



# PERSON SPORTS SLANTS

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## A Bag of Recollections . . . . .

Once, during the depression that has been crowded off the page by war news, we ran a book review column on the Greensboro Record editorial page. It had a good name, "Book-Slants", and we see no reason why part of the name can't suffer a sea-change and become part-name of this column. We have always thought a column-name private property, and even if it is not Mr. Hamlin, who once sat where we sit, may want to use his old trade-mark in Burlington. And so we have a new name, with many thanks to Ed for letting us use his two times while we were getting our editorial breath.

Here is another recollection, with a late but quite cheerful handspring for one of our fellow "Hard laborers". When we first worked for the Greensboro Record Houston Lawing, of "Firing at Random" reputation sat close to us. In fact his desk was just across the way, and we have never forgotten his kindness to a green and would-be reporter who knew nothing about journalism and less about sports. But this is the point:

Two weeks ago Houston and his good friend Joe Dobson, with the financial and moral support of Wesley Ferrell of Guilford and the baseball world, published their first number of the "Dixie Sports Review", a once-a-week journal of sports in the South.

Last week we bought their second number and we were lucky enough to find a lone lorn copy of the first that had not been taken up by the American News Company collection man.

And tonight, when we should by Roxboro standards be in bed, we have glanced over the two numbers, coming away with a certain astonishment at the wide variety of southern sports news the boys have been able to gather. In early fall it is easy enough to write reams and reams anent the World Series and the prospects of football.

The "Dixie Sports Review" has these subjects covered, and well covered, of course, but it also has columns galore and a fascinating array of straight pieces on hunting, fishing and golf. Person and Roxboro sportsmen who want to know what is going on in the Dixie sports world should investigate this ne wsheet. The business office, in case you don't know it, is in Raleigh.

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## Local Congratulations . . . . .

For something more than a week we have been bombarded by or with information concerning the Helena-Erwin Auditorium tri-county series baseball games. Saturday the Helena boys won the final game in the series from the Erwin Auditorium lads with a score of three-two and captured the Tri-County Championship. For what this means to the boys and to the Person County section they have represented, congratulations are in order.

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## Football . . . . .

Saturday a good portion of the Person County Times' staff went to see the blanketing of the Citadel team at Chapel Hill. The huge score can mean little as a measure of Carolina's strength and ever since the game was over there has been a certain wonderment as to why the match was ever made in the first place. It was, of course, to Citadel's credit to desire "a reach exceeding its grasp" but uneven games can do much harm to the gate, which is, after all a most important angle.

And this week there will be a Duke and Davidson contest at Davidson, which moves us to say, with all due respect to Davidson's fighting spirit, as tough as the toughest, that it might be better for Davidson's schedule planners to see to it that the terrific Davidson plays are more evenly matched. Mind you, we are not saying the Duke-Davidson tilt will not be worth the money. But there is in the contest a certain tragic element, just as there used to be in the prospect of Duke against Carolina, not so long years ago.

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## Wirtz's Ramblers Open Season Tomorrow

### Cafego Heads Star Galaxy To Play In State Battles

Bue State Schools Offer Greats. Preview Of All-Americans On.

Brilliant football players will be almost a dime a dozen this week in North Carolina with Tennessee's vaunted Volunteers playing State college tomorrow at Raleigh and Carolina engaging Wake Forest and Duke battling against Davidson in skirmishes Saturday.

The boys who pick the all-sectional and the all-America teams no doubt will hear much of no less than half dozen of the stars expected to shine within Tar Heel confines. Headed by George Cafego, Tennessee's scintillating all-America back, the list is both long and superb.

Already Cafego has been singled out as the No. 1 player of the year. But some of his teammates—notably Bob Suffridge, who won mythical national honors as a sophomore last fall; Abe Shires, tackle; Bob Foxx, back; Len Coffman, back and Capt. Sammy Batholomew, blocking back—will have something to say about Cafego having an easy time winning individual honors.

Victor over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, Tennessee is bringing an array of brilliant players to Raleigh, but in that same town, the Wolfpack of State college can present an all-America contender in Ed (Ty) Coon, tackle, and another in Bill Retter, co-captain and center.

AND THERE ARE BIDDERS FOR FAME WITHIN STATE

And if those aren't enough for brilliance, a spectator might step over in Chapel Hill Saturday afternoon to watch the dapper running of George Stirnweiss, Carolina's spectacular back, or the line play of Louis Trunzo, Wake Forest's Junior guard. There also will be Gates Kimball, Tar Heel tackle, and John Polanski, Wake Forest's sophomore full-back.

In event a stop at Chapel Hill is not in order, there will be a game at Davidson with the glorious Dukes playing. The Rose Bowlers are not without their luminaries. There is a "Bolo" Perdue for all-America campaign in the making and the Thomasville Terror will flank one side of the Duke line. Playing guard slot will be Allen Johnson, the deadly tackler who'll captain the Dukes. And running in the backfield with all the finesse a critical coach can desire will be George McAfee, the Ironton Irrigator, and clearing his paths will be Willard (Easy) Eaves, one of the finest blocking backs football has ever known.

So, those aren't enough? Well, what do you want, an all-America team itself? That being the case, you're in for a tough time. But don't ask too much. Pick out two of the games and treat yourself to an eyefull of the fonest early season display of all-America aspirants North Carolina's gridiron have ever offered.

SCOUT BILLY DOYLE CLAIMED BY DEATH

Washington, Pa. — William Thomas (Billy) Doyle, 57, of Portsmouth, Ohio, the dean of American league baseball scouts, died unexpectedly in his hotel room here Sunday.

### CAROLINA WORKS HARD ON DEFENSE; OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Wolf Works Tar Heels On Defense For Encounter With Wake Forest.

Chapel Hill — The Carolina Football squad turned up today in the best shape of the season and settled down to work at once setting its defenses for Wake Forest's driving attack Saturday.

George Radman and Chuck Kline, who were held out Saturday, and Gates Kimball and Sid Sadoff, two other veterans who were slowed up by minor injuries, appeared to be in shape again, and the squad was near top strength with Bill Blalock, reserve guard, the only missing member.

Coach Ray Wolf, who is regularly offensive-minded, personally supervised setting the defenses. The Tar Heels worked over their blocking and pass defense.

WALKER SENDS DEACONS THROUGH "SLOW MOTION"

Wake Forest — With a "slow motion" drill and a short scrimmage, the Wake Forest Deacons began practicing for their Southern conference football encounter with North Carolina in Chapel Hill next Saturday.

Head Coach D. C. Walker lined up his varsity in two teams which ran Tar Heel plays against each other in the light contact session.

Then the varsity, in a 20-minute scrimmage against the freshmen, drilled on new plays for use Saturday.

Louis Trunzo, guard, and Tony Gallovich, back, participated in the light work because of leg muscle injuries suffered in the South Carolina game last Saturday.

Nation's Best



Bobby Riggs of Chicago, the nation's No. 1 tennis amateur and Wimbledon champion, walks off the court with the victor's trophy after defeating Welby van Horn of Los Angeles in the final match of the men's national singles championship at Forest Hills, N. Y.

DAVIDSON IN TOP SHAPE TO PREPARE FOR DUKES

Davidson — Davidson's Wildcats, elated over the fine showing they made against N. C. State, began practice early in the week in preparation for Duke's Blue Devils, who will make their first appearance since the Rose Bowl here Saturday.

All members of the Davidson squad reported in excellent shape. Monday's workout was devoted to play timing, punting, scrimmage, defense set-up and wind sprints. The workouts for Tuesday and yesterday were much heavier.

DUKE SPEEDS UP WORK FOR OPENER WITH 'CATS

Durham — Davidson's fine showing against the North Carolina State Wolfpack in Greensboro Saturday night resulted in the Duke university football squad stepping up its work in preparation for the season's opener in Davidson Saturday. Holding State to an 18 to 14

### Ruffin Scheduled For Opening Game

score, the Wildcats almost won in the closing stages of the game and stamped themselves as a dangerous gridiron outfit. Today's workout of the Blue Devils wasn't in the form of a scrimmage, but a thorough session of fundamentals, with much emphasis on rushing the kicker.

Frank Ribar, who has been out with an injury, returned to his old post at guard, working alongside of Capt. Sweetpea Johnson on the No. 1 team. Bill Bailey and Bolo Perdue were on the ends; Mike Karnazin and Robert McDonough at the tackles; Gordon Burns at center; with Wesley and George McAfee, Easy Eaves and Jap Davis in the backfield; Wesley McAfee took the place of Steve Lach, sophomore back, who is out with an injury, but who is expected to return to his berth in the backfield in a few days.

Werner Brown, sophomore quarterback, was injured in practice Monday, suffering a slight injury to his arm.

VOLS HOLD LONG DRILL PREPARING FOR STATE

Knoxville, Tenn. — Priming their offensive weapons for the season's inaugural struggle tomorrow against North Carolina State, Tennessee's Vols breezed through a signal drill Monday which was topped off with a long session in the tackling dummy pit.

Trainer Mickey O'Brien pronounced the squad in "fine condition with the exception of two or three boys who are overweight."

WOLVES REST FROM HARD SCRAP AGAINST DAVIDSON

Raleigh — North Carolina State's first string took things easy Monday to rest bruised muscles while the second team ran through a dummy scrimmage against the freshmen.

Tomorrow afternoon the Roxboro High School Ramblers, coached by George Wirtz, will meet a rough-and-tumble crew from Ruffin.

This year will be the first time the boys of Coach Ed Clayton have ever tackled the Ramblers. Clayton is a new man at Ruffin, having finished at Furman this past season, but from all that can be gathered, he knows the game and has a strong team coming up with him.

The locals are very light, but contain a lot of power and speed. Coach Wirtz said today that they were in pretty good condition.

After watching the Ramblers workout for several days, this writer is of the opinion that they will go a long way towards the winning cause.

Wirtz had this to say about the game: "The boys are working hard and have shown considerable improvement. The line is working better and the backs are a bit faster and quicker. One of the main problems confronting us is reserves, but after all, we may take the game."

The probable lineup for tomorrow's game will be Louis (Red) Day, fullback; Charles White, quarterback; Henry Newell, blockingback; George Cushwa, wingback. At right end will be Lawrence (Gus) Holeman; right tackle, Lindsay Wagstaff; right guard, Fred Woods; center, Co-Captain Wallace Moore; left guard, Herbert Allen; left tackle, Co-Captain Hassell Whitfield, and at left end, Buddy Clayton.

A good game is in view and a large attendance of local supporters is asked to turn out and help the Ramblers. They need it.

Head Football Coach Williams (Doc) Newton had his assistants training a contingent of freshmen in Tennessee plays for display to the varsity Tuesday in preparation for Friday's game.

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