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## TIME OUT

By JACK FOSTER

### Slow Start

Duke's diamond squad opened its 1948 season on Monday. That's all. They opened their season with a very disappointing fluff, dropping the contest to the plucky Rex Mills aggregation by an eleven to two margin.

Rated among the nation's top club halls by almost all sports authorities, and number one by a couple of the more extravagant pillars, the Dukes looked little better than fair, scoring two runs and tallying seven hits for 31 times at bat. The material that Coach Jack Coombs has on hand this season belies the pessimism his boys took in Gastonia. It might also be considered that 14 games in 16 days is one hell of a tough way to begin a season. We'll back the Devils to overcome a slow start and pull right up on top with the power that they've proved they have in last week's other games.

### Give It Back To The Indians

The prospects for Jack Persons' Lacrosse team look pretty fair as the stick wielders continue practicing for their opener, when they will play host to the Cavaliers of Virginia on April 6. We're optimistic about the chances of the Devil stickmen when we look over their roster. In addition to returning veterans of previous Duke teams—lads who have been lambasting one another with gay abandon during past seasons—Persons is blessed with a bunch of freshmen from Baltimore and vicinity who have teethed on lacrosse sticks.

Our personal opinion of the old Indian sport is that the Indians can have it—as far as participation is concerned. There's no denying, however, that it is one of the most exciting and enjoyable of the spectator sports, and we're happy to see that lacrosse fans at Duke will be able to witness some mighty good matches this year.

### Organize 'PlayDay' For State Big Four

The announcement of a Big Four tennis, basketball, volleyball, horsehoes, and softball has been made by Senior Manager of Intramural Ted Villanueva, who will direct the feature attraction. An enlargement of the softball championship eliminations rolled off in Chapel Hill last spring among teams from Duke, Wake Forest, Carolina, and State, the Day will be staged the second week in May.

In the individual sports there will be one singles and two doubles matches. A contestant will be permitted to participate in only one event. The softball tournament will be on a double

elimination basis as last season's battle, which was won by a Duke aggregation that topped Carolina twice and State once.

Action in the Duke intramural volleyball league began Monday with a field of 45 teams. Favored to cop top honors is the Sigma Chi A team composed of Kunkle, Collins, Lyons, Skibsted, Youmans, Chillingworth and Stark. The volleyball winner will represent Duke in the Play Day.

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# Blue Devil Diamond Squad Drops Season Opener

## Begin Golf Season With Florida Trip

### Haglermen Participate In Four Matches During Spring Vacation Southern Tour

By JIM SOLOMON

With Spring here at its best, Duke's highly-rated golf squad once again takes to the links to add further laurels to the Blue Devil's fame.

Gone from last year's team, which annexed first place honors in the Southern Intercollegiate Meet and second place in the National College and Southern Conference tournaments, are such top-flight performers as Frank Garrett and Bruce Davis. However, the future has a bright outlook since Coach "Dumpy" Hagler finds such lettermen as Southern Conference co-champion Jim McNair, Art Wall, Fletcher Wall, and Billy Glenn all returning. Coach Hagler is mightily pleased with the performances of newcomers Claude Long, Mike Souchak, and Louis McClenon.

### Coed Corner

By MARY ROBINSON

Brown House defeated Aycock to capture the title in the inter-house bowling tournament. Brown House high scorers who helped tally up the victory were Pat Primrose with 157 and Mercewyn Stollings with 155.

The Bowling Club plans to meet Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ark to begin practice for the National Telegraphic Bowling Meet to be held soon afterwards. From those girls coming out to practice will be picked the ten participants in the tournament.

The two recent vacancies on the WAA Board have been filled by Jan Camphausen, golf chairman, and Sue Lasley, softball chairman. These two will probably see plenty of activity when the inter-house golf and softball tournaments begin Monday April 12.

Duke plans to play host to 12 colleges in the semi-annual Play Day which was held last semester at Carolina. Summe Thompson is in charge of the competitions which will include softball, swimming, tennis, and archery.

### Lewis Announces Track Schedule

Red Lewis' 1948 spring track squad left today to participate in the Florida Relays which will be held Saturday in Gainesville, Florida.

Leaving Durham this noon, a team of about fifteen men will represent Methodist Flats in the Florida outing, according to Lewis.

The remainder of the harrier's schedule is as follows:

April 3—Carolina Relays—Chapel Hill.

April 17—Seton Hall Relays—South Orange, N. J.

April 22-24—Penn Relays—Philadelphia, Pa.

April 23-24—Carolina AAU—Chapel Hill.

May 1—Georgia Tech—Atlanta, Ga.

May 4—N. C. State—Raleigh.

May 7—Navy—Durham.

May 15—Southern Conference Championships—Chapel Hill.

May 22—Carolina—Durham.

The outstanding strength of the Duke aggregation lies in the middle distances, according to Coach Lewis. He said further that while the squad is strong in the field events also, there is room for improvement in the distances such as the mile and more.

April 17—Maryland—College Park, Md.

April 20—N. C. State—Durham.

April 23—Wake Forest—Durham.

April 15—N. C. State—Raleigh.

April 15—Navy—Annapolis, Md.

April 16—Pennsylvania—Philadelphia, Pa.

### Netmen Practice Under Hendrix

Candidates for the 1948 tennis squad are working out in the gym under their new mentor, Jack Hendrix, who was recently appointed to assist Coach Cox.

The new coach expects the team to be a little stronger than last year's edition. He has the nucleus of a good squad in returning lettermen Bob Taylor, Emory Green, Bob Chapman, Lew McIlwain, Sam Banks, and Gus Premier.

Freshmen John Ross, Jim Wesley, John Tapley, Frank Carlos, and Jack War-

math as well as upperclassmen Buddy Hicks and Bob Falvey also answered the first call. Several of these men have showed enough promise to play regularly this season. The line-up is still rather indefinite, since practice has been confined chiefly to conditioning. Only when weather permits work on the outdoor courts will Hendrix announce the team.

Co-captains Taylor and Green have been elected to lead the netters through their vigorous campaign. The schedule has not yet been released, but it will probably include most of last year's formidable opponents.

Coach Hendrix hopes to make a good showing against both inter-sectional and Southern Conference rivals.

### Spinners Rally In Seventh Inning; Crush Devils By Eleven To Two

By WENY PULLIN

The Duke nine, playing its initial encounter of the season, was defeated 11-2 Monday by the powerful Rex Mills Spinners of Gastonia.

Leading 1-0 going into the home half of the seventh, the Coombsmen relinquished that lead as the Spinners exploded for seven big runs on seven hits to go out in front 7-1.

The Duke aggregation was slated to face the Spinners again on Tuesday and then journey to Clemson to battle the Tigers in a brace of conference games.

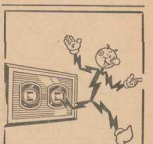
The totals of the first Rex Mills-D.U. game:

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Batteries: Duke: Curtis, (Davis), (Ayers), (S), (Karakistis), (Strauch), (7), and McCarthy, (Sires); Rex Mills: Helderman, (Thyne), (4), (Linsberger), (7), and (Stinner), (4).

The freshman squad, under the reigns of "Bakey" Palmer and "Crash" Davis, two former Duke stalwarts, worked out during the week and tangled with the Durham Bulls in a pre-season warm-up tussle.

Shown in the above pre-season photograph is Ed McCarthy, stellar Devil catcher, who was named All Big Four catcher last year.



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