

SPORTS

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Last Friday afternoon, Ralph Thomas died in Duke Hospital with an aneurysm of the brain. Few people, even those who knew him well, realized that Ralph was a sick man.

Ralph was instrumental in organizing the local softball league, and many of the Margrace couple's early signatures on the managers line, and he "took softball" seriously. In fact, after the Stags had licked Margrace 4-3, Ralph suffered the attack which led to his death. Heads are bared and bowed for a good sport, a regular fellow.

"Yes, I think this half is going to run off smooth as a whistle," was the general comment following the league meeting two weeks ago.

On opening day, the Mauney-Bonnie game ran something like this: "Safe." "You're a liar." "Robber, cheat." "I'll knock the h—out of you." And he did. Result: Mauney 16 Bonnie 12, called on account of dark

ness. Since then, there have been strenuous arguments between the Margrace and Pauline, Mauney and Stags, and Bonnie and Pauline—not quite like a happy family.

What reason? Principally, each team's desire to win, but the officiating is spotty. The nice looking arrangement of each manager's agreeing at game time simply doesn't work out. Too many times the right one doesn't come, and someone fills in who is ignorant of the rules.

One rule causing argument is No. 25, Section 4, which states that a runner must step outside the base-line up to three feet to avoid interfering with the fielder. Three times it has been invoked—three times there have been arguments. The old suggestion of the "umpiring school" would remedy the situation.

One can always be wrong. A few seasons ago a young lady wear-

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Margrace	5	0	1.000
Pauline	4	1	.800
Grover	3	1	.750
Stags	2	3	.400
Bonnie	2	3	.400
Rambler	1	3	.250
Old Mill	1	4	.200
Mauney	1	4	.200

Net Tourney Opens Here Tomorrow

Stowe and Cansler Rank Top Slots.

The long awaited, much discussed city tennis tournament get under-

drawn and players seeded in the first Kings Mountain tournament to have two divisions.

Stowe, last year, top man, and Luther Cansler, runner-up, rate top positions in the Senior Division, and Charles Carpenter and James E. Littlejohn rank as favorites in the Junior class.

Other entrants include Bus Oates, Bill Fortune, Harold Plonk, Jack Fortune, Jim Everhart and Fred Plonk in the Senior ranks, and Martin Harmon, Ned Hayes, Jones Fortune, J. W. Jenkins, John Styers, Jack Randall, Paul Stewart and "Flash" Ware in the Junior.

In the first round of the Seniors Bus Oates meets Harold Plonk, Stowe plays Jack Fortune, Everhart stacks up against Fred Plonk, and Cansler clashes with Bill Fortune. These matches are to be played Friday to Monday. There are no byes in this class. Semifinals and finals should be played Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the Junior Division the only two matches of the first bracket take place between "Fuzz" Hayes and Martin Harmon and "Egg" Styers clashes with J. W. Jenkins. All others draw byes. This, however, makes the second round matches a certainty except these two matches. Known matches in the second round are: "Flash" Ware vs. Jones Fortune and Carpenter vs. Stewart. Littlejohn meets the winner of the Hayes Harmon match and Randall meets the Jenkins-Styers victor.

Entrants should "get together" and arrange the dates and places of the matches. Any one who does not appear for his match at the designated time and place must forfeit. Match scores should be reported to

half pennant trail, as Second baseman Les Ethers slammed a home run to right center in the first half of the seventh to break a 2-2 deadlock. The Pauline, defeated only by Margrace, also added three decisions, two of them by one run, while Grover took third place with wins over the Bonnie and Old Mill 3-2 and 2-1.

Old Mill broke their losing streak by scoring six runs in the seventh to lick the Stags, 6-5, who won their other scheduled game from Mauney, 3-5, and also a rained out game from the Ramblers.

After Monday's game, the second half schedule swings into the final seven-game lap, as each team begins the fourth and last swing around the loop. As it stands now, games of principal interest and importance next week are the Pauline-Grover

Skimp, Stowe, or Howard Whittington. The real fun should take place in the Junior Division. These boys will be fighting hard to make vitality replace inexperience. In the Senior Ranks, playing will be more steady, and the semi-finalists should be fairly evenly matched.

Skimp Stowe, head of the tournament, stated that "should this tourney run smoothly, we will probably have another in the early fall. However, it depends upon the progress and outcome of the present meet."

ty good idea as to the winner of the second half. Pauline, or Grover, or Grover, first half champions.

On Monday, Bus Oates, Pauline shortstop firmly with the Stags, visited the plate for the tenth time to find nobody at home. He has yet to reach first after three games with Pauline, Storybook. The Old Mill scored six runs in the seventh to lick the Stags 6-5.

All-Star-Grover Game Nets Twelve Dollars

The All-Star-Grover softball game, won by the All-Stars 5-2, netted \$12.00 for the beneficiary, Smyra Williams, from gross receipts of \$15.30.

Although they obtained only five hits, the All-Stars stretched three of them for extra bases and licked the first half champs with room to spare. A double by Ray Kirby and triples by Carl Moss and Ches Falls were the telling blows. Pitcher Gold led the hitting for Grover.

Grover	101	000	0	2	7	4
All-Stars	000	032	x	5	5	4

Grover: Gold and Shuford. All-Stars: Stowe and Hoyle, Carl Moss.

RESULTS

Friday
Margrace 12; Old Mill 5.
Pauline 4; Ramblers 2.
Bonnie 2; Grover 3.
Mauney 3; Stags 8.
Called in 6th—darkness.

Monday
Old Mill 6; Stags 5.
Bonnie 6; Pauline 7.
Mauney 1; Margrace 3.
Grover—Ramblers (rain).

Tuesday
Stags 4; Ramblers 1.
(Rain postponed game scheduled July 20.)

Wednesday
Rambler 2; Bonnie 6.
Mauney 3; Pauline 4.
Old Mill 1; Grover 2.
Margrace 3; Stags 2.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

FRIDAY, JULY 29
Rambler at Mauney
Pauline at Old Mill
Margrace at Bonnie
Stags at Grover

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
Grover at Pauline
Margrace at Ramblers
Stags at Bonnie
Old Mill at Mauney

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
Grover at Margrace
Pauline at Stags
Rambler at Old Mill
Bonnie at Mauney

ing a Cora Girls' uniform passed me on the street. Almost before I spoke she said: "I saw what you wrote about us, and I didn't think it was so smart either." I'm still puzzled, for I only said that "softball for the ladies is a scream." Was I wrong?

Margrace Leads Softball Loop

OLD MILL WINS ONE
After taking Old Mill 12-8, and Mauney 3-1, the fast-flying Margrace hopped another leg on the second



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