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Tournament

Well, it looks like Dear Old Duke is going to have a hard time getting in the Southern Conference Tournament at Raleigh. The Blue Devils have a strong team, but for some reason they have not been able to register enough victories this season.

Duke started the season in a big way and at one time it looked like they were going to clean up everything in sight. Then they started to losing and so far they have not been able to put a stop to that bad habit. Cameron has two good teams at his institution, but even the two teams have not been able to come through with enough wins to get a place in the Tournament—yet.

Carolina was just the opposite from Duke, no one expected the Tar Heels to do so very much and for a short time it looked like all their predictions were right. The Chapel Hill unit lost game after game and just about the time that everyone was getting ready to count them out of the race they started hitting the basket and now they are figured in the race in a fairly big way.

We predict that, if Duke does get in the Tournament, they will make it hot for the other teams. You cannot deny the fact that the Devils have a team that is worthy of mention and they might start playing ball that will win at any minute.

Many fans around this city are planning to see one or two games of the tournament series. Duke, State, Davidson, Wake Forest and Carolina all have many supporters in this city and these fans are going to see a game or two. A majority pick Wake Forest to win.

Locals

While we are talking about basketball it might be well to mention the local high school team. Roxboro has one of the best teams that it has had in a number of years. Many people say that it is much better than the team that represented Roxboro last year and that was the year that Stewart and Jones, both freshmen players at State now, were on the Roxboro team.

Yanceyville managed to tame the boys in one game, but then Roxboro has one win over Yanceyville and that 'sorter' evens things up.

Tennis

Everyone here is expecting a big tennis season in the county of Person. A few of the fellows have already started working on their courts and the tennis balls will start flying within a few weeks.

There are about seven courts in and around Roxboro and it looks like some one hundred boys, girls, men and women are going to take part in this sport. Even Gordon Hunter says that he is going to try this sport as a means for reducing.

O. K. Charlie

Charlie Harris, prominent golfer of Roxboro, says that the golf course will be ready by spring. Charlie should know because he has taken about as much interest in this course as anyone in this county. It's men like Harris who really put things over when they teach. He even offers to take people who have never played golf and teach them a few fundamentals.

Few Holdout Worries For Major Loops

PLAYERS EXPECTED TO SIGN CONTRACTS IN PLENTY OF TIME

Yankees And Cubs Have Largest Number Of Disgruntled Performers.

New York — Reserve a spot in the nearest museum of extinct wildlife for the holdout wrangles. They're rapidly becoming as passe as the bustle, Babe Ruth's \$80,000 salary and the nickel hot dog.

A quick look over the situation today revealed that, with the possible exception of the two pennant-winning teams, there's more worry in the various front offices over painting the furniture than over those players still unsigned.

Of course, there's always difficulty of sorts on the championship clubs. Each individual performer, right down to the .080 hitter and the kid who sells score cards, thinks the team wouldn't have had a chance at the pennant if it wasn't for his particularly fine work. That's why the Yankees and Chicago Cubs are boasting the outstanding lists of unassigned at the moment.

Joe DiMaggio, Bill Dickey, big Red Ruffing, Frankie Corsetti and Joe Gordon are still among the ten missing on the world champions' list. So Ed Barrow, the club prexy, shows his concern by calmly sitting back in his swivel chair, knowing that as sure as three strikes are out they'll all come through with their John Hancocks—or they won't play ball. DiMaggio wants \$30,000, may settle for \$26,000; Dickey wants \$25,000 and Ruffing wants more than \$20,000.

CUBS ARE DISPLEASED
Owner Phil Wrigley, out in the Cugs' bailiwick, was pleased over the way his lads came on to win the National pennant last fall, but wasn't at all impressed—who was?—over their swan song in the world series. So fellows like Augie Galan, Stan Hack, Carl Reynolds, Lefty Larry French and about five others want more than Phil figured they were worth. There may be adjustments made in some of the offers, but there'll be no bitter feuds in any case.

Otherwise, along the various other big league fronts, there isn't any more fuss than you'll find in a dead rabbit. Most of the clubs still have one or more players who haven't agreed to terms, but, as one fellow said, "we have to eat, don't we?"

The most novel reason for not signing still is the property of Paul Waner, who says his wife mislaid his contract, although he doesn't point out whether it was before or after she noticed the Pirates' terms. He, Jim Tobin and Gus Suhr still are missing from the Ducs' list, but Bill Ben-swanger thinks more about the press box the club built on Forbes field last year for the world series—and then didn't use.

MEYER WANTS MORE
Buddy Myer, although offered a raise, wants more—and what'll you bet he signs at Clark Grif-fith's terms? Luke Appling and Rip Radcliff offer only a mild headache to the White Sox. Cleveland's Cy Slapnicka expects "no trouble" with either rollicking Rollie Hemsley or Bobby Feller—so long as he can keep the latter from behind the wheel of his automobile. Jeff Heath, offered \$9,000 and asking \$12,500, is "very dissatisfied". He'll probably sign for between \$10,000

You're Seeing It for the First Time



Charlie Peterson of St. Louis, Mo., fancy billiard shot champion of the world, after trying for two hours, balances three billiard balls atop one another on a billiard table during a New York exhibition. He claims he is the only one to do this trick, and admitted that this was the only photograph ever made of him performing it successfully.

Jess Willard Is Now Cafe Host

Miami Beach, Fla. — Twenty years after Toledo, poor Jess Willard still is a bewildered stooge for Jack Dempsey. The only difference now is that Jack is paying great, lumbering Jess well to play the buffoon instead of cutting him to ribbons with murderous fists.

There have been few stranger associations than the present one between the two former heavy-weight champions. Big Jess, down on his luck and tremendously fat, was brought here by the successful Dempsey to act as host, or something, of the barroom in his hotel on Miami Beach.

It was and still is a fine gesture on Dempsey's part, for his barroom needed such a host about as urgently as it needed steam heat, which is to say not at all. But there the greying Jess is, the look on his face one of incredulous delight that the world should treat him so handsomely after all these years. He sits at a table with the same awed tourists for hours on end.

Dempsey's motive in hiring the hulking creature he battered into obscurity was not, of course, completely altruistic. Jack is a sage business man these days, and the good will of his public is a large part of his stock in trade.

Jess makes the perfect foil for publicity pictures. He and the once-hungry kid who knocked his brains loose at Toledo have posed so much together they're beginning to look alike.

and what he wants.

Buck Newsom howls for \$22,500 from the Browns, tells pals he'll settle for \$20,000—and probably will wind up taking \$15,000. Ducky — please call me Muscles—Medwick, the Cardinals' chief difficulty, is only waiting until Uncle Sam Breadon or Branch Rickey goes to work on him in Florida, at a \$20,000 figure. Pepper Martin will take what he can get—because he realizes those wild boss days are going fast. Bill Werber feels Connie Mack didn't treat him kindly in giving him a slight cut—but Mr. Mack has handled fellows like that before.

The Cincinnati Reds and Detroit Tigers announce "no hold-outs"—which when you get right down to it, will be the answer everywhere, just as soon as the

DiMaggio Plans For Big Year

San Francisco — Limited to a week and a half of actual training his first three years in the majors, jolting Joe DiMaggio, the Yankees' outfield star, plans to get in shape for the opening of the 1939 season.

DiMaggio will leave for the St. Petersburg, Fla., camp of the world's champions on March 1, in time to arrive for the opening of training four days later.

Because he expects to be in excellent shape for the opening game, DiMaggio predicted "this is going to be my big year." This should be bad news for American league pitchers, whom Joe mauls for averages of .323, .346, and .324 in his three years in the big time.

"Do you know that in three spring training camps that I haven't had over one and a half weeks of actual training?" DiMaggio asked.

"The first year, I had my foot burned and I was thrown out of training. The second year, I had my tonsils removed, and last year it was my own fault, (he heldout until after the season was underway) but the fact remains I have yet to open a season with the Yankees in first-class shape.

"For once I would like to start off feeling that I am fit for anything that comes along, and barring accidents, I am going to be in that kind of condition this year.

"I feel that this is going to be my big year."

DiMaggio said he was going after the humble basehit, and not homers this season.

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DEACS TO PLAY IN CHARLOTTE THANKSGIVINGS

Wake Forest Plans To Play Big Teams In Charlotte—Privilege Of Renewal.

Charlotte — The Charlotte Observer has announced that Wake Forest college, through Athletic Director Jim Weaver, had signed a long lease on the Thanksgiving day date for football in Charlotte's Memorial stadium.

The contract calls for the Deacon Deacons to have use of the stadium on Thanksgiving Day from 1940 through 1950, inclusive, thus guaranteeing appearance of the Deacons here for 11 straight years. An option to renew for the same period is contained in the contract, thus making it a 22-year contract if the Deacons so desire.

Davidson Next

Wake Forest will meet Davidson here next Thanksgiving but the two institutions are breaking off football relations after that date. Wake Forest will meet South Carolina here in 1940 on the holiday, but in 1941 the Gamecocks and Deacons will play here in October instead of Thanksgiving. On turkey day, 1941, Wake Forest probably will meet Temple, Mississippi, or Florida, the Observer said. In 1942 the Gamecocks and Deacons will renew their Thanksgiving day date here and it will be run continuously from that date on. Wake Forest may play another game here this fall in addition to the final game with Davidson.

Safeguard Deacons

The Observer said that the Charlotte parks and recreation commission specified that no other football game may be played in the stadium on Thanksgiving morning or the day before.

The newspaper also said that Davidson college desired to meet the Citadel here for the next two or three years on Thanksgiving day and later start a similar series with Washington and Lee, but the commission felt that those would not be "major league" games and that Wake Forest with its fast-improving team could bring larger games here and attract bigger crowds.

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NINE YANKEES ARE UNSIGNED

Looks Like More Contract Trouble For World Champs; Wilson May Catch Some.

New York — Ed Barrow insists the Yankees are having no trouble with regulars, although such standouts as Red Ruffing, Monte Pearson, Bill Dickey, Joe Gordon, Frank Corsetto, Joe DiMaggio, Tommy Henrich, Spud Chandler, and Charley Keller remain unsigned.

Now that everyone seems to believe that Hugh Mulcahy and Claude Passeau are great pitchers, Doc Prothro has decided to keep them for the Phillies.

Although Jimmy Wilson is not listed on the Cincinnati roster as a player, his coaching contract calls for active play if he feels that he can do himself and the Reds justice. Bucky Walters was most effective when caught by his old manager and Biss McKechnie hopes they can get together again in 1939. It was Wilson again in 1939. It was Wilson who switched Walters from third base to the box.

No current National league has a higher base-stealing average than old Tony Lazzeri, who has averaged 13.2 a campaign for 13 years.

Tony Galento trained for the Natie Brown affair in Detroit at the Fine Arts A. C.

Harry Baxter, manager of K. O. Morgan, has turned down an opportunity to put the Toledo bantam-weight in a championship match with Sixto Escobar in Puerto Rico, March 20. . . . He demands that the fight be held in Detroit.

Bill Brandt is distributing the 1939 edition of the National League Green Book. Among other interesting tidbits it is worthy of note that:

There were 147 home runs hit at the Polo Grounds last season, 103 in St. Louis, 82 in Brooklyn, 81 in Cincinnati, 65 at Wrigley Field, a total of 58 in the two Philadelphia parks, 44 in Pittsburgh, and 31 in the Boston Bee Hive.

Johnny Vander Meer has the lowest opponents' batting average against him, .213. Van Lingle Mungo, who used to top this department, is not included in 1938's leading 27.

Chuck Chuckovits looked like an over-rated basketballer in Cleveland, where he was held to two field goals the John Carrolls edged Toledo, 43-40.

Johnny LeBoutillier, center and captain, contributed three goals and an assist to his team's total at St. Paul's undefeated hockey team nosed out Exeter, 4-3.

More than half of the co-educational student body of 170 at Scarborough is actively engaged in tennis. . . . The school produced the eastern interscholastic champion for the second year in succession in Billy McGhee.

Eddie Riska, a sophomore, is leading the Notre Dame hoopers in scoring with 158 points in 14 games.

Oregon, with nine victories and one defeat and with six games to go, is virtually in as champion of the Pacific Coast conference.

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