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Legend All Wet

Baseball this year is celebrating its centennial, the one hundredth anniversary of its founding and being honored by word, song and ceremony for its discovery is the memory of Abner Doubleday, who sponsors of the centennial say was the game's true founder. A few sports authorities, however, are finding it hard to swallow the theory of the Doubleday founding or Cooperstown as the place where the game first fell upon the imagination of man.

Frank Menke, the foremost sports historian of the day in his "Encyclopedia of Sports," recently released, writes:

Authority Differs

"The most astonishing thing about baseball is that the present ruling powers have been misled relative to its origin and development and have seized upon the wrong place (Cooperstown) and the wrong man, (Doubleday) for bestowal of honors. This has come about because they have taken as accuracy itself a report made in 1907 by A. G. Mills, a doddering old man, which report falls apart and contradicts itself when tested by any acid of fact or logic. "The most fantastic thing about the Mills report is that although Mills knew Doubleday intimately for 25 years he did not know that Doubleday had anything whatsoever to do with baseball until 14 years after Doubleday's death, and the 'knowledge' Mills then gained came from a 'circumstantial statement from a reputable gentleman'."

"Averse To Sports"

Other sports writers have doused cold water on the centennial committee's efforts. It seems a complete history of Doubleday's life in the files of the War Department fails to mention any connection between him and baseball. In a full account of his life, military career, hobbies and habits, the only reference to sports in any form or fashion reads: "He was rather averse to outdoor sports and was retiring in his manner." This has been called the most accurate description of Doubleday existing. Later in the account it read: "At West Point he was correct in his department, social and communicative with his companions, unobtrusive in conversation, yet freely taking part therein; and quite entertainingly . . . Doubleday was free from the use of tobacco, from profane words or any vicious habit."

Two Accounts Clash

As the story goes, which account it seems has been accepted as fact by the two Major leagues, Doubleday marked off the first baseball diamond in 1839 when he was a "Cooperstown schoolboy." In 1839, the War Department records reveal, Doubleday was in his second year at West Point. During his later years, Doubleday wrote down his memoirs in three books and in none of them, it seems, is the game, baseball, mentioned. He died in 1893 after the game had flourished for some time yet he himself was hardly aware that he was the founder of a game which became known the nation over as "the great national pastime."

Convenient, To Say The Least

Doubleday may have been the founder of baseball but on the basis of existing evidence, I can hardly believe it. The powers of baseball apparently needed someone upon whom to bestow the credit for the discovery and the Doubleday legend appeared most inviting. It does lend a rather solemn dignity to the idea and must have appeared peculiarly attractive to those responsible for the centennial.

"By mutual confidence and mutual aid
Great deeds are done, and great discoveries made."
—Homer

"Confidence is that feeling by which the mind embarks in great and honorable courses with a sure hope and trust in itself."
—Cicero

3 DUKE TEAMS TAKE NORTHERN TRIPS NEXT WEEK

Durham, N. C.—All will be quiet on the Duke athletic front next week while three Blue Devil outfits go north to bombard the Yankees.

The baseball, tennis and golf teams will spend the coming week meeting the outstanding teams of the east. The ball club, making its 12th annual jaunt into the east, will open with Maryland on Monday, then play Princeton, Army, St. Johns, Penn A. C. and Navy on successive days.

The golfers start off with Georgetown at Washington Monday and follow with Princeton, Pennsylvania, Temple and Swarthmore. The netters go against Penn at Philadelphia Monday, then meet St. Johns, Rutgers, Lehigh, Temple and Richmond.

Only events at home will be Freshman ball games on Tuesday and Wednesday with Wake Forest and N. C. State respectively.

The week's card:
Monday—Maryland at College Park, varsity baseball; Georgetown at Washington, varsity golf; Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, varsity tennis.

Saturday, Navy at Annapolis, varsity baseball; Richmond at Richmond, varsity tennis; Davidson at Davidson, varsity track; Oak Ridge at Raeford, freshman baseball; Virginia at Durham, lacrosse.

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Please notice change in the evening hours to 7:30-9:15, starting Monday, May 1, effective through the summer months.

"Crash"



"Crash" Davis is the nickname they've given Duke's able second sacker and the name fits well. He's turned in fine performances in every game this season.

GOLFERS TO MEET LOUISBURG TEAM

Twenty Roxboro golfers who will meet Louisburg in the first inter-city match of the year Wednesday afternoon on the Louisburg course were announced yesterday by John Morris, chairman of the local Country Club tournament committee.

If there are others who would like to participate, they should notify the committee. Other members of the committee include Tom Street and Wallace Harris. The local lineup already arranged includes: E. V. Boatwright, Jr., Charlie Harris, J. D. Morris, Tom Street, Dr. J. H. Hughes, J. A. Long, Jr., Bick Long, Ted Sherman, Wallace Harris, George W. Kane, Bill Yancey, Shields Harvey, E. V. Boatwright, Bill Harris, Earl Bradsher, Melvin Burke, W. W. Morrell, Dr. H. M. Beam, J. A. Long, Sr. and T. Miller White.

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CA-VEL LOSES LAST EXHIBITION TO MCEWEN 2-9

Ca-Vel in a final exhibition game Thursday before opening the regular Inter City schedule dropped a 9-2 decision to McEwen of Burlington, in their first taste of competition in the new league.

The visitors took an early lead in the second frame and were never threatened after that, however, they went on in the ninth to push across five extra runs to make the rout complete.

Ca-Vel could get but three hits from the slants of Simmons, the McEwen moundsman. Bowes and Gus Gentry allowed the visitors 10 bingles during the afternoon.

Collins, McEwen shortstop, with two safeties lead the day's hitting. Hahn and Crotts clouted home runs for the Burlington boys.

Ca-Vel's sterling infield contributed one double play to the losing cause, Powell to James to Slaughter.

The lineups:

	Ab	R	H	A
McEwen	5	0	0	1
Frazier, 2b	5	0	2	8
Collins, ss	4	0	0	0
Starling, lf	5	2	1	0
Glason, rf	3	1	1	0
Roy, cf	1	1	1	0
Gillespie, c	1	2	1	0
Crotts, 1b	2	1	1	0
Hahn, c	2	1	1	0
Maness, c	2	1	1	0
Kenter, 3b	2	0	1	1
Roach, 3b	2	1	1	0
Simmons, p	4	0	0	0

Totals 36 9 10 10

Ca-Vel

	Ab	R	H	A
C. Slaughter, cf	4	0	0	0
Powell, ss	3	0	1	5
Anders, 3b	3	1	0	1
H. Slaughter, 1b	3	0	0	2
Briggs, rf	4	0	1	0
Wheeler, lf	1	1	0	0
(a) Humphries	1	0	0	0
James, 2b	4	0	3	0
Wright, c	3	0	1	1
(b) Fuller	1	0	0	0
Bowles, p	2	0	1	0
Gentry, p	1	0	1	0

Totals 30 2 3 14

(a) Batted for Wheeler in 9th.
(b) Batted for Wright in 9th.

Score by innings:
McEwen 020 200 005-9
Ca-Vel 010 001 000-2

Errors: Gillespie, Maness, Powell, Wright; Runs batted in: Collins, Crotts 3, Maness 2, Hahn, Roach 2, Briggs, Wright; Two-base hits: Wright; Three-base hits: Ray, Kitner; Home runs: Hahn, Crotts; Stolen Bases: Collins, Maness, Powell 2; Sacrifices: Crtts; Double plays: Powell to James to Slaughter; Left on bases: McEwen 4, Ca-Vel 6; Base on balls—off: Simmons 5, Gentry 4; Struck out—by: Simmon 5, Gentry 4; Hits—off: Simmons, 3 in 9 innings; Bowles, 5 in 5 innings; Gentry, 5 in 4 innings; Losing pitcher: Bowles; Winning pitcher: Simmons; Time of Game: 2:00; Umpires: Walker.

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Helena Drops First Game In Class C Championship Series

Helena Makes It Two Straight Over Allensville

Helena's high flying baseball nine made it two straight over Allensville Tuesday afternoon to the tune of 12-8.

The winners only outthit the Allensville boys 14 to 12 but were more fortunate in pushing over the needed markers. Helena took the lead in the first with two runs and were never headed, adding two more in the third, one in the fourth, three in the fifth and four more in the sixth, their final round at the plate.

Ashley and Gates divided the mound duties for Helena, the former getting credit for the victory.

Rogers, Rhew and Clayton for Helena and Young and R. Slaughter for Allensville got three apiece to divide slugging honors for the day. Extra base knocks were made by Rhew, two triples and a double, and Blalock, Clayton, Rogers, Young and Averette, who got doubles.

The lineups:

	Ab	R	H	A
Blalock, 2b	4	0	2	0
Knott, 1b	4	0	0	0
Talley, p-cf	3	1	0	0
Young, ss	4	3	3	0
Slaughter, cf-p	4	2	3	0
Long, lf	2	0	0	0
Hicks, 2b	4	0	2	0
Crumpton, rf	3	1	1	0
O'Briant, 3b	3	0	1	0
C. Slaughter, lf	1	1	0	0

Totals 32 8 12

Helena

	Ab	R	H	A
Blalock, 2b	4	1	0	0
Rogers, lf	5	1	3	0
Rhew, ss	5	0	1	4
Hall, 1b	4	0	1	0
Ashley, p	5	0	1	0
Clayton, 3b	4	0	0	0
Chisholm, c	5	0	2	0
Barton, cf	4	0	0	0
Kiger, rf	2	0	0	0
Hudgins, rf	1	0	0	0
Allen, rf	2	0	0	0
Gates, 3b	1	0	1	0

Totals 42 2 9 6

Score by innings:
Allensville 000 000 200-2
Helena 202 134 x-12

Errors: Blalock 2, Hall 1, O'Briant 2, Young 2; Runs batted in: Rhew 4; Two-base hits: Blalock, Rhew, Clayton, Rogers, Young, Averette; Three-base hits: Rhew 2; Stolen bases: Slaughter 2, Rogers; Double plays: Rhew to Blalock; Base on balls—off: Ashley 1, Young 1; Hits—off: Talley, 3 in 4 innings; Ashley, 7 in 5 innings; Slaughter, 6 in 2 innings; Gates, 5 in 2 innings; Losing pitcher: Talley; Winning pitcher: Ashley; Time of game: 1:40; Umpires: Chambers.

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In a three game playoff with West End for the Eastern division Class C championship, Helena's fast moving baseball nine lost the initial game Thursday afternoon in the second round of the championship series.

Coach Francis Ferebee's charges equalled the hitting powers of the boys from West End but errors at crucial moments proved disastrous.

The victors scored one each in the first and second and again in the sixth and seventh. Helena got both of theirs in the seventh.

Melvin, West End second sacker, and Rogers, Helena left fielder, divided slugging honors with three hits each, one of the latter going for a double.

The Helena infield while contributing six miscues during the game also pulled a pair of double plays to add to the fielding record, Blalock to Hall to Rhew, and Rhew to Blalock.

The lineups:

	Ab	R	H	A
Melvin, 2b	5	1	3	1
Burton, 1b	5	0	1	1
Burnette, c	3	1	1	3
Auman, p	4	0	1	0
Thomas, 3b	4	1	1	0
Stuphen, lf	4	0	0	0
Graham, cf	4	1	2	0
Frye, rf	4	0	0	0
Lowden, ss	4	0	0	0

Totals 37 4 9 5

Helena

	Ab	R	H	A
Blalock, 2b	4	1	0	0
Rogers, lf	5	1	3	0
Rhew, ss	5	0	1	4
Hall, 1b	4	0	1	0
Ashley, p	5	0	1	0
Clayton, 3b	4	0	0	0
Chisholm, c	5	0	2	0
Barton, cf	4	0	0	0
Kiger, rf	2	0	0	0
Hudgins, rf	1	0	0	0
Allen, rf	2	0	0	0
Gates, 3b	1	0	1	0

Totals 42 2 9 6

Score by innings:
Helena 000 000 200-2
West End 110 001 10x-4

Errors: Rhew 4, Clayton 2, Burnett 3, Burton 1, Melvin 1; Runs batted in: Hall, Melvin; Two-base hits: Rogers, Burton, Burnett; Stolen bases: Thomas 2; Double plays: Blalock to Hall to Rhew, Rhew to Blalock; Left on bases: Helena 14, West End 9; Base on balls—off: Auman 1, Ashley 1; Hits—off: Auman, 9 in 8 innings; Ashley, 9 in 9 innings; Struck out—by: Auman 13, Ashley 5; Hit by pitcher—by: Auman 2; Wild pitches: Burnett 2; Losing pitcher: Ashley; Winning pitcher: Auman; Time of game: 1:45.

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