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It's No Bolony

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An Old Timer's Dream Becomes—The Farr Mile

The old-timer sitting in the stands watching carefully as the stands began to file from Davis Field couldn't be budged. "Aw, come on, pop," a dissatisfied student urged. But he stayed. It didn't matter to him whether Carolina was winning or losing. Even though he'd seen the team hopelessly behind innumerable times he never left before the meet was over.

He loved track. His sons loved it and followed it up through his coaching. And today, he was looking on as his sport unfolded before him. With its progress he undoubtedly followed his life's progress. He'd been a spectator for years and attended practically every meet held.

"I'd sure like to dedicate something to my sport before I leave," the old man mused. And right then and there the Farr Mile was born. The old-timer was James S. Farr, a prominent Columbia business man. He immediately decided to award a beautiful trophy to the winner of track's hardest event—the one mile. Thus the Farr Mile trophy became an annual presentation.

Mr. Farr awarded it to Foster Marshall in 1947. The first turned out to be the best, too, because Marshall's 5:30 minutes still stands as the record time for the event.

Mr. Farr died the following year, but before he left he had his sons, Bully Farr and James S. Farr, Jr., promise to carry on the presentation for him. They have, and the Farr Mile has become a part of Carolina's fast-growing intramural program.

It's not the trophy that counts, although it is one of the handsomest awards given here, it's the symbol behind it. Mr. Farr didn't wish to give anything away. He wanted the winner to earn it and the toughest event of all, he knew, was the mile run. It required condition, stamina and just plain guts to press your body at full speed for a mile—and the late Mr. Farr realized this.

When the intramural track meet is held on Davis field March 29 and 30, the Farr Mile will be the feature event. No doubt, the winner will deserve it, but we wonder whether Foster Marshall's record will be equalled. This time, the man who introduced the idea won't be around to inspire the participants as he must have done in 1947. His sons will be around, though, and they'll be pulling for someone to lower the record just as Mr. Farr would have done.

NO BOLONY

Johnny Sykes wasn't in the baseball lineup against Newberry Wednesday because of an injury to his right hand. It required three stitches, but Sykes will be ready by next week. . . . The Newberry game wasn't official since the Indians used freshmen and it's against Southern Conference rules, under which Carolina plays. . . . Ted Petoskey officially adopted the Big Four conference. No longer will the Gamecocks play Newberry, Erskine, P-C and other small schools, they'll go against state conference teams, The Citadel, Clemson, Furman and other bigger schools. The coach is looking into the future. . . . Dean Rivers, Columbia High School ace pitcher, is ineligible for the team. . . . Coach Weems Baskin says each track event will be run off in 10 minutes at the most this year. That's the best news heard around these parts in some time. The long, drawn-out track meets of the past caused fans to stay away in droves. . . . Charlie Hall, 165-pounder, looked good against Georgia, but Coach Jess Alderman wasn't surprised. "I was going to use him against LSU but he was sick before the match," he said. . . . The quarterbacking and passing of Bo Hagan and Johnny Boyle may take the spotlight tomorrow night, but don't overlook a couple of hard-plunging backs, Harry DeLoache of the Reds and Blacks' Chuck Prezioso. The 1949 baseball roster shows only 12 returning lettermen, but don't let that fool you. Seven returnees are first-string infielders and outfielders, while catcher Jack Couch earned a letter in 1947. Second baseman Joe Ingram is the only one in the starting lineup who didn't play last year. Bill Camp, Frank Sherer, Bo Hagan and Cy Szakacs are veteran pitchers. . . . We understand Melvin Hemphill, Forest Lake pro, is helping with the golf team in his spare time, offering tips here and there. . . . The rosters for the Reds and Blacks show 65 men: eight centers, 12 guards, 11 tackles, 13 ends and 21 backs. . . . Al Munn came through again. Swimming on heart alone, just as he played basketball, Munn came through with a last minute spurt to break a three-way tie and wrap up the intramural swimming championship for Sigma Chi. . . . Don't forget the Red Cross water safety swimming course at the pool from March 21 to April 8 each Monday and Wednesday at 7 p. m. See Marshall Upton for details. . . . The mis-print in our Sportsquiz contest last week, "Bib Sig" for "Big Six," is inexcusable. The ball player, Christy Mathewson, never smoked nor drank in his life. . . . No tennis coach has been named yet. Coach Hank Bartos may take the job. If he does he has the complete confidence of his team who said through Captain Ben Turner: "Bartos is a darn fine coach and the team members would sure like to have him back this year. Although he hasn't been associated with the game very much, he's a swell fellow to have as a coach."

Gridders Play On Melton Tomorrow

LSU And Miami Are Favorites In Tournament

Louisiana State University, Maryland, The Citadel, Miami, Georgia, Georgetown, Maryland and Carolina will battle it out in the Southern Invitational boxing tournament to be held at the University of South Carolina Field House March 24, 25 and 26.

These teams, the top college boxing teams in the South, will decide the champion of the Southeast in a tournament second only to the NCAA affair.

All of the teams will close out their seasons by next week and several have already completed their schedules and are getting down to hard practice for the Southern tournament.

No team honors will be decided in the tournament, only individual awards. However, the most powerful entry appears to be LSU, which whipped South Carolina 6½-1½. Miami is another favorite after taking The Citadel 6½-1½ two weeks ago.

The Gamecocks' hopes rest in the lightweight divisions with Pete Campassi, Joe Stringer, Grady Decell and Ray Avant. But a couple of the heavier boys may surprise the dopesters by coming through unexpectedly. Probably Decell and Avant will be Carolina's strongest threats while Jim Briggman, 155 pounds, should give Maryland's Ed Reider, a favorite, a lot of trouble.

LSU should win two fights. "Pee Wee" Moss should win at 125 pounds and the Tigers are also strong at 130. The Citadel has two possible winners in Timmy Wiggins, 135, and Captain Dale Matthews, 165. South Carolina might take the 145-pound bracket with Ray Avant, while Reider of Maryland looks good at 155. Miami should win the 175-pound and heavyweight divisions.

Adding up these probabilities, LSU should win two, The Citadel two, South Carolina one, Maryland one and Miami two. But nothing can be predicted until fight time.

Golf Team Has Workouts At Forest Lake Club

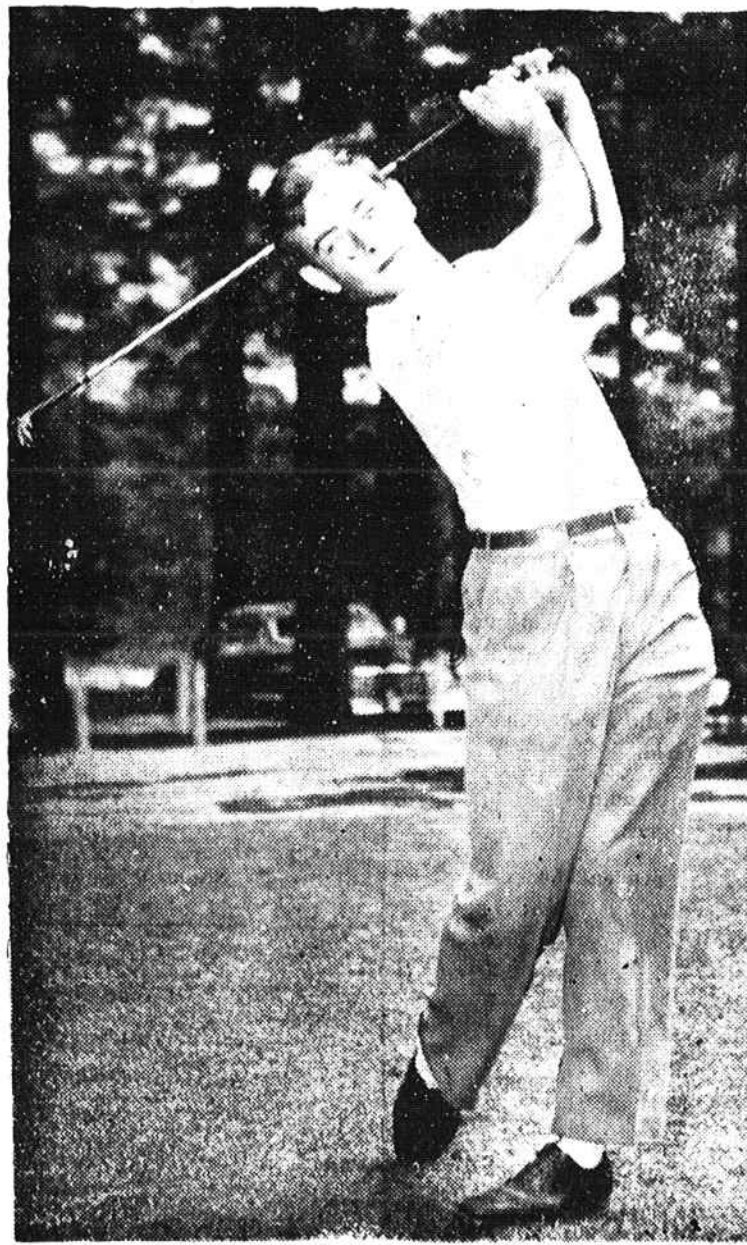
The golf team continued its regular workouts at Forest Lake golf course last week under the supervision of a new coach, Red Ballentine, Athletic Publicity Director. Ballentine succeeded Al Grygo, who is leaving Carolina after spring football training to enter the restaurant business for himself in Kingstree.

The Bird linksmen have four returning lettermen upon whom they're counting to defend their state title, Bob Thoren, state intercollegiate champion, George Dial III, Jimmy Clemmons and Dave Smith.

With this talent at his disposal, Coach Ballentine is looking forward to the 1949 season with bright optimism. The team opens its season March 24 against North Carolina State at Forest Lake.

After the N. C. State opener, the Gamecocks will play Georgia in Athens and Georgia Tech in Atlanta, April 1 and 2 and will return to Columbia with a match against Clemson April 7.

Teeing Off



Bob Thoren, state intercollegiate golf champion in 1948, returns to the Gamecock's golf team this year determined to keep his title and help the team to another state championship. The Elgin, Ill., golfer is a big reason why Carolina is favored to successfully defend its state title.

Sportsquiz

Tiny Meeh, freshman from Detroit, won Sportsquiz's contest last week by naming three out of four correctly. His name was drawn from a hat since two others, Robert Gottdenker and Talmadge L. Dunn also had three right. All the answers were received in the mail simultaneously.

For Meeh's efforts, he was given two free passes to the Carolina theatre with the compliments of Dave Garvin, manager.

In case of ties such as last week, The Gamecock will draw for the winner if more than one answer is right.

Last week's Sportsquiz winners were: No. 1—Sammy Vick (which winner Meeh missed); No. 2—"Big Six" was Christy Mathewson. No. 3—Sammy Byrd; No. 4—George "Twinkletoes" Selkirk.

This week, the contest is even easier. Answer three out of four correctly and you get the passes. Mail your answers to the Sports Editor, The Gamecock, Campus.

1—Who were the members of the Philadelphia Athletics' famous \$100,000 infield? Eddie Collins played second.

2—Everybody's heard of the Cubs' famous Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance doubleplay combination (6-4-3), but who knows who played third base?

3—What former pro tennis star became a golf professional stand-out? He was famous just before Donald Budge turned pro.

4—Who was the last major league pitcher to win 30 games?

Sigma Chi Wins Intramural Team Swimming Title

The annual Carolina intramural swimming meet was held March 11 at the University natatorium with fraternities competing as teams and the independents swimming against them as individuals.

Sigma Chi won the team championship after a last-minute spurt in the 200-yard free relay. Three teams were tied up as the final relay event was announced. SAE's Harvey Gandy, in the anchor position, had a comfortable lead and was well ahead of the field with seven yards to go. Al Munn of Sigma Chi closed the gap rapidly and with a desperate last-second rally nipped Gandy at the finish line to win by inches and give his team victory.

SAE was runner-up with 19 points, Kappa Alpha had 15 points and Sigma Nu got 14 to round out the scoring.

Results:
50-yard free style: First, Leonard Zahler, independents (26.5 seconds); Second, Red Coleman, Kappa Alpha.

50-yard backstroke: First, Sam Baker, Kappa Alpha (38.8); Second, Dick Hardy, Sigma Chi.

50-yard breast stroke: First, Joe Vacek, independent (38.1); second, Charles Penny, SAE.

Low Diving: First, Pat McKensie, SAE (99 points); Second, tied, Bob Solomons, Sigma Chi, and Al Fisher, Sigma Nu.

150-Medley: First, Sigma Chi (Hardy, Thoren and Newbury); Second, SAE (Penny, McKensie and Gandy).

High Diving: Clemment, independent (84 points); Second, Al Munn, Sigma Chi.

100-yard free style: First, Bob Tindal, Sigma Nu (63.4); second, Buddy Langston, Kappa Alpha.

200-yard free relay: First, Sigma Chi (Hardy, Newbury, Thoren and Munn), time: 65:00; Second, SAE (Davis, Creed, McKensie and Gandy).

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Intra-Squad Game Ends Spring Football Practice

By LLOYD HUNTINGTON

The 1949 edition of the Gamecock football team will be unveiled for the first time when the Reds and the Blacks meet in an intrasquad game tomorrow at 8 p. m. on Melton Field in the official closing of spring practice for the gridgers.

Little information has leaked out about this new edition of Coach Rex Enright's charges and a large crowd will doubtless be on hand to see what Enright and his staff have been developing in the long afternoons since spring practice started some six weeks ago.

The Red team will be slightly favored on the strength of such men as Red Wilson, Bob Dockery, Cecil Woolbright and the entire 1948 backfield with the exception of Red Harrison.

A galaxy of freshman stars, including passing ace John Boyle and fleet-footed Tommy Woodlee, however, could make it a tough evening for their more experienced teammates.

Attention will be centered on Boyle, who created a local sensation with his deadly passing for a fine freshman team last season. Boyle, who has been working under Johnny Lujack, is expected to carry the brunt of the Gamecock offense next fall.

Coach Enright says, however, that Boyle is at least a year away from his peak and that Bo Hagan, who was something of a frosh sensation himself a couple of years back, is regaining his old form and may surprise a lot of people next fall.

Rumors circulating out of the Gamecock camp also speak highly of Jack Mitchell. Mitchell, a North Carolinian, was reportedly sought after by many of the larger schools in the Conference before he chose Carolina. Mitchell will appear for the first time tomorrow in the Garnet and Black uniform and if the rumors are true he may make a lot of people take notice before the evening is over.

Notable changes in the Gamecock team have been the switching of Red Wilson from end to tackle and the shift which moved Bishop Strickland from halfback to fullback in place of Red Harrison who will be graduated this spring.

The probable starting lineups for tomorrow's game: Reds: center, Carlton Smith; guards, Sparks and Roy Skinner; tackles, Wilson and Dockery; ends, Woolbright and Fagan. Blacks: center, Jabbusch; guards, Gause and Gargano; tackles, Hendrickson and Pavlovic; ends, Bryson and Owens. The Red backfield will consist of Hagan, Wadiak, DeLoach, and Strickland. The Black quartet will probably be Boyle, Woodlee, Mitchell, and Prezioso.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for students.

Bird Trackmen Continue Hard Work On Davis

The track team is getting down to hard work on Davis field in preparation for the invasion of the Georgia Bulldogs here April 2. Coach Weems Baskin has been unable to supervise all the practices because of his coaching duties during spring football training.

The team has been going through conditioning drills for the past several weeks and the boys appear to be rounding into good physical condition. However, the Birds were hurt terribly through the loss of Scooter Rucks, 220 and 440-yard star, and Ed Coleman, shot putter and discus thrower, who were both graduated.

Baskin couldn't name a probable starting lineup for the Georgia dual meet, since he hasn't given the boys a thorough inspection yet. He will be available for full-time work following the intrasquad game March 19.

Track practices are held daily on Davis Field from 2:30 to 4 p. m. All men interested in trying out for the team are requested to report during these hours. In the case of transfer students whose eligibility is doubtful, they're asked to contact Coach Baskin or Dr. J. T. Penney to have it cleared up.

The first dual meet on Davis field will follow the intramural meet by two days. Both Baskin and Intramural Director Joe Gragan agreed that there would be no conflict between intramural and varsity track meets.

The schedule as announced by the Athletic Department:

April 2—Georgia, Columbia.
April 9—Davidson, Davidson.
April 16—North Carolina State, Raleigh.
April 23—Clemson, Clemson.
April 30—Presbyterian, Columbia.
May 7—Furman, Columbia.
May 13-14—State meet, Clinton.
May 20-21—Conference meet, Chapel Hill.

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