier, and New York picked Charlie Hope, Appalachian State Teachers' flash.

DISCUSSES STATE FARM PLAN

One of North Carolina's major problems springs from the lack of understanding of the problems of agriculture and industry. Last week, State Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine conferred with U. S. Rep. Harold Cooley of North Carolina on a plan to create a better understanding of these problems. "One of the major factors in the criticism of the farm support program," said Ballentine, "is lack of understanding."

"And if that is true about agriculture, then the same must be true of problems of industrial-labor groups and of industry."

LEADING WOMEN ENDORSE GRAHAM

Six of North Carolina's leading women have declared they are supporting Frank P. Graham in his campaign to retain his U. S. Senate seat. They are Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Jr., of Waynesville, Mrs. Maude Baynor Fry of Kinston, grand conductress of the Order of the Eastern Star's grand chapter; Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington of Warrenton; Mrs. R. O. Everett, Durham Attorney; Mrs. Paul McCain of Southern Pines, former leader of Presbyterian Women in Eastern North Carolina; and Mrs. Luther Hodges of Leaksville.

SWORN IN

Maj. James R. Smith officially succeeded Tony Tolar today as commander of the State Highway Patrol. The veteran patrolman was sworn in with the rank of colonel in ceremonies at Raleigh. He's been with the Patrol ever since it was organized in 1929, and was its executive officer when he was named commander last month by Governor Scott.

Ward's Esso and A. C. Lawrence Leather Company will meet at the Waynesville Bowling Center tomorrow night to decide the 1949-50 championship of the Haywood County (men's) Bowling League.

The title match opens at 8 p.m. A. C. Lawrence gained the championship match by winning the second-half League season title last Tuesday night.

Ward's had already sewed up a crack at the title by taking the first-half championship last fall.

A. C. Lawrence, however, had to play four games last Tuesday night before gaining the finals.

The Waynesville Bowling Center keglers lost in the regulation stretch, 2-1, to the tannery bowlers. But that wasn't enough of a margin to give Lawrence the second-half title.

Lawrence made it only after a close "sudden-death" playoff game, 963 pins to 926.

ACL won the first contest of the series, 839-810, and took the second, 877-824. But WBC forced the sudden-death game by winning the third, 820-772.

On the same night that closed the regulation season, Ward's edged Life Insurance Company of Virginia, 2,454-2,363.

Spider Medford, Ward's star, took the evening's high series honors, totalling a 155-167-174 for a total 496.

Art Vieth of Life Insurance Co. turned in a 182 for the best individual game and was only six pins behind Medford for high series honors.

FULL SCHEDULE

U. S. Rep. Herbert Bonner of North Carolina last week tried to arrange a meeting between President Truman and Billy Graham, the Charlotte-born minister who's been such a resounding success as an evangelist. But the President's schedule is full up, and he won't be able to make it. Bonner says, however, he'll try again a little later.

TOP IRISHMAN VISITS N. C. FARMS

Sir Basil Brooke, prime minister of North Ireland, last week got a good idea of what North Carolina farming and farmers are like. He visited pastures, barns, and farm homes, and inspected livestock herds and crops on a tour of Moore County.

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