



The Duke Chronicle

Athletics Battle Duke Nine Here Monday

Big Day for Duke Baseball Next Monday Afternoon

Monday, April 10, 1939. The one really BIG day on this year's Duke baseball calendar. There will be the usual pre-game hubbub, ceremony, etc. Judge Landis will be here, and general excitement will prevail. But let's look above all this fanfare and really get down to cases with the question—has Duke got a chance to win the ball game? Can they silence the heavy artillery of the major league batsmen and at the same time connect with the shoots of the enemy pitchers? That is what everyone is asking and we ought to know the answer before the sun sets three days from now.

For one thing, though, the Athletics haven't set the American League on fire with their play. The men on the Quaker City team who will see action against the Devils are not a whole lot older than those on the Duke team. Of course, they have the experience. This factor, above all else, makes them favorites. On the other hand, the Devils will be putting everything they have into the fray while the A's see it only as an exhibition game and nothing to get excited about. Only the four ex-Duke players on the visiting squad will, in our opinion, play with that old "college try."

Duke's mound weakness certainly is a handicap to overcome. After looking at major league pitching, the offerings served up by college hurlers should be meat and drink to Johnson, Chapman et al. Coach Coombs will probably send his ace, Vickery and Tumpkins, to the hill, but we're afraid that the A's are going to give the Devil outfielders plenty of exercise. Thus Duke's best hope for victory lies in its offense.

Alumni Dave Smith and Chubby Dean are slated to toe the slab for the Philadelphians and whether they can stop the vaunted power of the Dukes is a question.

Coach Coombs Matches W's With The Old Master, "Mr. Mack"

The most interesting sidelight of the battle comes in the dark confines of the dugouts where Coach Jack Coombs matches wits against his former teacher and the old master, Cornelius McGillicuddy—yes, Connie Mack. Both men know the diamond position inside and out, and the Devils won't have the advantage they usually have when they take the field. Against the ordinary college club, Duke rules favorite because of Coach Coombs, but that won't be the case Monday, not by a long shot.

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Tigers Defeat Duke Trackmen In Opening Meet

Reavis Paces Scorers With 13 Points In 73 to 53 Loss

Duke's track and field forces dropped their initial dual meet of the 1939 season to a well-balanced Princeton outfit by a 73-53 margin on the Duke track squad will, in our opinion, play with that old "college try."

Hubert Reavis was high scorer for Duke with two firsts and a second for a total of 13 points. His victories came in 220-yard dash and the 120-yard hurdle while he finished back of Jackson of Princeton in the 100-yard dash. The Devils' other firsts in the track events came with Jones' triumph in the three-quarter mile, which replaced the mile and Dick Piles' surprise win in the 120-yard high hurdle.

The most thrilling event was the 660 which was substituted for the half mile. Here Harold Johnson, after trailing for most of the race, just missed nipping Judd in the last few strides. Duke was able to garner only one first place in the field events. That came when Sullivan won the javelin throw with a toss of 183 feet.

Netters to Face Deacs Tomorrow

The varsity tennis team meets a Big Five for tomorrow afternoon when they travel to Wake Forest for their second match of the season with the Deacons. Duke was victorious two weeks ago, 7-2, and is expected to do best the Wake Forest ground again.

The Blue Devil team returned to school a week ago after experiencing a most successful Southern trip during the vacation period. Meeting four schools in five days, Coach Fogleman's squad emerged victorious in three matches, losing only to Presbyterian college which boasts one of the South's strongest teams.



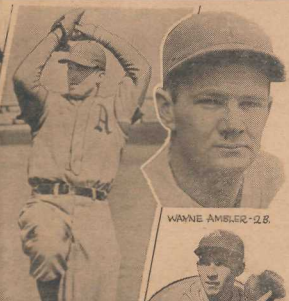
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Stickmen Meet Carolina In Florida Tourney

Inaugurating the 1939 Duke League season, the Duke lacrosse team, with 17-3 and 30-0 victories over Clemson under the belt, faces North Carolina tomorrow afternoon at Chapel Hill.

After two months of practice the Tar Heels are expected to be much tougher than the 1938 outfit which lost to Duke 2-1 and 9-4 in two trysts last year. The Chapel Hill stickmen, as yet untested this season, are led by Captain Walt Budden, a star first defense man.

"Bobb" Warth and Ray Brown shared the individual spotlight during the Clemson battles. Warth proved to be the high scorer of the team although the



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Linksman Qualify In Florida Tourney

Three Duke golfers played among the 10 low qualifiers in the Florida State Amateur Golf Tournament held last week at the Miami Biltmore Country Club. Tom Perry and Joe Taylor were both eliminated in the first round, but Hank Russell survived to the semi-finals.

Russell qualified with a two over par 75, and downed Joe Taylor in his first round match, 4 and 4. In the second round he defeated Henry Camp, again 4 and 4. In the final, however, Russell met disaster when Carl Dunn, five-time winner, defeated him 5 and 4.

Duke Golfers Trip Dartmouth By 25-2 Score

Alexander, Brownell Card 66 and 69 To Set Pace

The Duke golfing team opened its season Wednesday when they thoroughly out-waloped Dartmouth 25-2 at Hove Valley country club. Dartmouth was sports ably handicapped somewhat by the earlier start the Devils have had in practice.

Skip Alexander and Johnny Cree opened up the fireworks by defeating their men by 3-0 scores. They also won the low ball play to make a clean sweep of their match and a nine point lead for Duke. Alexander went around the 18 hole course in the spectacular score of 66 while Cree carded a 72.

In the second match the invaders scored all their points when Hank Russell halved his match 19-19 shooting 72 while Gar Miller defeated his opponent 21-19 carding a 78. These proved to be all of Dartmouth's points as Miller and Russell won the low ball play for three more points to put Duke ahead 16-2.

Gay Berner and Bob Brownell finished the slaughter by getting a clean sweep in their match each defeating his opponent 3-0 and then clinching it by taking the low ball play. Berner went around in 72 and Brownell carded a sub-par 69. For the course is 70 and the whole team had a total score of only six points over par for the whole match.

Sigma Chi Wins Volleyball Title

Sigma Chi (A) defeated Delta Tau Delta (B) two out of three games in the final match of the volleyball tournament to win the coveted intramural title on Friday, March 24. The final score was 15-8, 7-15, and 15-3.

Both teams played very well as the points were scored on well-placed taps and not as a result of erratic ball-handling. Tomorrow, the Devils engage in a highly satisfactory and left the game with Duke ahead, 5-2. But the trouble started when Red Kerr took the ball. He allowed three runs in the fourth, and his successor John Perry allowed three in the fifth which put Harvard back in the ball and put the game in a tie. But Jim Tompkins came in, in the sixth, and pitched the rest of the week allowing only one run to gain credit for the win.

Devils Play Generals Tomorrow

Duke university and the game of baseball will celebrate their 140 years of existence in truly fitting fashion next Monday afternoon when the Philadelphia Athletics invade Coombs Park for a diamond struggle with Duke's undefeated Blue Devils.

This will be the first major league opponent for the Coombsmen, last year's game with Philadelphia being washed out by rain. Playing with the A's are four former Duke men. Two are pitchers, Dave Smith and Chubby Dean, and both are slated to take the mound against the visitors. Holding down the victory keystone sack for the visitors will be Wayne Ambler, and behind him will be Hal Wagner, both of whom left Duke at the end of the 1936 season.

Tomorrow, the Devils engage in their first Southern conference battle of the season when they play host to Washington and Lee's General nine. This will be the first game in defense of their alma mater for the Devils who have held for the last two years.

The Dukes ran their victory string to four last Wednesday afternoon in Coombs Park when they edged out a 12-10 triumph over a fighting Harvard team. The Crimson, in bunting out time hits, showed unexpected strength, and the Devils were more than satisfied in coming out on the long end of the score.

The visiting hurler, Johns, gave out nine walks and twelve hits, but lasted the full game. He didn't seem to have a thing on the ball, but this "nothing" ball kept the Duke batters guessing—except, of course, Tom Gaddy, who belted out four hits including a homer in the first inning.

Bob Vickery started for Duke, took a four hit no-run first, but was highly satisfactory and left the game with Duke ahead, 5-2. But the trouble started when Red Kerr took the ball. He allowed three runs in the fourth, and his successor John Perry allowed three in the fifth which put Harvard back in the ball and put the game in a tie. But Jim Tompkins came in, in the sixth, and pitched the rest of the week allowing only one run to gain credit for the win.

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