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The SPORTS Angle

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The Only Interest

While the American league moves on with the top-heavy Yankees submerging all others in a winning avalanche, the only real interest in Major League baseball outside of Major League territory is confined to the senior circuit, the National league. With the Yankees holding such a World's Series monopoly recently, scribes of a more sarcastic nature have been wont to term the league of the Cardinals, the Reds, the Giants, etc. just "another minor league." However, there and only there is found the big interest for fans of the national pastime in the South, West and other sections of the nation not considered in Major League territory.

While the Yanks are far and away ahead of the field in the Junior circuit, the Cards and Reds are running neck and neck only half a game apart in the National. Interest in the National league race is at fever heat among baseball fans the nation over. With five or six teams within striking distance of the lead there's plenty of opportunity for intense rivalry and excitement to run high. For interest, this corner's vote goes to the Senior loop every time.

Thank Mr. Wrigley

And the big surprise of the year is the way the Cardinals, predicted for fifth or sixth place before the season opened, have come through. Their plucky fight has gained a flock of supporters and the Cards under Ray Blades are again clicking as the old Gas House gang of old. Should the Cardinals come through with a pennant, a vote of thanks should go to P. K. Wrigley, the Chicago Cub's owner, for providing the backbone of a first rate pitching staff.

Lon Warneke and Curt Davis are this backbone and both are former employes of Mr. Wrigley. When they were handed their social security transfers in Chicago and told to report to work in St. Louis, neither was expected to lay a new pennant foundation for the Cards. Warneke had an arm complaint and Davis, in addition to arm trouble, had miseries in the midsection. That they had seen their best days, was the common suspicion.

Cast-Offs, Both

Currently, the two ex-Cubs are quite the rage in St. Louis. Warneke, sometimes known as the Arkansas Humming Bird, won his fifth game of the season, May 20, when he flapped back the ears of the Dodgers, and Davis owns six of this year's victories. These ten wins just about represent one-half of the Cardinals' notches for the young season.

Warneke and Davis both were what might be termed winning hurlers for the Cardinals last summer, but their general efficiency did not approach their form so far this year. Warneke is pitching with the same freedom that made him an outstanding moundster with the Cubs, beginning with 1932, when he had a 22-6 record, and Davis looks like the same clever workman who came up with the Phillies in 1934.

Warneke, it will be recalled, was obtained by the Cards from the Cubs in the fall of 1936 in an exchange that sent Jimmy Collins and Bud Parmelee to the Chicago club, while Davis was used as wrapping paper, with Tuck Stainback and Clyde Shoun, for the \$185,000 that came to the Cards for Dizzy Dean a little over a year ago.

Sportsmanship In Pitching

And speaking of Warneke, the following account from Sporting News shows to some degree the character and personality of the man who is in large measure responsible for the Cardinals fine showing.

"I'm not saying some pitchers whip their fast one at the head of a batter intentionally, but I'm telling you I've never taken aim at a fellow's head. What's one game compared with the life of a ball player? When I'm being hit, I'll take my beating without trying to permanently injure anyone. No pitcher tries to win harder than myself, but it's rotten stuff when a man takes a ball in his hand out on the hill and deliberately uses a 'duster.'"

"Those views were expressed the other day by Lon Warneke of the St. Louis Cardinals, who during nine years in the majors won 131 games and lost only 78—a record that proves a pitcher does not need to employ a bean ball in order to be successful. In fact, when a hurler uses a delivery that threatens to maim or kill a batter, it seems more a confession of weakness than of strength.

"Baseball is not a war, nor does life and death depend upon the outcome of a game. It is competitive, certainly, and should be kept so to the ultimate limit that sportsmanship permits, but it isn't ne-

cessary to use tactics likely to mean the loss of one player's life, or even his serious injury.

"No one will hold a brief for the fraternization of players of rival clubs, or ladylike consideration of the opposition. Everyone wants the opposing performers to play as hard as they can and employ every legitimate method of winning, but no one wants to see a life taken or a player permanently crippled, simply because a player lost his temper and deliberately tried to dust off a batter. There is no place in the game for that type of player, and though they are few in number, the few are too many and they should be eliminated, when known.

"It is no surprise to hear such an expression from Lon Warneke. The tall Arkansan always has given his best to the game, whether with the Cubs, when they were on top, or the Cardinals in the second division, accepting good breaks and bad with the same even temper and proving by his record with sportsmanlike conduct brings more success than the use of questionable tactics. Class always tells in the long run—and the Arkansas Humming Bird's credo furnishes an example that might well be followed by every pitcher, either in the majors or in the minors.

S-O-F-T-B-A-L-L

Tomorrow's Game
Kiononians vs. Court Street

Wednesday's Game
Kiononians vs. Ca-Vel Office

The Bible scholars put on most of the softball activity during the past week as the Kiononians won a brace of games, Longhurst and the Sander's Class at Long Memorial church.

Wednesday afternoon Longhurst held the local boys coached by B. B. Knight to a 1 to 0 score until the eighth frame when they turned on the heat to triumph 6-1.

The next afternoon the Baptist boys took the measure of the Methodists 12-9 in a game featured by lusty hitting, four home runs being put on the scoring records for the day.

The lineups:

Kiononians	Longhurst
Millican	Rice
Holeman	Saunders
Knight	Suitt
Lunsford	Gentry
Short	Bowes
Bradsher	Dickerson
Kynoch	Bowen
Holeman	Dixon
Sanders	Tyson
Radman	Roberson

Kiononians	Sanders' Class
Day	W. Harris
Knight	Wilkins
C. C. Holeman	Fowler
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Millican	Bowen
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Kynoch	R. Wilkerson
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NETHERCUTT IS UNC BAT STAR

Catcher Pounds Ball At .488 Clip During Season; Hudson Leading Hurler.

Chapel Hill — Top honors for Carolina's 1939 baseball team were shared jointly by George Nethercutt, catcher and co-captain from Roanoke Rapids, and Henry (Bud) Hudson, under-hand pitcher from Asheville.

Averaging almost one hit every two times he batted, Nethercutt smashed out 40 hits in 82 attempts for the impressive percentage of .488. He was also high man during the 1938 season with a mark of .440.

Nethercutt was also first in the important runs-batted-in department, driving home 20 men. In extra base hits he made eight, tying with Matty Topkins, star shortstop and co-captain-elect.

Hudson ranked first among the pitchers for the second consecutive season. He won seven games and lost only two. Last spring Hudson racked up eight victories against only two setbacks.

By hitting safely 31 times in 80 tries Topkins wound up the season as the Tar Heels' second best hitter with a percentage of .387. He also led in number of two-base hits with five.

Others hitting above .300 were George Radman, pitcher-outfielder, .319; Harold Jennings, right-fielder, .323; Jim Mallory, centerfielder, .316; Harold Bissett, first-baseman and 1939 co-captain, .306; George Stirnweiss, second baseman, .302.

Leaders in runs batted in, extra base hits and pitching are as follows: Runs batted in: Nethercutt 20, Mallory 17, Bissett 16, Cox 16, Jennings 13, Stirnweiss 12, Rich 10, Radman eight, Hudson five, Davis four, Howard and Brame two.

Extra base hits: Mallory, Bissett, Cox, five each, Jennings four, Radman three, Rich, Hudson, and Davis one each.

Pitching: Hudson—won seven, list two; Radman—won two, lost one; Davis—won two, lost four.

Coach



TOM BURNETTE—BACK

Tom Burnette, former UNC athlete and star in both football and baseball, last week entered the high school coaching ranks by signing up with the Rockingham school.

MAJOR LEADERS

BATTING

J. Martin, Cardinals	.382
Arnovich, Phillies	.374
McQuinn, Browns	.369
Foxx, Red Sox	.367
Kuhel, White Sox	.359
McCormick, Reds	.352

RUNS BATTED IN

Goodman, Reds	34
McCormick, Reds	29
Ott, Giants	28

American League

Greenberg, Tigers	28
Wright, Senators	28
Hoag, Browns	27

HOME RUNS

McCormick, Reds	8
Mize, Cardinals	8
Ott, Giants	7
Lombardi, Reds	7

American League

Greenberg, Tigers	8
Gehring, Tigers	6
Chapman, Athletics	5
Keltner, Indians	5
Foxx, Red Sox	5
Selkirk, Yankees	5
Gordon, Yankees	5

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Another

McEwen	Ab R H A
Frazier, 2b	4 2 1 2
Collins, ss	3 2 2 6
Starling, lf	4 1 2 0
Glassom, rf	4 0 1 0
Tysinger, cf	4 1 1 0
Wamble, 1b	4 0 0 0
Hahn, c	3 0 0 1
Roach, 3b	4 0 0 4
Simmons, p	4 0 1 2
Totals	34 6 8 15

Ca-Vel	Ab R H A
Powell, ss	4 1 1 1
James, 2b	2 0 0 4
xHumphries	1 0 0 0
Anders, 3b	4 0 0 5
Briggs, rf	3 1 1 0
H. Slaughter, 1b	4 1 1 0
Wheeler, lf	4 0 0 0
C. Slaughter, cf	3 0 0 0
Dunn, c	3 0 0 1
Shotwell, p	3 0 0 3
Totals	31 3 3 14

(x) Batted for James in 9th.

Score by innings:
McEwen 101 120 010-6
Ca-Vel 100 000 002-3

Errors: Wheeler, C. Slaughter, James, Frazier 2, Wamble, Powell.

Home runs: H. Slaughter, Tysinger. Three-base hits: Straling. Two-base hits: Collins, Frazier. Stolen bases: Starling. Sacrifices: Collins, James. Double plays: Anders to James to H. Slaughter; Simmons to Collins to Wamble. Base on balls—off: Simmons 2, Shotwell 1. Struck out—by: Simmons 6, Shotwell 1. Hits—off: Simmons, 3 in 9; Shotwell 8 in 9. Left on bases: McEwen 3, Ca-Vel 3. Winning pitcher: Simmons. Losing pitcher: Shotwell. Umpires: Evans and Mathews. Time of game: 1 hr., 50 min.

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McEwen of Burlington proved too strong for Ca-Vel here Friday afternoon and the locals lost another Inter-City league clash 6-3.

Simmons, who hurled for the visitors was invincible over most of the stretch, allowing Ca-Vel only a measley three hits during the game. Shotwell, the former Bethel Hill ace, went the route for Ca-Vel, giving up eight during the afternoon.

The local pitcher kept the visitors hits fairly well scattered but his mates could do nothing with the slants of Simmons. With the score 6-1 at the beginning of the ninth, the local rallied somewhat when Haywood Slaughter hit a long homer with one on to bring the count up to three. That was all they could do however and the game ended 6-3.

Collins with a double and a single and Starling with a triple and a single were the hitting leaders for the day. Home runs were made by Haywood Slaughter and Tysinger.

Two sparkling double plays were the fielding features of the game, Anders to James to H. Slaughter and Simmons to Collins to Wamble for McEwen.

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