



The SPORTS Angle

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As this sports commentator glances shyly at the calendar, he notes with slight quickening of the heart beats that exactly five weeks from tomorrow, football coaches in this section of the country will be getting their first glimpse of 1939 candidates and along gridiron fronts everywhere the prime topic of conversation will be prospects for the popular fall sport.

And as we muse thoughtfully over developments of the game in the last few years and lazily flick the beads of perspiration from a slightly over-moist brow, it occurs to us that one of the most important phases of the college game today is the very thorough and complicated systems of scouting which coaches of big-time football have come to employ almost to a man. The evolution through which the practice has readily passed may best be described as a "complete about-face."

Scouting a football team is a scientific task, requiring implicit care and a thorough knowledge of football. It is difficult to understand the intricacies scouts underearth in search for vulnerable features of an enemy camp. As an example: a man kicks. The scouts record how far back he stands, number of steps he takes, distance from line of scrimmage when he kicks, type, speed in getting it off, etc.

But why ramble? The point is not in the method of scouting but in the reception tendered to such missionaries. The trend in receiving scouts has been altered to a much greater extreme than the fluctuation of the length of the female dress. It is an example of the evolutionary cycle—a transformation of attitude.

Today the scout is greeted by officials, feted until game time, given the choicest of choice seats, and recently one scout accepted a weekend invitation at the home of a rival coach. Oh! how the stalwarts of two decades ago would shudder at the thought!

Conditions at that time reeked with enmity. Scouting was as condemned as espionage in the World War, and about as dangerous. Not a firing squad with all its bluntness (or abruptness) but bodily injury was the risk taken by the scout.

In 1921 Tiny Thornhill was assistant coach at Centre College and was tearfully sent to scout Auburn in its game with Tulane. Scout hatred was stirring on the Auburn campus. Thornhill, not fully aware of lurking dangers, arrived at the field and spoke with the Auburn coach, whom he knew well. Two moments later he was surrounded by a milling throng of students (undoubtedly freshmen). Much to his relief they had taken him as a friend of the coach and wished aid in recognizing a certain Thornhill, whose presence was rumored. They would carry on from that point.

Thornhill caught the drift and gazed anxiously about. He espied (being a scout) a gent with a white hat in the Auburn stands. "Sure I know Thornhill," he spoke to the throbbing mass of youth, "ah, there he goes," and he used his finger to doom the poor chap with the conspicuous hat.

A dull roar drifted back on the wind as the mob streaked for the stands. Thornhill fled to the sanctity of the Tulane stands and huddled there as the white topped one was escorted from the field in no uncertain manner.

After the game it was discovered that the evicted, man-handled spectator was a loyal and wealthy alumnus who supplied the greater majority of the football material each year.

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SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1939



Donkey Baseball Game Scheduled

COURT STREET TROUNCED BY RINKADINKS

On Wednesday afternoon at High School park the Rinkadinks and James Brooks' Court Street aggregation met in an exhibition tilt with the Rinks avenging a defeat of a week before. The Streeters fought hard the entire time but went down in defeat by a score of 6-3.

Big Jim Stewart, Rink hurler, and Millican, Court Street pitcher, allowed the same number of bingles, the number being 10, but Stewart kept his ten well scattered and only three Court Streeters cross the rubber during the encounter.

Bullock, Fowler and James received hitting honors for the day, each getting two bingles. Out of the two, James and Bullock secured one double. Glenn Titus hit a long triple for his only safe blow of the game.

These two teams meet again Wednesday afternoon at High School park at 6 o'clock.

Box score for Court Street vs Rinkadinks showing Ab, R, H, A for both teams.

Lineups For Game At Longhurst Park To Be Announced Next Week.

Donkey baseball, one of the funniest games ever conceived, is coming to Longhurst ball park next Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The game is being put on for the benefit of the Longhurst baseball club, and will be played under lights.

In selecting the players for the game the committee in charge has used great care to pick men who know "Donkey Psychology".

The Bar-X-Ranch team of Mountain Donkeys have been trained to play in their respective positions and the spectators are guaranteed to laugh of their lives in watching the players try to score.

The game is scheduled for 8 o'clock sharp and will be played on the Longhurst field.

If you want the laugh of your life come and bring the family. Admission charge for adults will be 25 cents and for children under twelve 15 cents.

WORLD'S FAIR REDUCES RATES. New York City—To stimulate lagging midsummer crowds, the World's Fair announces a special \$3.75 ticket, covering \$7.00 worth of admissions and concession entrance fees.

Bulls Return To Home Field Thursday Night

Durham — Under one of the finest lighting plants in the minor leagues, the Durham Bulls will resume night play here on Thursday, August 3, opening a four game series with the Rocky Mount Red Sox.

The disastrous fire on June 17, which wiped out the stands at Durham Athletic park, also ruined the lighting system, but the City of Durham, which owns the park, has purchased the latest equipment for night lighting and local electricians have been working overtime to install the plant.

Engineers who surveyed the layout and prescribed the lighting equipment, say that the plant which has been purchased by the city will give the Durham park lighting which will be second to none in the minor leagues.

The Piedmont is enjoying one of the closest races in years, and Manager Oscar Roettger's Bulls are still shooting at the first-place Asheville Tourists as their objective. The race for places in the Shaughnessy series promises to be a heated one right down to the wire, with at least seven clubs very much in the running for the coveted posts.

The game on August 3 will be the first night contest staged here since June 17.

Ca-Vel, McCrary Tangle Wednesday

SOFTBALL

MONDAY Longhurst No. 2 vs. Methodist at 5:45. Court Street vs. City Service at 6:45.

TUESDAY Rinkadinks vs. Longhurst No. 2 at Longhurst ball park at 6:15. City Service vs. Barnett at 5:45. Kiononian vs. Longhurst No. 1 at 6:45.

WEDNESDAY Rinkadinks vs. Court Street at 6:00.

THURSDAY Rinkadinks vs. Methodist at 5:45. Kiononians vs. Roxboro P. O. at 6:45.

WESTERN AUTO TROUNCES EAST ROXBORO, 7-3

Behind the steady pitching of Gordon Brown and some head-up ball, Western Auto, which was formerly Court Street, coasted to a 7-3 triumph over East Roxboro Friday.

Although outit, the Western Auto gang did some timely hitting and with Brown bearing down with his "cle nothing ball" in the clinches, they added another victory to their string.

Box score for Western Auto vs East Roxboro showing Ab, R, H for both teams.

Box score for Western Auto vs East Roxboro showing Totals, Ab, R, H for both teams.

Asheboro Team To Come Here For Second Meeting With Locals

Ca-Vel's boys of baseball, off to a good start in the second half Inter City league race, will tangle with powerful McCrary of Asheboro here Wednesday afternoon.

Manager Baxter Mangum's boys will be in for one of their toughest games of the season because the Eagles from the Randolph county seat pack power in every punch. Undeafened throughout the first half race, McCrary suffered its first league defeat at the hands of Ca-Vel here two weeks ago. Follows of both teams believe Wednesday's game will be one of the hottest of the year.

Mangum, it is believed, will have the most effective hurlers in shape to take the hill in an effort to make it two straight over the Eagles. Blanks, Clayton, or Humphries will probably get the call.

McCrary's probable lineup should be Cox at second, Bottoms, shortstop, Mabry, third, Griffin, right field, Newman, left field, Hobson, centerfield, Clodfelter, catcher, Cheek, first base, and probably Brooks or McFayden on the mound.

For Ca-Vel, Wright will be behind the plate, Slaughter at first, James at second, Powell at short, Anders at third and Briggs, Shotwell, Wheeler, Gentry or Slaughter in the outfield.

Bi-State Games At South Boston

Thursday, August 1st, Martinsville 8:15. Thursday, August 3rd, Reidsville 8:15. Friday, August 4th, Danville 8:15. Sunday, August 6th, Reidsville 3:00.

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