

### Mountaineers End 1957 Season With 7-5 Defeat From Tri-High

The Mountaineers took a 7-5 beating in their last game of the season against Tri-High of Carolina last Tuesday.

#### Legion Workout

Legion Junior workouts will start Thursday at 4:30 at City Stadium according to an announcement by Coach Jake Early.

Early would like to see some of the high school players who have just finished their season of play come out.

It was also announced that the Pony League met Wednesday at 4:15 at the Deal Street Park to get the small fry's league on the road.

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Thanks again — GARLAND E. STILL



## Herald Sports

By David Baity

What Now? — That's a good question for one of the most promising pitchers in the baseball world in years. The rising pitcher was Herb Score, until he was hit flush in the eye by a line drive riddled from the bat of Yankee Gil McDougald.

The twenty-three year old and million dollar southpaw of the Cleveland Indians was in bad shape but doctors announced that he would not lose the eyeball.

At this writing it was too early to tell if the vision would be impaired.

Fortunately for Score, the ball caught him flush. Striking the top of the eyebrow bone, the cheekbone, and nose, the ball fractured Score's nose. The bones of his face absorbed most of the shock that would have destroyed his eye. Luckily, there was no brain injury.

The eye will be saved and eye specialist said. Damage could not be told because of a hemorrhage.

More Eye Trouble — You've seen the new, curved windshields, of course. Well, here's one for the book — or maybe the optometrists. Dick Hyde, Washington rookie who wears glasses, discovered one day, while trying to keep a man on first, that he could not see through his glasses while looking out of the corner of his eye. So Dick ordered new glasses which are so big they look like something a comic wears. But they do the job and he can now keep the base runners close.

Novice — Leo Durocher was doing the commentary for NBC's "Game of the Week" in a radio booth adjoining that of the Dogger broadcasters. Allan Roth, the nimble-brained Brook statistician, listened to the former manager for a spell, then gave his critique: "Good voice for radio, but he doesn't know a thing about baseball!"

Capsule Sizing — Johnny Logan says this concerning Milwaukee Manager Fred Haney: "The more contact you have with him, the tougher he gets. But he's teaching us more baseball than any of us knew before. He isn't making it easier for us to like him personally, but he's making it easier for us to win because we're a smarter team than we were last year."

Short Measure — Football's fabulous referee, Jim Durfee, was a squelcher supreme who slaugh-

tered anybody rash enough to cross him. One afternoon, Milan Creighton, coach of the Chicago Cardinals, started needing him from the sidelines. Durfee refused to be baited. Towards the end of the game, he caught Creighton illegally shouting instructions to his players.

Durfee tooted his whistle and paced off ten yards against the Cardinals.

"What's that for, Jim?" roared Creighton.

"That's for coaching from the sidelines."

"You don't know what you're doing," bellowed the Cardinal coach, "and that proves it. The penalty for illegal coaching is 15 yards."

"I know, Milan," said Durfee plyingly, "but the kind of coaching you do is only worth ten yards."

A Helping Hand — Alvin Dark insists that it is a pleasure to be playing with Stan Musial.

"He is the greatest," the soft-spoken Louisianian said, "and if I can help him hit better, I'll try."

"How can you help?" was asked.

"By getting on base," Dark replied. "By hitting better myself. Don't get me wrong. Musial is a great hitter without any help. But every top hitter performs better when he bats behind a runner."

Cold Turkey — The 1935 World Series between the Cubs and Tigers was played in bitter cold. The first two games in Detroit found the temperature hovering around the 40 degree mark. Then the clubs moved to Chicago.

Mike Jacobs, the fabulous boxing promoter, froze through the first two days and then made the trek to Chicago, where the mercury hit a less than cozy 50 degrees. This was Mike's first Series. He actually hated baseball. He knew nothing about it and attended the Series just to be seen. He sat bundled in a big coat, sadly watching the teams run through their practice.

Suddenly he stiffened. He looked at the players out on the field, then turned to his companion.

"What's going on out there?" he demanded indignantly. "It's them same two teams that wuz playing each other in Detroit!"

Tulip bulbs should be taken up and replanted every second year.

### Recreation Director Jake Early Feels At Home In New Job Here

"Baseball has meant a lot to me, I'd like to give something to the game," says Jake Early as he goes about his newly-appointed duties as Kings Mountain Recreation Director.

Early is at home in his new capacity, having played football, basketball, and baseball for three seasons at Kings Mountain High.

He has great hopes for his recreation program here in Kings Mountain and feels that he can do something for the area young people.

Recently named tutor of the Post 155 American Legion Junior team he says that things look good after only three workouts. Thirty boys are reported on the team roster. With the Kings Mountain club opening action on May 31 at home against Shelby, the good-natured coach isn't worried at all. He wants to play several exhibition games before the season gets underway, though.

Early, veteran in the pro ranks for 19 years, broke into professional ball with Jacksonville of the South Atlantic League in 1936. He moved up to Charlotte in 1938 and enjoyed his best sea-

son. "We finished half a game off the pace set by Norfolk and I finished with a .300 batting average," he recalls.

Jake was shipped to the "big-time" in 1940, spending all but one of his 13-year Major League career with the Washington Senators, who finished second in 1943. He spent one season with the St. Louis Browns and two years with the U. S. Army.

Owner of a .280 lifetime batting average, Early caught over 800 games during his career, finishing it with the Tri-State League Hornets in 1954.

"These Little League and Pony League teams they now have are great for the kids," states Early. "We used to gather up some fellows and walk about a mile or two down the creek to play our baseball in an open field."

"We had to wait until our high school days before playing organized ball when I was a youngster."

He feels the Area Four will be a rat-race with 12 good clubs entered.

"We have some pretty good looking prospects and with a little luck, we may raise a few eyebrows."

### Belmont Crushes Mountaineers 6-0 As Hilton Pitches 2-Hit Shutout

Belmont crushed the Mountaineers by a score of 6-0 in their second Southwestern AA conference tilt this season. The scene of the Mountaineer's defeat was City Stadium, time 3:30.

It was Belmont all the way, taking a lead in the first inning and clinching the game in the sixth.

Toby Bradshaw started the show when he went to first on an error by Mountaineer shortstop McGinnis. He went to second when Bowers overthrew in an attempt to stop his steal. Kermit Williams, Belmont second sacker, grounded out to third base. Dick Suggs went to second base on an error by Bowers. In an attempt to cut off Bradshaw at third, Bowers again overthrew and Bradshaw crossed the plate for the first tally. The next two men up filed out, retiring Belmont with a 1-0 lead over the Mountaineers.

In the sixth frame the whole Belmont team had a chance at the plate, Miller poling a two-bagger to start the rally. Byers got on via an error by Thomas. Don Hayes filed out to second-sacker Tignor, Eddy Nixon filled the bags with a single, Ronnie Hardie drove in a run when he knocked a line drive to McGinnis who muffed it. Roscoe Hilton, Belmont pitcher, poled a double, batting in two more runs. Bradshaw filed out, but Williams poled another two-bagger into left field, scoring two more men. Dick Suggs filed out to Tignor, leaving Belmont holding a commanding lead of 6-0.

It was a two-hit shutout for Hilton, as the Mountaineers went the entire seven innings without getting more than one man on base at a time. Neither of these got past first base.

In seven innings of play Hilton gave up only two hits and walked only one man, while Bowers gave up nine hits and six runs in six innings. Relief pitcher Jerry Wright allowed only one hit to Belmont in one inning of play.

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\*—Filed out for Bowers in 6th.

McGinnis 2, Thomas, Bowers. RBI — Williams 2, Hardie, Hilton 2. 2B — Williams, Miller, Hayes, Hilton. SB — Bradshaw, Byers. S — Williams. DP — Bridges to Tignor. Left — KM 3. Belmont 7. SO — Hilton 1, Bowers 1. HO — Hilton 2 in 7; Bowers 9 in 6; Wright 1 in 1. WP — Bowers 2. W — Hilton. L — Bowers.

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