

The engineers will hold the social spotlight next weekend with two dances in the Woman's college gym—the spring Engineers' Ball and the Engineering

All Sorts In Sports

By BILL SCHUCHARDT

As an answer to the critics who have been howling that intercollegiate football should be discontinued, we fall, we were glad to find that Quentin Reynolds, noted war correspondent who will be long remembered for his distinctive dispatches from London during the blitz, is on our side of the proverbial two-sided fence. In an article printed in the March issue of the Southern Coach and Athlete, Reynolds tells of his experiences in Britain with sports competition. When France fell before the advancing Nazi hordes and the British people started to become panicky, a clamp was put on athletic events. Only those activities which were essential to the war effort were allowed. Then after months of tense pressure during the daily German bombing raids, the people of Britain were tired—both physically and mentally. Finally some wise-minded public official decided that it would provide relaxation to resume sports events—that it would make weary minds and tired backs forget the incessant aerial pounding. And the result is history now.

The RAF was all as factories formed football teams and organized leagues to bring back the old gridiron thrills. Reynolds who was on the spot says, "If a man could yell his head off at a football game on Saturday afternoon, he slept better at night; he was able to take it better. He was in good mental shape. He had been furnished an outlet for his fears and emotions." Gradually all forms of sports were permitted except fox hunting. The police checked on the crowd attending the Derby and found that three-quarters of them were factory workers. Any opposition to sports that appealed to the masses faded. The workers wanted to see football, boxing, and horse racing and they had their way. Reynolds concluded with the admission that "if any misguided crack-pot should ever try to put a damper on sports in our country I trust the lesson Britain learned will be remembered."

Twilight Softball

During the past summer school twilight softball games were extremely popular. Coming after the heat of the day had worn off and after all labor was completed, the students looked to the after-dinner diamond tips. The intramural softball competition is about ready to begin now, and we believe that an accelerated student body would welcome the revival of these leagues. If the intramural department felt that it would not be practical to play all games early in the evening, it could designate one or two of the leagues as being of the twilight variety and permit the players to enter the leagues at a later age. To combat this the intramural heads might use their office as a branch and dispense balls and bats from there. The twilight contests would permit students who are burdened with afternoon labs and jobs to get in a few innings of baseball a couple of times weekly.

Chalkline Chatter

Ted Williams' projected visit to the Chapel Hill Pre-flight school has been interrupted for an indefinite period by a hernia operation . . . previously scheduled to arrive at the Hill by April 15, it will probably be some time now before he is able to wear a Cloutbuster uniform . . . the Dukes' last game with the pre-flighters is set for Wednesday, May 5, on the local diamond . . . even if the American League great is not ready to go by that time, the Devils will have faced a goodly number of big hitters in their battles with the star-studded Hill nine . . . Twenty-four coaches at the University of Chicago are learning the art of fix-flu, some because "it's a handy thing to know" and others to prepare for the WAAC or the WAVES . . . Los Angeles City College has adopted a new plan of 22 events to test the physical abilities of every man . . . It includes the 50 and 100 yard dashes, the 440 and 880 yard runs, 80 yard low barriers, the obstacle course, swimming for time and distance, 25 foot rope climbs and many others . . . the object of the plan is to let every student know how he compares with his friends.



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Tuesday, March 30, 1943

The Intramural department announced today that all postponed volleyball games must be played by tomorrow afternoon or double-forefights will be called. Fourth round results in the basketball tournament are due in the department's office Friday.

Warmerdam Vaults In Track Opener

In their first appearance for the season, the Duke cindersmen will clash with the Carolina Pre-flight track team, led by Cornell vs Warmerdam, the world's champion pole vaulter. In Saturday's meet, Warmerdam will be out to break his own season's record of eight and one-half inches set in Chicago, a short time ago. This weekend he will be out to get the other three and one-half inches under him and clear sixteen feet. Unlike most vaulters he studies the event and tries to pick out his weaknesses and correct them. He has been working on vaulting for several years since he got out of college and only recently came into prominence. While in college his best vault was twenty feet. The coach checked on the day will be his first appearance since he entered the service. The Duke squad that takes to the cinders this weekend will be considerably weaker than the teams of past seasons. Having lost most of last year's stars to the army service or by graduation, the team must rely on inexperienced men for many events. The outstanding men on the squad this season are captain Matt Storer and Bob Coombs.

Vaulting against Warmerdam will be Ken McCormick, a freshman from Asheville. Although he will not be in the same class with the world champion, he should be able to make a good showing against the other vaulters in the Southern conference. In practice he has cleared the bar at twelve feet three inches. Running and Storer in the dashes will be yearling engineer Hugh McClelland who will do his best to get by high jumping. He also, he may be entered in the (Continued on page 4)

Diamond Coach Jack Coombs Begins Fifteenth Season

By Art Jaffey

Starting his fifteenth season as head coach of the Duke baseball team is Jack Coombs, who will be guiding the Blue Devils under war conditions for the second straight year in an effort to provide his players with "much-needed relaxation" in these trying times. "I think that all intercollegiate sports should be continued," said Coombs, "and give boys much-needed relaxation. In the future of sports at Duke, Coombs added, "and under the coming Navy program we should get enough boys to carry on all sports. As for baseball itself, we are very fortunate in having Coach Coombs, as this newly-formed Ration League will be a great help in continuing baseball at Duke. However, everything hinges on transportation facilities." Coombs turned his first season of Blue Devils in 1929. Since that time, he has built for himself a reputation as one of the outstanding college mentors in the country. His teams have consistently been accorded national recognition. Coombs-coached Duke teams have won a total of 128 victories as against 73 defeats for the creditable percentage of .764 last year that Duke nine won fourteen while losing only six.

Born in Legrande, Iowa, Jack Coombs learned his baseball on the rocky fields of Maine and attended Colby college that state. He was one of the first college baseball players ever to make the grade as a major league star. Coming into the big show as he did—fresh from the collegiate diamond—he soon acquired the nickname of "Colby Jack" an affectionate appellation that has identified him ever since. Under the tutelage of Coach the Philadelphia Athletics, "Colby Jack" won fame as a member of that great pitching trio—Coombs, Bender, and Plank. Some of his other notable feats have been: one of the few pitchers ever to win three games in a single World Series, pitching the longest game on record in the American League game in which he won for the A's in 24 innings against the Boston Red Sox and winning five series games without a setback.

It's a genuine privilege to work under the watchful eye of Coombs. Among the former Blue Devils up in the major and minor leagues have been Bill Werber, Art Parker, Chubby Dean, Harold Wagner, Bobby Coombs—his nephew—George Barley, Larry (Cragh) Davis, Eric Tipton, Russ (Bushman) and Eddie Shook. Only last week this reporter (Continued on page 4)

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Davidson Net Team Here For Tennis Match Friday

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Devils Beat Imps In Intra-Squad Baseball Game, 5-1

With their opening games only a little more than a week away, the Duke varsity baseballs start today afternoon, double Coach Henschel's Blue Imps, 5-1, in an intra-squad practice tilt. Coach Jack Coombs used Warmerdam on the mound for the varsity Dukes while Caldwell turned the yearling pitcher out to pitch to Bill McKitt, Phil Heimberger, and Bob Felton.

Using the freshman nine as a unit, the yearling mentor sent Don Corwin to the plate, George Clark to second, Spider Clark to third, and John Reyle to short.

In the outcome the fresh-fledged Charley Winthrope, Art Reckenbell, and Carl Housnell with Jim Poplar doing the catching.

The varsity featured Ed Little at first, Bill Freese at second, Rollo Sailer at third, and Willy Kale, short. Freese took over the keyhole cast in place of Chuck Young who has been absent from practices for the past week but is expected back from home soon.

With Grady Slott from the outfield for the afternoon, Coombs sent George Carter, George Yantz, and Carlyle Grooms to the outer gardens. Bobby Rube did the catching for the first stringers.

Kate continued his heavy hitting by getting two singles. Yantz also served notice that he was contending for a first-string berth by connecting for two safes. Grooms came through in the pinch to send home two runs with a well-timed single.

Corwin and Reyle paced the Blue Imps at the plate. With a slate of fifteen games scheduled to start April 7, the Duke North Carolina State Blue Devils will make a complete tour of the Ration circuit before the end of the season, to face the Virginia Polytech Gobblers on April 20 in a non-league battle.

Coombs has lost two of the best pitchers of last year's team, Bill Werber, and graduated last May while Cy Simmonds, who was being counted on to fill the number one spot, was drafted.

The infield has also been hit hard. Besides losing last year's captain, George Ryan, through graduation and first baseman Bill Ingham to the Navy, the Devils will be without the lion of their infield, Tom Burns, who has been seriously ill for several weeks.

IM-OCS Field Day Is Slated For Saturday

The postponed Intramural-OCS field day will be definitely run off this Saturday afternoon between the Devils and the Imps.

The event, originally scheduled for last Saturday afternoon, was canceled when the school was ordered to make unexpected field maneuvers on that day.

The starting time has been moved up this week in order to avoid any possible conflict with the Duke-Carolina Pre-flight track meet scheduled for the same afternoon.

The eight-event menu will include touch-football, football, basketball, volleyball ball, tennis, handball, badminton, and horse-shoes, with almost every intramural organization on campus participating.

The football, softball, and basketball standards for the university will be carried by Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Delta Theta respectively against men from the fourth class, class of the OCS.

Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, and PIKA will meet the soldiers in three volleyball games which will be played on court one, two and three in the indoor stadium.

The Duke handball squad will be headed by Ken Boehm, Sigma Phi, Don Dudenhoefter, Sigma Phi, Ed Johnson, Southgate, and Larry Schwartz, Zeta, while the tennis team will be under the guidance of Dick Connor, SAE, and Don Bowman, Kappa Sigma.

Rili Wilches, SAE, Nelson Stephens, Pi Kappa Phi, and Bill Melick, Independent entry, will meet the badminton crew with Sid Larkin, Kappa Sigma, and Jim Wolfe, PIKA, heading the horse-shoe entries.

The thirteenth and fifteenth classes of the Finance school are being given the afternoon, and guarantee that a large number of Army spectators will be present.

Saturday's program is the first in a series planned by the Intramural department to bring members of the OCS and the campus community into closer contact and understanding.

Dukes Meet Wildcats In Second Contest Of Eight Game Slate

Opening its 1943 tennis campaign with a 6-3 victory over William and Mary Saturday on the rain-sodden Dukes courts, the Blue Devil net crew will be gunning for its second Southern conference victory when the Davidson Wildcats invade the local greensward Friday afternoon.

Three hours were required to play the match with the Indians which was interrupted several times by showers. Although the Virginians took the two feature matches of the day by downing Captain Ray Nasher and John Keye playing in the top spots for the Devil, the Dukes showed considerable strength for an opening contest by downing six of the seven remaining clashes.

In the number one singles play after losing the first set, William and Mary's Bowman came back strong in the last two to defeat Nasher, 5-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Fred Kovalevick, the widely-heralded top ranking William and Mary netter, was not able to perform with the Indians in the earlier in the week. Bowman was moved up from the number two spot to his place in the Blue Devil tilt.

In the number two position, the Indians' King topped John Kease, 6-2, 6-3.

The remainder of the singles matches were all Duke as the Dukes' experienced little difficulty in turning in wins. One of the last four singles matches went over two sets.

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In the doubles, Nasher and George Foreman and King to three sets before losing, 6-3, 6-6, 6-2. In the other doubles matches, Landenberg teamed up with Ruth Ashby to top Matthews and Coleman, 6-1, 7-5, and Hiram and Flynn easily defeated Clauden and Rider in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Dick Paige, current university intramural tennis champion and number two Blue Devil netter, was on the sidelines last week with an injured inner finger.

There is a possibility that Paige may be ready to go Friday against the Wildcats. If he appears in the lineup, he will probably go back to number two with the rest of the netmen moving up one notch each. In the doubles he will team up with Nasher.

bad weather and a wet field. The main part of practice is now being devoted to ball recovery drills and scrimmaging. Time is being spent on passing, receiving, and goal shooting. Stick handling (Continued on page 4)

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