e first division, and could have cop-

The top batter of the season was

amazing batting average of .439 and

in limited action and they really hit

that ball. W. C. Sanderson and Jack

Hoskins belted the ball at .563 and

His best performance came when he

## Baseball Has Come Long Way At Colle

by Lloyd Whitfield

Baseball has come a long way at East Carolina in the past twenty years according to the records available in the TECO ECHO office. Then on the other hand there has not been too much progress. Attendance has not mounted, the team record has not been better than those of the thirties, but we would venture to say that the califire of ball has improved. Methods of obtaining ball players and scheduling games has been the higgest improvement of note.

If a baseball team was fielded at East Carolina in 1932, no data could be found concerning it. The college annual and the newspaper had no information on intercollegiate athletics, but the athletic program stressed intramurals among the girls. No news about boys' athletics could

dean of co-eds at East Carolina, ap- while Crack Rogerson led the pitchers pealed for help in order that the with six wins and one loss. another scheduled entertainment and job. He produced several professional and seven losses. give \$200 to the furthering of base- players in his initial year. Mathis Two of the most outstanding hitters college but Hayes, Ben Hester, Jesse Boyd and

carried, and East Carolina, then pri- ward Stowe. marily a girls' school, had a boys' athletic team for probably the first In 1936 Bo Farley, a man who has lible batting average of .531 while Bill Christenbury was killed in an explo- Louis Browns, along with another record of eight wins while the locals With a record of 10 wins and 10 guidance of Coach R. C. Neal.

of this squad, its record and the like Pirates. While at Duke the friendly could not be found in the files, as athlete starred in three sports and During the 1940 campaign Coach not even have a sports editor at that Duke.

No Financial Aid In '33

home and away basis and won four ed semi-pro ball. and lost four.

ever in fielding a ball club that played momentarily. .500 ball.

around Coach Beatty was still at the ing out top-flight athletes and the were widely publicized and gained coached a baseball team that had of Duke Tharrington. After a look baseball squad was just getting by. such standouts as Preston Dunn, a at the hustler they offered him a pro Then came the 1941 season which pitcher from Ayden, Baxter Riden- contract which he accepted. Durward saw a new coach take over the coachhour and Clifford Bostic.

from the schedule that year and as in that year. because of the mounting interest.

Dr. Frank Takes Over

this campus in years.

friendly professor took over double He slipped the third strike past 85 colleges dropped the most popular duties as coach.

test with Fort Bragg.

wide interest in athletics, and decided with the advocation of such a move. the Norfolk Naval station on a home that a nickname should be chosen for the East Carolina athletic team. It With the appropriation of \$2,000 had such big time names as Bob seems that Teachers was just not a and a student athletic fee the college Feller, Sam Chapman, Freddie Hutchfitting name, so the athletic council brought a schedule of 24 games to inson, Ace Parker and Jim Carlin. and students submitted the name the baseball team, a task yet to be The contest to be played here saw "Pirates" in hopes that this would undertaken. This was perhaps the best Bob Feller slated to pitch against be a fitting name to the terrorizing ball club that has ever played under the local Pirates; however, the outdefeats that would be handed out. | the name of East Carolina and pro- come of the contest could not be |

Mathis Appointed Coach position on the All-state team.

Point, William & Mary, Louisburg, the pros, allowing only two hits. Chatham Mills, Oak Ridge and Atlan- In that glorious 1938 campaign the Christenbury Called to Service tic Christian. Mathis' nine won seven Pirates, still under the excellent guid- During the 1943 season Coach John games, tied one, and lost seven games ance of Bo Farley, won 17 and drop- Christenbury was called to the Naval in that year. There were 84 runs ped only three games. This was one Reserve and intercollegiate sports scored for the Bucs while the opposi- of the most outstanding records in were dropped at East Carolina betion was pushing 92 across the plate. the state and a record which has cause of the world manpower situahad such heavy sluggers around as lina nine. They scored 128 runs to the However, Christenbury had done a Runt Bost, who led the batters opponents' 62.



Coach Bo Farley

We believe that this motion was bacco State league along with Dur- ed this year and finished the season

Farley Takes Over As Coach

time. The 1932 squad was under the been a popular sports figure in North Shelton came in second with a .426 Carolina ever since he entered Duke, percentage. The team average was Information concerning the strength took over the coaching duties for the .300. a matter of fact the newspaper did holds the all-time batting average at Farley was in need of a pinch hitter

This is the year that saw Bill Hol- Chadwick, if he could hit the ball. coach. land begin his brilliant pitching ca- Chadwick replied, "Just give me a Again in 1933 the college fielded reer here. Holland is one of the best chance, Coach, and I'll blast that ball an intercollegiate baseball team and pitchers that this school has ever over the rightfield fence." With a He was named coach for the 1946 Perhaps the most thrilling situation things began to shape up a little. turned out of its athletic department. red face but a cynical grin the would-They played two games each with In his first year of collegiate compe- be slugger walked to the plate amid baseball team East Carolina had had when the Bucs were playing an un- Sonny Russell, Bob Bailey, Billy titles, but they have knocked off High Point, Atlantic Christian, Prestition the hustling hurler fanned 104 a roar from the stands. The first in five years. This green squad was defeated ACC team for the Bohunk Smith and Martin Byrd. Also there several of the title contenders and byterian Junior college and Campbell men in 84 innings. He was also sec- pitch hit Chadwick on the shoulder college. The local Teachers (for that ond in batting with a .351 average. and he was forced to take first base, was the name of the athletic teams During the summer he signed a con- but he still thinks he would have hit at that time) played each club on a tract with Greenville which then play- a homerun if given a chance.

The baseball diamond was along events with the Norfolk Naval teams rels. The Bucs defeated Atlantic side the lake in the arboretum, and was begun and have continued down Christian in that year to win the Bothe Coach for the 1933 season was through the years. In one contest on hunk trophy, 5-2, but lost it in a re-Kenneth C. Beatty, a Greenville man the local field that year the stands turn engagement. who had no financial help whatso-caught fire and the game was halted During the last three years there

When the 1934 campaign rolled In 1937 the Buc coach began turn- including baseball. The tennis matches head of intercollegiate athletics and St. Louis Cardinals got a glimpse good support from the fans while the Stowe, one of the all-time greats at ing duties—a man who probably did

a replacement scheduled Oak Ridge. During the 1937 campaign Farley He was John Christenbury—a man The Teachers came out of that season was coaching the high school team loved by all and a coach who had with three victories against no de- in Greenville and the college team the respect of his players. feats. There were 16 players on the also. The result was that a game was Due to the outbreak of World War squad that year which is amazing scheduled against the high schoolers II Christenbury was able to schedule In 1934 things went asunder for a contest 4-2. It would be interesting saw Jim Johnson, who was later to

and with him went one of the most Coach Farley used in that contest. begin his brilliant athletic career at outstanding sports personalities on Eight Pirate players batted over East Carolina. 300 in that year with Floyd Hinton Intercollegiate Sports Begin Decline With the resignation of Beatty, Dr. leading the sluggers with 22 hits in | It was in 1942 when the U.S. gov-A. D. Frank, a member of the history 57 appearances at the plate for a .386 ernment was drafting all young coldepartment, was asked to take over percentage. Holland led the hurlers lege boys that baseball as well as the job as baseball coach and the as usual with a six-and-one record. other sports began to decline. Many

batters in 63 frames. The Teachers lost the opener of the In 1938 \$2,000 was appropriated tenbury could only draw up a 14season to Guilford college 7 to 4 with for athletics at the college and the game schedule which saw only three Preston Dunn hurling a seven hitter sports minded student body got busy college teams listed. The rest of the for the locals. The first taste of vic- and passed a resolution to pay \$1.50 teams on the card were service teams tory under Dr. Frank came in a con- a quarter for an athletic fee. This which were loaded with professional proposal was drawn up by the TECO material. The college then began to take a ECHO and printed on the first page A contest was scheduled against

> Schedule 24 Games In '38 duced some of the greatest baseball found in the records.

this able and ambitious director, ath- on the schedule as Ohio Wesleyan man Mayo of Kinston was the club's letics were on the upgrade. Mathis university and Danville Military insti- leading batter with a .406 mark while graduated from Davidson where he tute. After winning nine straight bat- Futrell had a .404 average. Incidenstarred in football and was good tles without a taste of defeat, the tally, Mayo's fabulous hitting streak enough to earn a berth at the guard Farleymen dropped a close one to the of 28 consecutive games was broken professional New Bern Bears. How-this year. With Mathis at the reins of ath- ever, on the previous day, the Pirates Also, a desire to enter the NS conletics at East Carolina there was a had humiliated the professional Bru- ference was expressed this year by noted increase of interest in baseball ins by winning a 3 to 1 victory over officials and by TECO ECHO Sports here. The biggest and most ambitious them before some 2,500 fans. It was Editor Jimmy Gianakos. The team schedule tackled yet was undertaken. the immortal Bill Holland who pitched finished the season with a record of The Pirates played Guilford, High the Bucs to their surprise win over seven wins compared with seven loss-

In that year the Buccaneer nine never been equaled by an East Caro- tion at that time.

with 29 hits in 63 turns at bat for a Two Pirate batters soared way over had set up programs that were not .460 average. Durward Stowe, another the .400 mark in batting. Lex Riden- to be easily forgotten. The popular

Holland Signs With Senators

In 1939, Holland, the greatest hurler to ever come out of East Carolina, signed a professional contract with the Washington Senators. Outstandling in sports that year was the establishment of the cherished Bohunk trophy. The idea was presented by Jack Daniels, then sports editor of the TECO ECHO, and wholeheartedly acrepted by the student bodies of East Carolina and Atlantic Christian.

The Buccaneers' arch rivals won the first presentation of the old oaken bucket when they defeated the local tennis team. The baseball team had hopes of bringing the trophy back to its originator, East Carolina, but the locals lost the game 12-9 and the Bohunk spent its initial year within

ranged in '39 and the series with intramural programs this college had college could further intercollegiate With the completion of the 1935 ton Teachers college of Washington, hockey, badminton and many other Cameron. Practice sessions got underspring athletics. He proposed that season, Mathis finished his first year D.C. was begun. The Bucs finished in a relief role against Elon. Jimmy the students forego the privilege of of collegiate coaching and did a great the season with seven wins, one tie students.

Chadwick Wanted A Chance

The '40 card opened with Elon, the Under Farley the series of athletic pre-season favorites to win all lau-

appeared to be a wider interest in Coach Beatty dropped Campbell East Carolina, signed with Greenville more for athletics in such a crucial

with Farley coaching both teams. The only 12 games for the local diamond Pirates emerged victorious in that aggregation in '41, the year which while when Coach Beatty resigned, to discover the type of strategy that become a coach at his alma mater,

of all spring sports and Coach Chris-

and away basis. The Naval station

In 1935 Doc Mathis was appointed stars to ever wear a Pirate uniform. | Charles Futrell was captain of the head coach at the college, and under There were such intersectional foes 1942 edition of the Pirates and Nor-

magnificent job at East Carolina. He



Coach A. D. Frank . . . In More Recent Years

However, in 1932, Dr. Rebarker, baseball immortal here, batted .417 the dingy walls of Atlantic Christian. young mentor had one of the most approved by the league.

In 1944 there were still no inter- in that year as Ab Williams, Ben the Pirates. himself played for Erwin of the To- in the history of the college perform- there was a tragic accident off the Sam Stell. Stell has been acclaimed coast of California which killed John as the best outfielder to ever play had eight men hitting well over the first time in three years the Pirates with amazing batting averages. Smit- Christenbury, the man who had done under the name of East Carolina. He .300 mark. Elon won the conference had won a baseball game from the ty Smith led the pack with an incred- so much for East Carolina. Coach signed a pro contract with the St. championship with an unbleminshed conference champs. sion of two Navy ammunition ships. Pirate who turned pro with Wilming- finished eighth with two wins and six losses the 1951 Pirates closed out The situation was the same in 1945, ton, N. C. of the Class D Tobacco losses. and the college could not carry on a State league. spring sport's program, but they did The situation was pretty much the manage to get an intercollegiate bas- same then as it is now, except they ketball team. Smitty Smith, a grad- had no scoreboard. The attendance and field a rather mediocre club. They Yes, it took twenty years to build and he asked a benchwarmer, Vance uate of the college, was named as problem was the same as it is now. would beat the best and then lose to the baseball team up to its present

der the leadership of Jim Johnson. for supper. the diamond sport.

local Buccaneers won seven and lost times afterwards. Jorgenson Directs Athletics

The 1947 sports year saw Dr. N. M. in peaceful rest here. Jorgenson named as full-time director Boyd And Wallace Leading Hitters of athletics at East Carolina and the Fenner Boyd and Jack Wallace had same crew around the infield that he college was definitely on the upgrade. the best batting averages for the had last year, but he has a new period than any this college has seen. Coach Johnson was relieved of his Pirates with .345 and .312 respective- group of inexperienced hurlers. Martinued on as football coach. John eligible for conference play midway only veterans on the mound staff, Cameron was named as head baseball the season because he had played ball coach and practice sessions got under- at the University of North Carolina. from Jimmy Byrd, high school allway with 50 candidates on hand. He When he was forced to quit he had was stocked with veterans such as 11 hits for 16 trips to the plate for 16 Charlie Bill Moye, Larry James, a .688 average. was not on the mound.

games was listed, and the Pirates football coach, Bill Dole, would take opened the season by losing to Guil- over the football reins here. ford, 3-2. In that thrilling but heart- Boone began his initial practice for Jones and Jesse Murphy teamed to ing eight lettermen. Boone's squad

begin his great career on the mound for East Carolina. It was Bob Mc-Cotter, a lefthanded transfer from Oak Ridge. He won a permanent place in the hearts of local fans when he pitched a 1-0 shutout over the Pi rate's bitter rivals, Atlantic Christian. That game was McCotter's initia appearance in collegiate competition and it provided the Bucs with their irst win of the season.

North State Extends Invitation

Another important note of 1947 was the local athletic teams were invited into the North State conference and were unaminously accepted by the loop members. The college was brought into the conference on the condition that they abide by conference rulings, and after a year we would become a permanent member if

The year 1948 saw another change in the East Carolina coaching staff. his second year and Ben Hester and Jim Piner, a newcomer to the Wilson Teachers college of Washingseen in years. He had archery, field base all coaching succeeding John

Coach Jim Johnson took over the base all coaching succeeding John

Wernon Jones helped form the nucleus mound, led the hurlers, suffering were such outstanding players around did a wonderful job at first base for Byrd was the next best on the mound.

campaign, and he gathered the first of the 1948 season came one afternoon the squad as Jack Wallace, Fred Soles, They have not won any conference led by Joe Williams and Otis Powell. trophy. It was a closely played con- were two of the team's standouts, dampened their hopes of taking the Powell had played third base in 1937 test and as in every athletic event Bobi McCotter and Vernom Jones crown. and had a batting average of .315. between the two schools tension was around to throw that ball. McCotter The next twenty years should be Charlie Bill Moye, the boy who was high. The undefeateed Bulldog team was a portsider while Jones was a even bigger and better than the past destined to become the greatest bas- tasted defeat for the first time that righthander and played the outfield twenty with the changing of the colketball player this college has turned day when the Pirates tallied a run when he was not on the mound. Jones lege's name and the expected large out, came along this year and played in the home half of the ninth on a was named to the All-conference increase in enrollments. The local ground rule. The final score was 7-6, team for that year. In the first season since 1942 the but that game was replayed many

this season the Veterans club began ruled that East Carolina had won fective pitching of strong arm Mc- Carolina. St. Louis Signs Tharrington tennis that any other spring sport its great scholarship movement for and students from both schools swarm- Cotter defeated the Robins, 5-3. Vernathletes at East Carolina by holding ed the field. There was quite a on Jones and Fred Soles led the bata dance in the Wright building to mixup for about thirty minutes, but ters for the season with .362 and .360 raise money for athletic scholarships. the final score still read 7-6 in our respectively. Elon once again won the favor and the Bohunk trophy still lay conference championship and the Bucs

James Hudson, and Garland Little. The 1949 season saw still another Also, in '47 George Wood, now coach- change in the coaching staff with the ing at Vanceboro, entered school here resignation of Coach Johnson being and saw action as a catcher. Another accepted and Jack Boone making his | newcomer was Vernon Jones who first appearence here as baseball roamed the outer gardens when he coach and assistant football coach. It was also announced that North Caro-An incomplete schedule of 14 lina's most outstanding high school

breaking loss Garland Little, Vernon baseball with 30 men present, includpitch a no hitter, but lost the scrap boasted such stars as Phil Regan on five walks and five errors afield. | who led the batters with a hefty .500 | Also, this was the year that saw a laverage. Jack Wallace was back for

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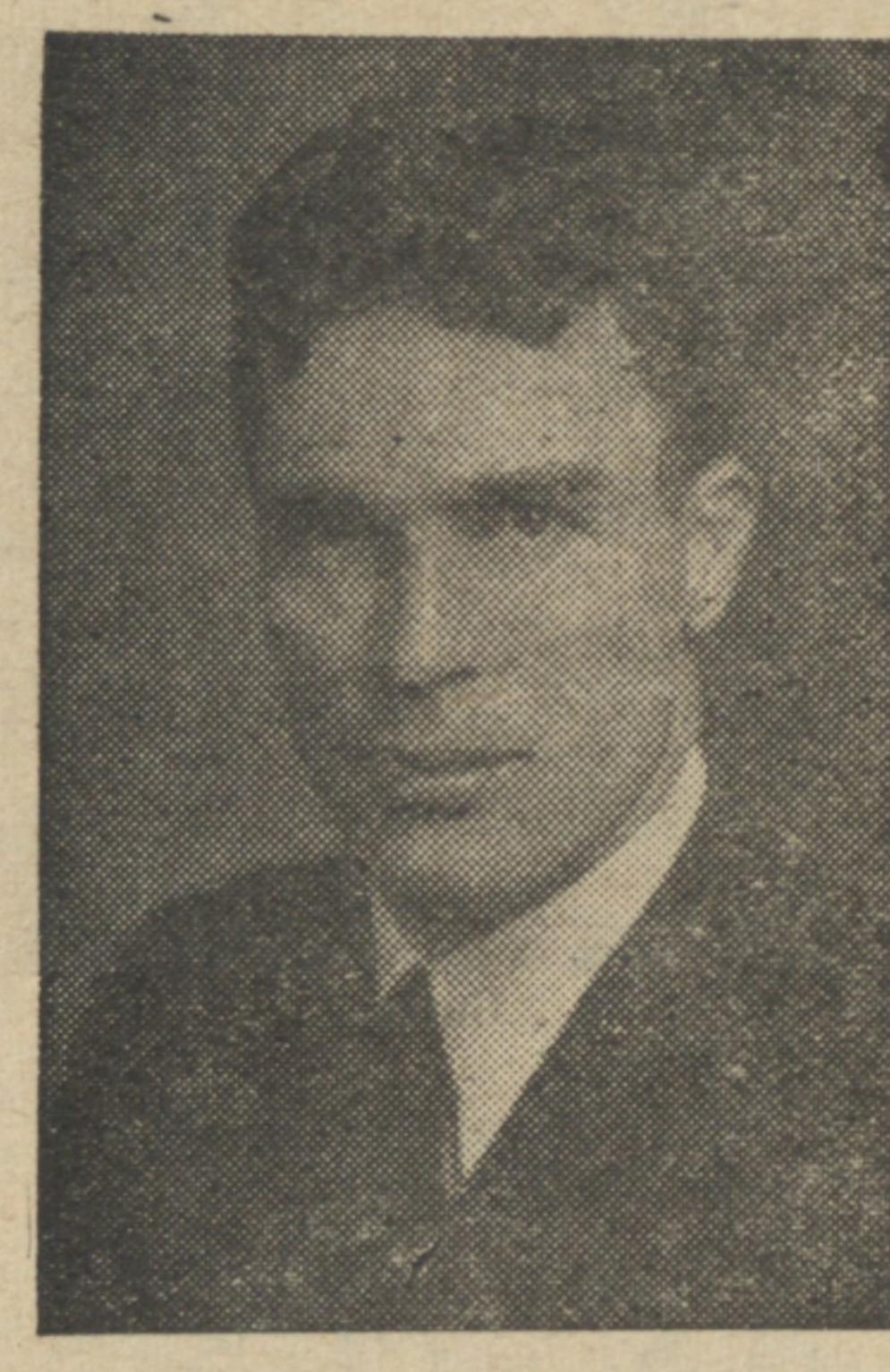
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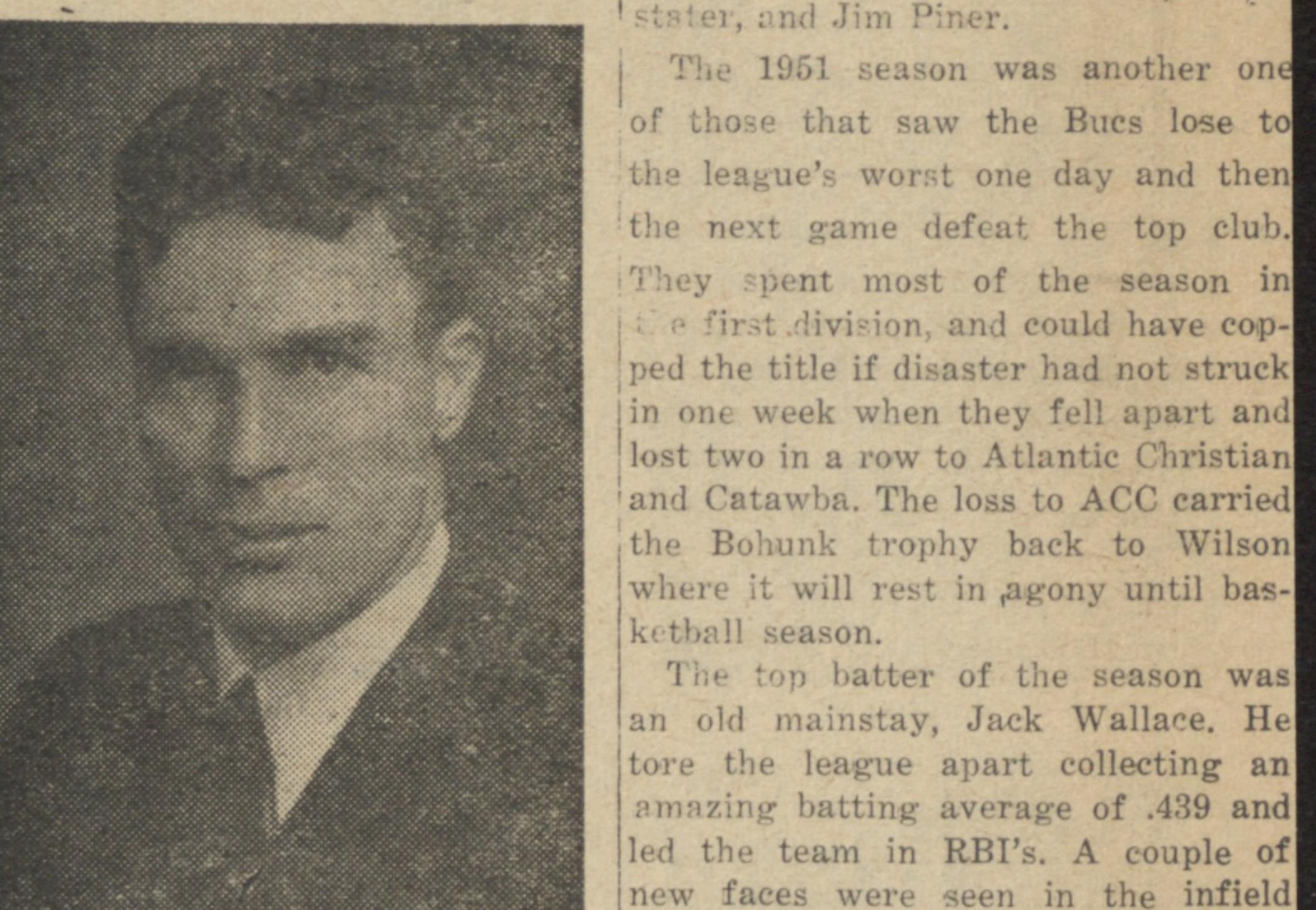
That year's edition of the Pirates | masterful three-hitter. It marked the

Played 24 games In '50

saw the Bucs schedule 24 contests ball teams. The students would leave the game a weak team the next day. On one standing. They are now playing in A renaissance occurred in 1946 un- early in order to get in the chow line occasion the Pirates of '50 won two a stadium of their own on the campus, doubleheaders in two days.

with the professional Greenville Rob- maybe someday the national interfour of an 11 game schedule. During It ended in a riot when the umpires ins of this city and behind the ef- collegiate champion will be East jumped into fourth place.

This year Boone has about the duties as baseball mentor, but con- ly. Roger Thrift was declared in- tin Byrd and Dick Hobbs are the but they have received a lot of help



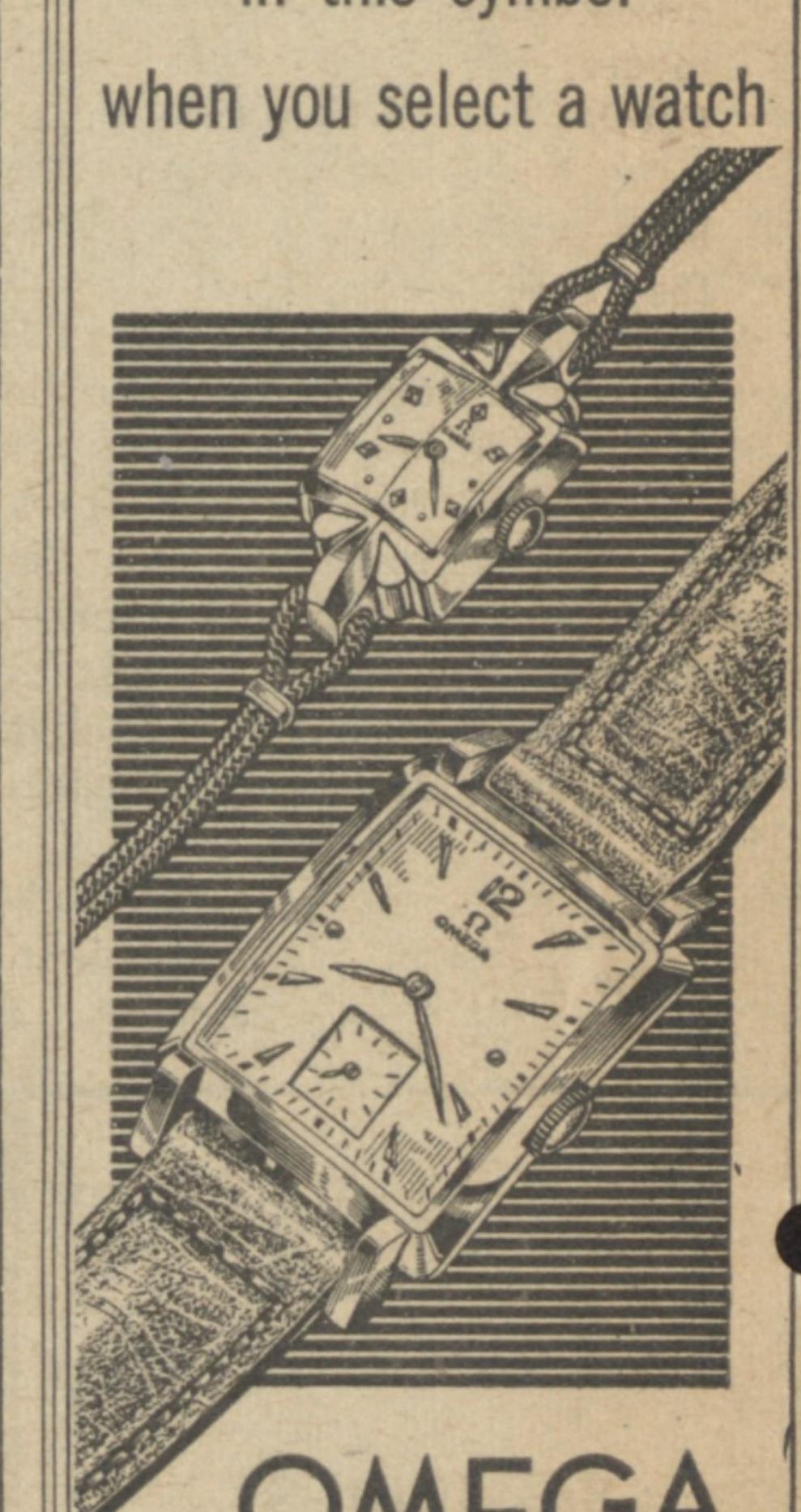
knocked off the top of the loop on a

their season in high spirits. They also wrote the final chapter in a twenty-Next came the 1950 season which year history of East Carolina base-

whereas, five years ago they were There were such familiar faces on playing out at Guy Smith stadium.

college should make steady progress The team of '50 played a contest in the baseball world and who knows,





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