

with Bob Hoffman

MORE BASEBALL TALK - With the sun coming out after a long absence, and a breath of warm air browsing around, I'm going to write a little more about the national pastime of baseball.

One of the real baseball "characters" from this area is Gastonia's Spec Padgett, journeyman pitcher, who has really made the rounds.

Tex Millard, Redleg scout, was taking a little goodnatured kidding from MC Crash Davis at the Burlington banquet. Davis remarked that a scout had to sign at least one good prospect every five years to keep his job.

Padgett broke in to say that he knew some that had never signed a good player. He wouldn't name the guilty ivory-hunters, but did remark, "That guy that signed me is out of a job."

Ted Abernathy is a boy that is just waiting for the season to start. The big right-hander from Stanley is getting another shot with Washington, and this time he intends to stick. Ted had a 1-3 record with the Nats at the end of the 1956 season, but pitched very good ball in the four contests. Ted thinks Washington will keep him, but feels that if he has a real good season he might be traded next season - at a much higher price.

Abernathy worked in the American Association last year and says Bobby Richardson, the Yank's Sumter, S. C., infielder, was one of the better ballplayers in the league. Hhe thinks Bobby is a cinch to stay with the Yanks this season — and says that he might just break into that infield.

Charlotte's Sonny Dixon will be back at Richmond next season. Dixon paced the International League pitchers for a good part of last season in earned - run averages. He finally ended with a two-point something average in relief. Manager Eddie Lopat would start and Sonny would finish. The Yanks may give the bullpen artist a long look before shipping him.

George Wilson reported that Bill Dickey thinks Ted Williams is the best hitter in baseball. Dickey has seen some great ballplayers in his day and also feels that Mickey Mantle is the strongest man he ever watched pole a ball out of a park.

Gastonia's Doc Queen, long - time Triple A utility man, had a good year in the Dominican League this winter after having been dropped in the Puerto Rico circuit. Doc says he will probably wind up at Wichita of the American Association this season.

Queen reports that the salary figures for American players in the Dominican loop was tremendous. Said some of the boys went to around \$2,000 a month.

Speaking of Padgett again, he will be with Charlotte this season and Manager Gene Verble says he will save 20 games for them. Spec says he has never been fined town girls with 15 points. Thomp. Cliffside but once, and that was last year in the Sally League.

raved, smiled and forgot about it in that order.

Rating a try-out with the Cubs one spring, Padgett was caught out after curfew by one of the coaches. The next day he was called in on the carpet and the Cub brass-hat doing the talking told Padgett he was disappointed in him for breaking hours and not trying to stay in shape. Padgett said his retort was "Thought you people wanted a pitcher - not a missionary." - next stop for Spec was Gastonia.

Minor league ballplayers have a lot of fun evidently. George Wilson was telling Tom Wright, who will play in Birmingham next season, that he played a couple of years there. He added that you get a new suit for every homerun you hit in the Birmingham park. Wilson said he picked up 42 suits in his two-year stay. Wright said, "Yeah, that suit deal must be about one-half of your salary, according to the contract they sent me."

LOCAL STUFF — Don Parker's boys finally won another ballgame, defeating Lincolnton, who has been one of the hottest teams in the loop recently. John Mc-Ginnis' ball handling kept the local boys in the race as he stole the ball from Lincolnton many times during the

The Mountaineers have dropped ten ballgames, but have been outscored only 70 points in 13 contests. The locals have bucketed 542 markers this season, compared to 612 for the opponents. Parker's team has averaged 41.7 points per contest against a 47.0 average for the

Six of the 10 losses have been by five points or less. The combined total points of these six losses was 17 points.

Defensively the Mountaineers are among the top teams in the conference. The highest total hit against the Kings Mountain club this year was 56 by Lincolnton. These same teams that have been scoring 45-50 points against the locals have been hitting 70 and 80 against

Coach Fred Withers will soon be getting out the catching equipment to start working with his pitchers and catchers. Keith Layton, Gene Bowers, and Johnny Carpenter will be the backbone of the hurling staff.

The Gastonia Legion coaching job is still open, with no official reports indicating who the job will go to. Russ Bergman has been rumored taking over this post. On the other hand, many think that Withers will again be at the helm for the Post 23 team.

Clyde Falls, who played Class D ball last season until he received a leg injury, is slated to go into the Army

Reports are that Gus Hartsoe, Jr., will not play organized ball next spring. It is said that Hartsoe's contract called for him to go back to the same Class C loop he played in last year, and he felt that he should be mov-

Doesn't look like Foote Mineral will field a baseball team this year. Could it be lack of financial support?

on the bench John Gamble Gets Central Football Post

Local Cagers Sweep Twin-Bill; Boys Win 62-42, Girls Cop 47-34

Kings Mountain's basketball son added eight for second-place teams won their first double. honors. header of the season Friday King header of the season Friday night by downing the Cliffside teams in a twin-bill at Cliffside.

The boys took a decisive 62-42 riod. Cliffside couldn't hit in the

15-12 lead at the end of the first period, and ran the margin to 31-23 at halftime. The margin was stretched to 10 points, 44-34 at the end of the third quarter. Cliffside was never close to closing the gap and the Mountaineers poured 18 points through the book in the final stanza for the hoop in the final stanza for the 20-point victory.

Ramsey paced scoring for both teams as he hit 29 points, Hayn-es was second on the scoring parade with seven markers.

This win marked the Mountaineer's fourth win of the season, and the second within a

Coach Lib Collete's girls took Dedmond their second win of the season by Ramsey knocking off the Cliffdwellers by a 47-34 margin. Barbara Smith Hall led the Kings Mountain attack Gardner with 24 points. Judy Medlin added Dobbins 13 and Diane Cansler hit 10. Tinkler Humphries paced the home.

Clippers Looking For 150,000 Gate

The Charlotte Clippers, Eastern Ice Hockey League entry, may draw 150,000 fans in its first ful year of operations in the Queen

To date, the Clippers have played 26 home games and have drawn 119,402 persons through the turnstiles. With five game left, it is highly possibly that the lone Dixie team might crack the 150.000 mark.

To add to the gate appeal, th Clips have a current 14-game win ning streak going at home.

Averaging 4,592 persons percontest, the ice hockey squad wir the sports appeal cup in the area. Many think the Horner should have it so good. The next home game will

Wednesday, February 27, who the popular Johnstown team, cor plete with the League badma Indian Joe comes to town. A Charlotte-Washington co

test on March 1, and three til with secondplace Philadelphia on Totals March 2, 6, and 7, will round out the remainder of the regular sea-

win, with Keith Layton continuing his scoring pace with 19 points. Charles Bridges tossed in 17 for runner-up honors.

Coach Don Parker's team took 15 12 lead at the end of the first

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The tall red - hed did mention that once while in the Bethware Takes Two Twin-Bills, Pacific Coast League he didn't show at the ballpark for four days. He reported that Manager Stan Hack ranted,

beatable sextette by a 76-73 score. ament starts next week in Shel-Francis Carroll, big Grover by Drawings have not been com. scorer during the entire season pleted, but Grover's girls and again turned in a fine perform. Bethware's boys wil! be among ance as she hit for 59 points. Pon. the top-seeded teams in the play. der added eight.

Joan Cline paced the winners' attack with a 51 point perform. 7 Area Cagers ners cause tremendously with a 21 point contribution..

co five by a 38-35 score in anoth. er thriller. Peterson had 10 and Pinkleton nine for the winners. Hamrick with 11 and Dalton with 10 paced the losers.

Bethware's boys knocked off Polkville by a 63-46 margin to tie for second place in the county standings. Bethware and Number 3 tied in the standings with 16-4 records, only a step behind Falls. ton, who won the conference title with a 17-3 mark.

Barrett's 17 point paced the Bethware win, while Canipe's 10 points was second high. For Polkville, Bridges' 17 and Warlick's 15 paced the attack.

Bethware's girls also emerged victorious with a 51-21 win over the Polkville team. Yarbro's 20 points paced Bethware and a nine - point performance by Davis led Polkville

In games last Friday night, Grover's girls downed Polkville by a 92-43 score, with Carroll hitting 57 for the winners. The Gro. ver boys also defeated Polkville by a 51-41 margin, with Peterson's 17 points leading the way. Bethware's team took a double. bill from Boiling Springs with the girls winning 26-21. Bolin's

Prizes On Tap For Last Game

Lawson Brown, principal of Central High School, announced Wednesday that several door prizes will be awarded at the final home conference basketball game here Friday night.

Mr. Brown said drawings would be conducted during half - time of the boys' contest local business firms.

for several prizes donated by Tri-High will furnish competition for the Mountaineers in the 1956-57 finale.

Grover's league - leading girls' 13 points paced the winners. The basketball team was within easy boys took a 56-31 victory, with distance of an undefeated season Putnam's 21 points paving the

Tuesday night when the Waco team bounced the heretofore un. The County Basketball tournoffs.

Grover's boys downed the Wa- Make All-Loop

Cleveland County Basketball All · Conference lists, released Wednesday, included four boys and three girls from the Grover and Bethware teams.

Boys named from Bethware were - Jesse Putnam, Bob Canipe, and Jack Barrett. Russell Pinkleton was the lone Grover boy making the list.
Girls included Francis Car-

roll and Dale Gold, both of Grover, and Rachael Hamrick, Bethware.

Grover's girls' team copped conference honors, losing only one game during the entire

Bethware's boys tied for second place in the conference standings with Number 3. Both of these teams were only onehalf game behind Fallston, the conference's number one squad.

STRICTLY FRESH

"FINE" whisky is the stuff you drink before driving.

Some has-been actors never

Weekend golfer: frustrates himself trying to hit a little ball to get rid of his frustrations.



Hear about the fellow was cracked up his car and was fined to boot? Just got bad brakes,

Local Jayvees Split Two With Cherries

Kings Mountain's "B" Team basketball squads split a pair of contests with the Cherryville Jayvees here Monday night.

The local girls edged the visiting lasses by a 42-39 score, with Evelene Oliver pacing the Kings Mountain scoring parade with 19 points. Ormand added 13 and Peggy Black hit for 10 to complete the scoring

Carpenter with 15 and Rudisil with 14 paced the Cherryville attack. Setzer dropped six and Boyles tossed in four to complete the scoring.

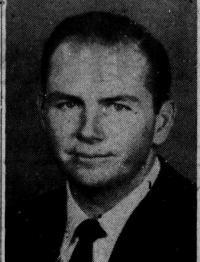
Kings Mountain led 18-13 at the end of the first half, and still held a five point margin at half-time.. At the end of the third per-2 iod, Cherryville had cut the led o to 31-28, but Kings Mountain Tri-Hi, Belmont 0 fought off a determined fourth quarter bid to cop the win. Shu Carlton's boys didn't fare as well against the tall, talented

Cherryville lads. Cherryville took a 44-25 win going away. Kruskrra, who is playing some varsity ball along, hit 19 points to pace the visitors in the victory Mauney added 12 and Alexander

nine in the winning cause. Conner with eight and Thomas with four paced the Kings Moun-

halftime, increased it to 31-17 at test of the season. the end of the third quarter and Both Tri-High and Belmont deadded five more points to the margin in the final quarter.

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JOHN GAMBLE New Head Coach

End Cage Season

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers wind up their regular sched. in Kings Mountain as assistant uled basketball games next Tues-

On Tuesday, the Mountaineers ravel to Belmont to engage the Cherryville held a 24-15 lead at Red Raiders in the last loop con.

Collette. However, the girls have for the season.

Assistant For Past Three Years Gamble Assumes Top Spot In Fall John Gamble, for the past three cluded stints at a Miami, Fla., years assistant football coach at high school one year at Gardner

in the fall of 1957. .

Coach Gamble succeeds Everette "Shu" Carlton, who resigned to accept the Ashley High School

an opportunty to serve as head football coach here." Coach Gamble said "It will be said "It shoes. Ie realize that the job a- Appalachian in the summer of head of me will be a big one, but 1956. I'm looking forward to it."

chosen by board members to receive the job, if he wanted it. Coach Gamble reportedly accepted the position Tuesday.

word in 1935 and 1936, the teams won the Southwestern Conference championship, and last season al. so added the Southwestern-Northwestern crown to its laurels.

A graduate of Appalachian coach in the fall of 1954.

His football playing career in The local cagers will meet Tri-High here Friday night in the fi. nal home game of the 1956-57 Southwestern AA Basketbal! bat. last season and have two to date

score points thmselves. Many of at East Elementary School.

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It has not been a good season wins would give the boys a 6-10 in the local high school Mr. and record, and the girls a 4-12 mark on Mrs Gamble reside on Monroe County

Central High School, will be the Webb Junior College, and two new head football coach starting years at Appalachian. Coach Gamble played both guard and tackle positions during his play-

ing days. to accept the Ashley High Schoo! He is a veteran having served football position starting next in the U. S. Army after World fall. War II and being called back for the Korean War. During the Ko-

ble said. "It will be a big job Coach Gamble received his trying to fill Coach Carlton's Masters Degree in education at

I'm looking forward to it."

Mr. Gamble was offered the coach. ing staff in 1954, the Mountain-coaching position following a cers have enjoyed the best years in Kings Mountain forball hisday night. He was unanimously tory. In 1955 and 1956, the teams

Gamble's work with the line State Teacher's College, Coach has been credited by many local Gamble began his coaching career fans with being a great factor in the team's past success. It is felt by most football fans here that a backfield coach will be added as an assistant, with Coach Gamble sticking with the line

coaching duties. Mr. Gamble will also assume the role of physical education and history teacher in the local high Parker's boys have been among school, a teaching post currently the best defensive clubs in the held by Coach Carlton Previously, loop, but have found it hard to he has been eighth grade teacher

Both Tri-High and Belmont de. dedded five more points to the local boys and girls in the final quarter.

Both Tri-High and Belmont de. feated the local boys and girls in their first meetings, But the Kings Mountain squads will be out for revenge in the upcoming local squads will be out for revenge in the upcoming local squads will be out to get deposit of tungsten east of tills.

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