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Keep The Rules

Softball has become a popular game in Roxboro and hundreds are enjoying helpful recreation every week from the sport. Balls bounce out of gloves with consistent regularity, grounders slip between the legs of infielders with remarkable ease, batters fan the air ingloriously but the fun still remains. However, we sound a note of warning. When a few begin to take themselves and the game too seriously the fun will begin to wane.

There are a number of features of softball entirely distinctive from baseball and these have in large measure been responsible for its remarkable growth and popularity. The rules make it clear that pitchers must throw the ball with an underhand motion from the side of the body while directly facing the batter, thus eliminating any form of a wind-up. A few players have insisted on using an illegal motion in pitching, causing a lot of bickering and argument from the other side which robs the game of much of its enjoyment. If players don't want to abide by the rules of the game, there'd be more fun for all if they'd stay at home.

The game is played for pleasure and recreation alone and when any attempt is made to make it anything else, the thrill is gone.

Watch This Pair

Johnny Rizzo and Enos Slaughter, the Person County boy, were roommates when the two played for Columbus. Slaughter went up to the Cardinals and Rizzo was sold to Pittsburgh. Last year as rookies both were hot as Fourth of July firecrackers for a while, then Slaughter's hitting began to fall off but Rizzo continued as a mainstay of the Pirates. Some of the experts began to wag their heads. The Cards had cast their lot with Slaughter, whose average had been higher, while allowing his teammate and friend to be sold to an opposing team. This year neither has been consistently sensational but Slaughter seems to be doing the better of the two. Rizzo's average is .268 as compared with Slaughter's .281. Enos has raised his something like 25 points during the last two week and seems well on the way toward that .300 mark which we predict he'll reach ere many more weeks have passed. Rizzo is also on the up-grade after a poor start this year but our guess is that Slaughter will continue the superior hitter. It'll be interesting to watch the fortunes of this pair from now on.

Saving The Pitchers

The general opinion among the baseball writers around the major league circuit is that the American league has really folded up. Six American league clubs from the looks of the box scores have conceded the pennant to the Yankees and are beginning to concentrate on knocking off Boston's Red Sox, who have been the next best thing to the Yanks all year. Saving their best pitchers for the Red Sox, they are throwing the third raters into the box when the Yankees come to town.

The Red Sox got into Cleveland last week and found that the Yankees had been there three days and won three games, but did Bob Feller and Willis Hudlin, leading Cleveland pitchers, work against the Yanks? They did not. They were held until Sunday for a double-header with the Red Sox. Of course, the answer to that was that they were being held for Sunday to help the attraction and bring more customers to the gate. But they forgot that by getting slapped down by the Yanks, they were getting their customers peeved at them, and instead of the 35,000 they expected, they had 13,000.

Cleveland isn't the only team guilty. Even the venerable Connie Mack can stand trial on the charges. He has been quoted as saying the 1939 Yanks are even better than the last-year team he called the greatest in history, and yet you don't see him using what little good pitching he has in an effort to attempt to stop the marauders.

Things are really in a bad way in the Junior loop and the six bottom teams really had better start doing something to break the monopoly—not breaking up the Yankees but strengthening their own.

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The Babe, No. 1 Authority, Shows Kids How It's Done



Babe Ruth, former New York Yankee home-run king, and at one time the highest paid player in the history of baseball, conducting the baseball class for boys at the court of sport at the New York World's Fair. The Bambino is showing ambitious youngsters how to use the bat most effectively.

Softball Thrives On League Organization As Fast Industrial Competition Sets Pace

Crack Players Find Good Jobs Through Their Ability On Softball Diamond.

Softball was an easy and natural outgrowth of the national game but it owes much of its high stage of development to the organization of leagues.

The speedy sport soon became recognized as just the thing for school, city, church and industrial competition, with the latter possibly playing the greater part in the game's systematized organization.

Although independent, school and club teams represent a majority of the softball clubs in the country, the best and most successful softball teams are those which spring from industry and business.

And just as athletic scholarships have been the medium through which many boys have received college educations so is softball providing the opportunity for young men and women to obtain good jobs.

Many a stenographer, welder, machinist, clerk owes his job to the fact that he can toss that 12-inch ball plateward with blazing speed or whale it over the fence.

Good Advertising

Industrial firms don't back softball teams merely for the publicity they receive. They have discovered that the good will they create and better moral established among their employees is payment enough.

On the other hand softball teams have provided a tremendous advertising medium for clubs like Weaver-Wall of Cleveland; Ne-Nash-A of Kenosha, Wis.; Briggs Body of Detroit; and other teams whose winning ways have attracted national prominence.

When crack industrial teams go on the road they play before packed parks in every town. They get offers for games from coast to coast, from Canada to the Gulf, and business managers of touring top-notchers can have their pick of games that will draw upward of 10,000 fans.

Small merchants find it not too expensive and to their advantage to back teams in neighborhood leagues. Enterprising youngsters who can't find one merchant for a backer, will go out and get 10 more, with each getting the name of his business establishment on a uniform. The club merely calls itself "East End Merchants" or "Tenth Street Merchants," etc.

Spirited Business

Bi-State Games At South Boston

Sunday, June 11 - Mt. Airy. 3:00 P. M.

Thursday, June 15-Reidsville. 8:15 P. M.

Saturday, June 17 - Danville. 8:15 P. M.

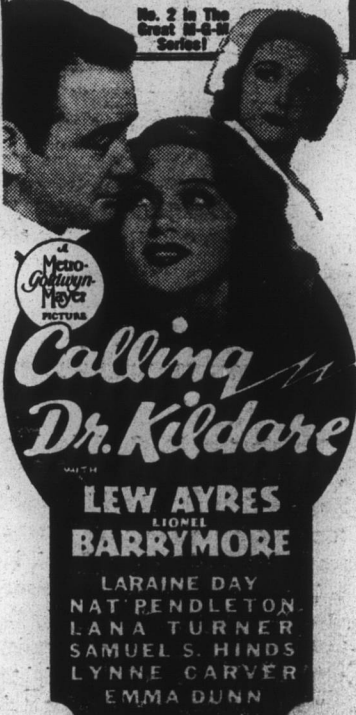
So keen has competition become in large cities that the fight for talent is a spirited one. Because star feminine performers are more at a premium than men, girls with national reputations frequently receive—and accept—offers of jobs in distant cities just to play softball.

In Cleveland, one businessman threatened a \$10,000 lawsuit because another firm lured his star player away with a better offer. Financing a softball club is much easier than that of a baseball team, but according to Verne Fargo, veteran business manager of the Cleveland Weaver-Wall teams, a Double A. club can be an expensive luxury, often running as high as \$1,000 or more.

Palace Theatre

Monday - Tuesday, June 12 - 13

THE NEW ADVENTURES OF "YOUNG DR. KILDARE" streaking off to greater excitement stranger mystery more dangerous romance!



Screen Play by Harry Ruskin and Willis Goldbeck. Directed by Harold S. Dugan

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This covers the cost of uniforms, jackets, equipment, some traveling expenses, refreshments and incidentals.

Just as often as not, a firm will fail to get this back through any increase in business brought about by softball, but businessmen consider it money well spent. Winning a league, city or national championship can mean as much to employees as a bonus.

America is a sports-minded nation, and a three-base hit means a lot to the welder, stenographer or clerk.

MAJOR LEADERS

BATTING

(First 3 and ties in each league.)

Player, Club	Pct.
Arnovich, Phillies	.400
McQuinn, Browns	.362
Sullivan, Browns	.353
Fox, Red Sox	.350
McCormick, Reds	.344
Bonura, Giants	.341

RUNS BATTED IN

American League	
Williams, Red Sox	.44
Greenberg, Tigers	.41
Wright, Senators	.40
National League	
Goodman, Reds	.40
Lombardi, Reds	.39
McCormick, Reds	.37

HOME RUNS

American League	
Greenberg, Tigers	13
Fox, Red Sox	11
Selkirk, Yankees	10
National League	
Lombardi, Reds	10
Camilli, Dodgers	10
McCormick, Reds	9
Ott, Giants	9
Mize, Cardinals	9



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Legion Nine Opens Season Tomorrow

CA-VEL GIRLS WIN NO-HIT TILT HERE FRIDAY

Ca-Vel's strong girls' softball team met Long Meadow Athletic club of Durham here Friday afternoon and emerged victorious 8-0 behind the no-hit pitching of Virginia Wrenn.

While the visitors could do nothing with the slants of Miss Wrenn, the Ca-Vel lassies were getting 10 safeties from Long Meadow's Miss Thomas. Bobby Grasty's two home runs for four trips to the plate was the day's best hitting.

The box score:

Ca-Vel	Ab	R	H	A
Powell, 2b	3	1	1	1
Thornberg, sf	4	2	2	1
Grasty, rf	4	2	2	0
Dixon, 3b	3	0	0	1
Nelson, cf	3	1	2	0
Dickerson, 1b	3	0	1	0
Wheeler, lf	3	0	1	0
Gravette, ss	3	0	0	0
Wrenn, p	3	1	1	0
Clayton, c	2	1	0	0

Totals	Ab	R	H	A
Long Meadows	31	8	10	3
Riggs, 1b	3	0	0	0
Mitchell, sf	3	0	0	0
Weisner, rf, 2b	3	0	0	1
C. Thomas, p	3	0	0	1
Harward, ss	2	0	0	2
Clenn, c	2	0	0	0
Mosely, 3b	2	0	0	0
Porter, lf	2	0	0	0
E. Thomas, cf	2	0	0	0
Gillam, fr, 2b	1	0	0	1

Score by innings:

Long Meadow	000	000	0-0
Ca-Vel	004	031	x-8

Errors: Powell, Dickerson, Weisner, Riggs. Runs batted in: Grasty 6, Wheeler, Thornberg. Home runs: Grasty 2. Base on balls—off: Wrenn 1, C. Thomas 2. Struck out—by: Wrenn 7, C. Thomas 2. Umpires: Wheeler, Seabo. Winning pitcher: Wrenn. Losing pitcher: C. Thomas. Time of Game: 45 min.

FEDERAL JUDGE CONVICTED

New York City—Conviction of Federal Judge Martin F. Manton on charges of selling his decisions to highest bidders may precipitate a review of 3,000 cases in which he sat as senior judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals, next in rank to the nine justices of the Supreme Court. Five cases have already been appealed on the ground that he accepted bribes in making his decisions; hundreds of other appeals are in preparation. It was proved at his trial, first of its kind in the history of the Court of Appeals, that he gouged nearly \$200,000 out of litigants appearing before him; that he made more than \$1,000,000 in one year in speculations based on his decisions. Manton sent his resignation to President Roosevelt immediately on his indictment, and now faces only two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000. A special court may have to be convened to handle cases in which unsuccessful litigants feel that they were defrauded of their rights by judicial bribery in Manton's Court.

Local Team To Play In Northwestern District; Meet Raleigh First.

Roxboro's American Legion baseball team representing the Lester Blackwell post will open its season tomorrow afternoon in Raleigh, meeting the strong Legion team of that city, according to releases from district headquarters yesterday.

The local team has been placed in the northwestern district composed of Durham, Burlington, Roxboro and Raleigh. Dr. D. R. Perry, commander of the Durham post, was named as leader of the district.

Three other districts were made up at a meeting of representatives from all legion posts in the east last Wednesday night. The other districts in the east are the northeastern, made up of teams from Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Greenville and Wilson, the southeastern, composed of Wilmington, Lumberton, Snow Hill and Kinston, and the southwestern, made up of Sanford, Smithfield, Goldsboro and Dunn.

Second Elimination

Winners of each league in the east will go into a second elimination with winning teams from the western part of the state. The final two teams will meet the South Carolina champs for the right to go into the eastern finals.

Durham won out in the eastern bracket last season and advanced into the elimination with the western winners but lost out. The complete schedule for the northwest district which opens Monday, June 12 and closes Wednesday, July 5 is as follows: June 12—Burlington at Durham; Roxboro at Raleigh. June 13—Raleigh at Burlington.

June 14—Durham at Roxboro. June 16—Durham at Raleigh; Burlington at Roxboro. June 19—Durham at Burlington; Raleigh at Roxboro. June 21—Raleigh at Durham; Roxboro at Burlington. June 23—Burlington at Raleigh; Roxboro at Durham. June 26—Durham at Raleigh; Roxboro at Burlington. June 27—Burlington at Roxboro. June 28—Raleigh at Roxboro. June 29—Durham at Roxboro. June 30—Durham at Burlington; Roxboro at Raleigh. July 1—Burlington at Raleigh. July 4—Raleigh at Durham. July 5—Roxboro at Durham; Raleigh at Burlington.

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