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BASKETBALL BELLES

By E. BYRD

PART III
(Coach Bill Burns arrives in Glendale to coach the girls' athletic teams. He finds that he has a difficult job ahead in a town that is divided into political factions. Some of his team members, headed by their captain, Teresa Marlowe do not seem to wish to cooperate. However, Bill finds an unexpected ally in R. L. Marlowe, a leading business man, discovers a prospect in attractive young Rosa Jordan, and confronts his avowed enemy, Randy Smith, who just now is advancing upon him with "blood in his eye.")

As Randy Smith advanced, Coach Burns had an opportunity to size him up. Randy was not a bad looking chap; he was probably considered handsome by some people, but his face showed lines of dissipation. Likewise there was a spoiled, petulant expression on his face that betokened that Mr. Smith was used to having his way.

Bill opened his mouth to again express his apologies for his unintentional bumping, when a half punch, half shove caught him in the teeth, and he found himself sitting on the sidewalk with a taste of blood in his mouth. Then he barely rolled aside, as Randy Smith leaped at him with flashing shoes hoping to stamp him while he was down.

Burns came to his feet, a little white around the mouth and an intense anger in his heart. A great lover of fair play, a man who insisted on sportsmanship on the part of his teams, he hated a "dirty" fighter. Considering Smith's rugged build, Burns inwardly thanked his lucky stars that he had gone out for boxing in college and under the tutelage of old "Pop" Satterwaite had acquired some pugilistic tricks of his own.

"So, you want to play dirty, big boy," grated Bill as Randy confidently made another pass at what he thought was an easy victim.

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To Smith's surprise, his round-house punch encountered only thin air, and he received a left in return that brought blood from his nose and a foul curse from his lips. Now it was the young coach moving in, dancing around the bigger man, probing his defense with a rapierlike left, and throwing the right with all the abandon of a "fireball" pitcher. All the frustration of the past weeks, all the non-co-operation that had held him in suspense found an outlet in the blows that Burns now directed at Randy Smith. He concentrated on his opponent's face, converting it into a bloody mess that was far from handsome. To the credit of Randy Smith, he kept on fighting though some of his bull-like rushes had lost their enthusiasm.

By this time a small crowd had gathered and this made Randy Smith all the more unhappy. He saw his reputation as the bully of Glendale rapidly being dissolved at the hands of this coolly smiling stranger. He redoubled his efforts when suddenly a voice was heard to say: "Why that's Coach Burns."

This seemed to galvanize Smith to frantic action. Noticing a short club lying near the sidewalk, he reached down and grasping it in both hands rushed at his opponent.

This time instead of stepping aside and probing his victim's face, Bill stepped in and threw his "Sunday" punch, a short jolting punch that caught Smith right "on the button." Down he went like a poleaxed steer, twitched and lay still, completely "out."

Leaving instructions to the slightly awed crowd to revive Smith, Coach Burns continued his homeward walk.

The next day at school, Coach Burns noticed a new look of respect in the eyes of the students as he came in contact with them. When he passed down the halls, he could hear low voiced conversation following his passing. It was not hard for him to surmise the topic of their whispered conferences.

When the time for afternoon practice came, all the squad members with the exception of the first team had dressed in record time and were on the court eagerly awaiting instruction. Since the second team was composed in large part of freshmen and sophomores, Coach Burns was devoting a goodly amount of time breaking them into his system of play figuring that by the time another year had rolled around that he would have a group that would repay his patience. Already in practice, he could see that his zone defense bothered the first string forwards. However his second string forwards were unable to score enough points for the second team to outscore the varsity. They just lacked the finish that experience gives to a team.

"If I just had one more good forward," Bill thought. "Say, where's the first team, today?"

Just then the dressing room door opened, and he saw his entire first string dressed in street clothes advancing toward him. In the lead, was Teresa Marlowe, a curious smile of triumph on her lips. Each girl had a package in her left hand. These they solemnly laid at the young and astonished coach's feet.

Teresa spoke, "Here's our uniforms, Coach Burns, we're QUITTING!"

(In next week's installment, Coach Burns finds himself looking for a new first string with the season's opener with Gracelyn High only three days away.)

Sports Chatter

By GENE BYRD

Congratulations to our local softball team. They made their debut in the Moore General League a successful one by defeating their first opponent by the somewhat lopsided score of 18-4.

Everett Stevenson turned out to be quite a softball pitcher, thus solving one of Manager Rudisill's worries. That home run wallop by James Brittain with the bases loaded was a highlight of the game.

The American Legion Post in Asheville is trying to get an independent league started in W. N. C. composed of returned veterans.

It sounds like a good project. Why couldn't Black Mountain get in on this?

Talking about good hitters. Ty Cobb the old Georgia Peach, played in the American League for 25 years and when he retired his lifetime batting average was .367. That, brother, is hitting.

A little early but here is a fact about football. Walter Camp probably contributed more to modern football than any other man. He played six years at Yale, four of these years while in college, two while in Medical School. He dropped out of Med school with the statement, "I can't bear the sight of blood." He captained the 1878 1879 and 1881 Yale teams and after graduation coached Yale for many years. He was a member of the Intercollegiate rules committee for 48 years, and in 1891 wrote the first book published on the sport called American Football. He inaugurated the practice of picking All American teams and made his selections from 1889 until his death in 1925.

Local fans will hear with rejoicing of the comeback that "Lefty" Cliff Melton is making in the Pacific Coast League. We have been informed that he has now won five straight games. It appears that the operation on his arm may be a success. We are pulling for him to continue his comeback and to make an early re-appearance in the majors.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. The "Galloping Ghost"—Red Grange.
 2. The Four Horsemen—Notre Dame backfield of the '20's. (Crowley, Miller, Stuhldreher and Layden.)
 3. "Eric The Red"—Eric Tipton, great Duke punter.
 4. The Rajah—Rogers Hornsby, one of baseball's greatest second basemen.
 5. "Shortneck"—Terrell Morgan also known as "Dummy", Black Mountain football star.
 6. A field goal in football counts three points.
 7. Fireball Frankie—Frank Sinkwich, University of Georgia backfield star. (He no time pitched for the Asheville Tourists. Our apologies sport's fans.)
 9. Pete Brittain, captain of the Darkhorse football team, is really Charles Colquitt Brittain. (Please forgive me, Pete.)
 10. Nine men comprise a softball team under 1946 rules. The shortfielder has been eliminated.
- This Week's Sport Quiz:
1. Who was known in baseball as "The Man in the Green Hat?"
 2. May a person lose a tennis game by one point?
 3. Who was known in baseball as "King Carl?"
 4. What Chicago outfielder became an outstanding evangelist?
 5. Who was known as "The Racing Parson"?
 6. Who was "The Flying Dutchman" in baseball?
 7. What is George Stinewiss' nickname?
 8. What two pitchers have hurled no hit games so far in 1946?
 9. What first basemen in the National League have played for the St. Louis Cardinals?
 10. What National League manager bears the nickname of "Lizzy"?

Monroe Redden Urges Development of Smoky Mountains National Park

Monroe Redden, candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress from the twelfth congressional district, urges North Carolina and Tennessee to move hand in hand in the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

"In my opinion, The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most valuable national attraction in Western North Carolina. More publicity on a national scale is given to Western North Carolina by reason of this park than any other attraction we possess."

"It is up to the people to exploit the possibilities of this treasured possession. It fits into the life of this section. We have long been a tourist center of wide attraction. Our mountains are famous for their scenic beauty. The time has come when we should now—not two years from now—call together our congressional leadership of North Carolina and Tennessee in order that a program of progress and development of this park may be inaugurated.

"There is no reason why North Carolina and Tennessee should not move hand in hand in urging the development of this park. The people of both states have a com-

mon interest in its development. "I believe this generation is entitled to enjoy the beauties and advantages of this park in substantial completion. There is no reason why its development should be postponed for the pleasure of other generations. While America moves forward industrially, agriculturally, and on all other economic fronts, we should not lag behind in this section because of our failure to take advantage of our present opportunities. "The completion of this park will mean that millions of dollars and millions of people will pour into our section annually that otherwise would go elsewhere. I suggest that we join in a united front and demand action now."

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