

Bowling Meet Draws Record Number Of Teams

Sports Review of the Week

Last week we talked a little about baseball and how it doesn't merit the title "national pastime."

Since then we've had an opportunity to get a look-see at the Green Book from the National League and the Red Book from the American League. They're both crammed full of statistics... everything from a complete list of Babe Ruth's records to the full roster of major league umpires (who cares about them??).

Remember Christy Matheson of the Giants? No. Well, Christy is one of the immortals of the game, having arrived just after the turn of the century. In 1903 he won 30 games. In the following 11 years he won more than 20 each year... 34, 31, 22, 24, 37, 25, 27, 26, 25, and 24. Not bad for Christy. He also won 20 games in 1901. That's a total of 348 games in 13 years, a little better than 27-per year average.

His amazing number of victories helped the Giants pile up a total of 4,470 victories from the day of the National League's beginning until the end of last season.

You don't have pitchers like that these days... Another reason that the "national pastime" has passed.

Others Are Saying —

Larry Boeck, Louisville Courier-Journal: An interviewer once asked Adolph Rupp to what he attributed the spectacular success of his University of Kentucky baseball teams.

"Why, to good coaching of course," was Rupp's immediate and unqualified response. More recently, this volcanic personality, whose fabled baseball career contains the sport's most dramatic elements of glory and tragedy, is being asked about his amazing success as a farmer-businessman.

The Rupp Bluegrass barony now is close to 1,000 acres, heavy with tobacco and cattle. He has a 200-acre tract in Woodford County, a 17-acre Scott County farm, a 266-acre Harrison County layout, and a 283-acre Bourbon County showpiece. One of his farms, however—the one in Woodford—is up for sale, he says, to help pay for his latest addition, the \$115,000 Bourbon County farm.

The man who once was hired mistakenly by an Illinois high school as a wrestling coach before U. K. signed him for basketball at \$2,080 a year 23 seasons ago now has investments in land estimated to be worth more than \$250,000. But Rupp, reared on a Kansas farm, laughs off the suggestion that he is a wealthy man.

"I am comfortable," he says, "but I'm not wealthy. I'm selling one farm, maybe two, to help pay for my last purchase. And, like most everybody else, I have had to borrow money from the bank to help me make purchases and investments."

Rupp's farms are lucratively based in tobacco—35 acres of this previous federally limited commodity are spread over his farms.

His obsession, however, is Hereford cattle. He has some 160 head of registered stock on two farms.

30 Boys Turn Out For Initial Baseball Jobs At Waynesville High

Thirty candidates turned out at the call of Bruce Jaynes, baseball coach at high school here Monday afternoon. The day was spent in general warming up, and getting arms, and body swings into smooth running order.

Daily workouts are scheduled, and everything is pointing to the opening game on April 3rd with Bethel high school.

Coach Jaynes will trim his squad down to about 18 men in the next week or so.

It is too early to predict what kind of team will be turned out this year, but if interest means anything, the boys are out to win every game.

Coaches are finding that there is more interest than ever in baseball, especially among the young boys. This, they said, stems from the fact that most of them played in the Knee Pants League, and are

All Work, No Play

University of North Carolina sports activity will be quiet this week with Tar Heel athletes subjected to examinations.

The Tar Heel baseball team sees action in Florida Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but the other teams will be in vacation. Tar Heel tennis, golf and track teams swing into action here next week when school re-opens.

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anxious to carry on through high school with the grand old game.

Coach Jaynes will not begin to pick his first team until he has had an opportunity to see all the boys in practice for a week or more.

Eighteen Teams Set To Open Annual Event

A record breaking number of teams will open the 1953 Waynesville Invitational Bowling Tournament for Men here Saturday night and the event will be concluded on the week-end of March 27-28. Entries from eighteen teams throughout Western North Carolina have already been received by Mark Rose, tournament manager, exceeding the expected fifteen teams.

Seven local teams will be set to face some of the area's finest bowling from Asheville, Marion, and Canton. Most competition is expected to come from the Asheville teams where three 700 or better scratch games have been rolled.

All defending champions from last year will be back to defend their crowns this year.

The Biltmore Dairy team, of the local league, walked off with the team championship with a total of 2843 last year. They were closely followed by Carling's Red Cap Ale with 2825 and Allen Transfer with 2821. Both teams are members of the Asheville leagues.

Local bowlers also captured top individual honors with the singles crown going to Bob Fowler with 635. Ed Aiken and Johnny Caldwell tied for second with 621 totals. Caldwell teamed with Bill Cochran to take the doubles title with a 1261. Mark Rose and Jack Holt took third place honors with a 1147 total.

The all-events crown was kept at home as local men took all three places. Caldwell topped his performance with a total of 1845 for first place. Earl Gribble was second with 1780 and Bill Cochran finished third with a 1775.

With several records already set in the local league and in the Asheville leagues this season all indications point to a record breaking tournament when the first bowlers step to the firing line. All records will be official as the tournament is sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress and is being carried out under all rules and regulations of the Association.

All people interested in seeing some of the area's best bowlers in action are invited to witness the tournament. No admission charge.

BOWLING

Howell Motor continues to keep top place in the Waynesville Women's Bowling League. The team standings to date are:

Team	Won	Lost
Howell Motor	66	12
Welco Shoe	57	21
Spaldon's	45	33
Champion Y	37	41
Pure Oil	22	56
Farm Bureau	7	71

Recent results of play were, three each for Howell Motor, Spaldon's and Welco, with no wins for Farm Bureau, Pure Oil or Champion Y.

In the high team game, Welco went out ahead with 859, with Spaldon's second with an 801.

The same rank held in the high team series, with Welco having a total of 2440, and Spaldon's 2293.

In the individual high game, Ann Rollman of Welco took top place with 173, while two tied at 158 for second—Belle Riley and Ila Jean Yount, of Spaldon's.

Ann Rollman also maintained first place in the individual high series, with a 481, and Ila Bowen also of Welco with a 447.

The schedule for play on the 24th is: Champion Y vs Spaldon's Pure Oil vs Farm Bureau Howell Motor vs Welco.

The Pacific Ocean is about twice the size of the Atlantic.

Liner Motors Tops Mt. Valley As Southern, Pet Hold Places

Liner Motors continues to be the team to watch as the annual Waynesville bowling tournament nears. In league action this week, the Liner boys continued their winning ways by handing Mount Valley a 2-1 defeat. In other action, Southern Dairies maintained a two game lead over Pet Dairy by taking two wins from the American Legion team while Pet was dropping the National Guard five, 2-1. Biltmore handed Welco a pair of defeats to round out the action.

Pet came through with a 1005 game to edge out Southern with a 992 for high game honors. National Guard was third with a 945. Pet also captured high team series honors with a total of 2808 while Southern was second with a 2796. National Guard was third with 2739.

In individual honors, Paul Clark, of Pet, took top honors with a 214 game followed by Wilson Medford. Pet, with a 203 and Elmer Dudley, of Southern, with a 201.

Dudley combined scores of 166-201-185 for a 552 to take series honors with Clark finishing second with a 550 and Jess Crouser, of the Legion, third with 542.

In the battle to see who stays out of the cellar, the Liner team picked up a half game and moved into a tie with the National Guard. Each team now has a record of 27.5 won and 44.5 lost.

Earl Gribble, of Pet, continues to pace the individual averages with 173.51. Wilson Medford, of Pet, is second with 171.62. A total of five bowlers now top the 170 average.

Team	Won	Lost
1. Southern Dairies	48	24
2. Pet Dairy	46	26
3. American Legion	41	31
4. Mt. Valley Esso	39½	32½
5. Welco Shoe	29½	42½
6. Biltmore Dairy	29	43
7. National Guard	27½	44½
8. Liner Motors	27½	44½

Name	Team	Ave.
1. E. Gribble, Pet		173.51
2. W. Medford, Pet		171.62
3. B. Cochran, Mt. Valley		170.12
4. M. Rose, Southern		170.9
5. J. Caldwell, Southern		170.8
6. O. Yount, Southern		168.39
7. E. Dudley, Southern		164.27
8. R. H. Stretcher, Mt. Val.		162.55
9. J. Riggins, Southern		161.48
10. B. Clark, Liner		161.38

State Softball Meet Set Aug. 24 At Canton Again

The annual North Carolina men's softball championship tournament will be held August 24-29 at Canton, it was announced by Jim Dav, executive secretary for the North Carolina Amateur Softball Association.

Dav also announced that the deadline for district tournaments would be August 15. Competing in the annual championships will be eight district winners, two metropolitan district winners (Charlotte and Raleigh), a host city team, and the defending champions (Canton Champion Y.M.C.A.).

The North Carolina winner qualifies for the Southern regional which will be held September 7-11 at Clearwater, Fla. The world's tournament for men will be September 19-26 at Miami, Fla.

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Bethel Drops Close Game As Championship Crown Is Lost; Went To Semi-Finals

A fast, accurate basket - hitting lasso from Lincolnton picked the Girls' State Basketball Championship Crown right off the pretty heads of Bethel in Aberdeen Tuesday night.

Cecelia Hoover dropped 34 of Lincolnton's 61 points through the nets to nose out Bethel by four points.

The Bethel champions went into the lead right at the first of the game, and maintained their lead

"Billy Goat"

It's a strangely mean and vicious Jersey Joe Walcott who is training here for his return title fight with Rocky Marciano at Chicago April 10.

For the first time in his long career, 39-year-old Walcott is using "billy-goat" tactics in his sparring sessions, and trainer Dan Florida admitted today "he'll come in low against Marciano this time."

had a successful season, and had gone right on to the semi-finals of the state championship tournament.

Accompanying the team to Aberdeen, included Coaches C. C. Poindexter and James Mayfield. Others going were: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Henson, Mrs. Roy Morgan and Mrs. Horace Peek.

Women's Softball Tournament Set For Canton In August

The 1953 Southern Region men's softball tournament held here Aug. 18-22 under supervision of the North Carolina Amateur Softball Association winner qualifies for the tournament at Toronto, Sept. 7.

The regional includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina, along with Mobile, Birmingham and Metropolitan champions. The lady of Winston-Salem, Carolina champion, won the regional held at Charlotte.



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