

Fort Huachuca

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SCU Baseball Team Beats Williams Field 8 to 3

Post Team Takes Two Games On Hectic Baseball Weekend

Eking out a 9th inning win over the 827th Tank Destroyer baseball team Saturday and hitting championship stride to beat the Williams Field "Fliers," on Sunday afternoon, the SCU nine has run its string of unbroken victories to nine straight and has maintained its position as "the best baseball team in Southern Arizona."

The hard-fighting "Tankers" played the SCUers to a standstill during the Saturday league fray and it took a miracle homer by Young to score three runs in the 9th inning to give them victory over the under-rated 827ers. The final score for the game was 10 to 9.

Gaskin of the "Tankers" pitched a good game, allowing but 10 hits and holding the SCU to 2 runs until the 6th inning. In the meantime, his teammates had accumulated 8 runs for their side.

Scales, starting pitcher for SCU, was off his stride, having to be replaced by Davis, in the 5th inning. Davis, a newcomer to the Post, worked well with Green, his battery mate, to hold the 827 to 2 more runs for the 5 innings he pitched. Errors in fielding and throwing hampered SCU's showing.

Aside from Pitcher Gaskin, Boe, Jackson, Early, Frederick, Elmer, Harden, Adams and Williamson represented the 827. Elmer, with a triple, a homer and a single, was the "big gun" of the "Tankers."

By playing almost perfect ball against the highly-touted Williams Field "Fliers," Sunday, the SCU was able to beat the "state champions" by a score of 8 to 3.

McCoy pitched excellent ball, striking out 16 batters, and his own co-workers backed him up in the field and at the plate, "socking the apple" when licks were needed. Luke knocking a homer with two men on and Young duplicating the feat with one on, accounted for 5 of the 8 runs scored. Moore, Turner and Young each crossed the plate twice, while Wright and Luke chalked up single runs for the total victory tally.

Additional players for SCU in the weekend games were: Hinton, Brown, Powell, Lowhorne, Richardson, Beasley and Johnson.

The "Fliers" pitcher, Hyland, scored two of their three runs beside striking out 11 SCU batters. It was only by bunting their hits that the SCU was able to push over the runs they scored as Hyland walked no batters and gave up only 9 hits.

Williams "Fielders" in the scuffle were Petrarca, Laufert, Besette, Greer, Flynn, Goletz, Pleiser, Zimmerman, Simmons and Hyland.

In Sunday's league game, the Division Artillery nine shot the armored boys' team to pieces by beating them 24 to 3.

Chapman pitched for the artillery while Espy "lobbed them up" for the 758ers. Jenkins, 2b, Siddle, 1b, Dean, rf, Gibson, 1, Kelly, lf, Jenkins, cf, Harris, 3b, Vandersee, s, and substitutions Scott and Cantrell, accounted for the debacle of runs Div. Arty. pushed over.

Bell, 2b, Evans, rf, Bowden, cf, Booker, lf, Daggs, 1b, Mines, 3b, Taylor, ss, and Gumbs, c, comprised the "Tanker" team.

Women to Form Softball League

In furtherance of the athletic and recreation plans of the Ninth Service Command, a WAC softball team will be selected to represent Fort Huachuca for tournament play in the command area. A league is also being formed on the Post which will include both WAC and civilian women teams in its numbers.

The tournament will be conducted according to official girls' softball rules and the team which will be selected to represent the Fort in the area competition must be selected by June 5, 1944.

Participation of all women on the Post is urged since the tournament will contribute to the esprit-de-corps of all participating units, improve the physical condition of the women and provide a healthy competitive attitude among the detachments.

Three Big Games On SCU Schedule For Coming Week

The SCU baseball team will be a busy bunch this coming week as they close in battle with three top-notch competitors in and around the Fort.

Saturday, at 2:00 p.m. they meet the 371st Infantry at Brock field in the third league game they shall have played; Sunday, the team will invade Cananea for its first clash with them this season; and Tuesday, the team will move into Douglas to meet at team composed of Douglas White Sox and the pick of the 335th Aviation Squadron there. The latter game will be an attraction celebrating the opening of the new USO club in Douglas.

In the Fort Huachuca league the 1316th Engineers meet the 365th Infantry at Foster field, Saturday and on Sunday there, Division Artillery and Special Troops battle it out. At Brock field on Sunday, the traditional rivals, 758th Tank Bn. and 827th Tank Destroyers meet.

Hogans, s; Williams, lf; Balkely, 3b; Jennings, 1b; Wright, sf; Henry, 2b; Carpenter, cf; Victor, rf; Hambrick, c; and Romax, p. On the 29th's side were Jackson, s; Ruth, sf; White 3b; Wooden, 2b; W. Brown, c; Fields, p; Rudd, cf; Love, lf; Nelson, rf; and Tull, 1b.

335ers Win One
On the same card the 335th Station Hospital beat the Post Headquarters detachment 24 to 14, to keep Medics in the running for the Post title.

Finals of the tournament are expected to be played this weekend.

LEAGUE STANDINGS			
	W	L	Pct.
SCU	2	0	1.000
365 Inf.	2	0	1.000
Spec. Trps.	2	0	1.000
371 Inf.	1	1	.500
Div. Arty.	1	1	.500
827 T.D.	0	2	.000
758 T. Bn.	0	2	.000
1316 Eng.	0	2	.000

29th Softball Team Beats Medics 20 - 6

The first game of the Post softball tournament saw the 29th S. S. Co. and the Med. Det. clash in a dual Friday, May 19, at the WACs athletic field.

The Medics started off with getting a home run their first time at bat followed by two more during their half of the 4th inning.

The 29th tallied in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings, but the tide really turned in the 5th when the 29th ran up 6 runs, followed by 4 in the 6th and so many in the 7th that the game was halted, 20 to 6, in the Spec. Serv. Co.'s favor.

The Medic's lineup comprised:

"Little Bit" Makes His Contribution



"Baby" Green, catcher of the SCU team, shown homeward bound, during the 7th inning, for one of SCU's tallies against the 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion, in Saturday's game where every point counted toward the 10 to 9 victory. Frederick, Tank Destroyers' catcher, is seen standing hopelessly by as Moore's single to centerfield permitted the run to be scored without difficulty.

—U. S. Signal Corps Photo.

Veteran Cook Never in Stew On Ball Field

One of the best baseball umpires that SCU can produce is found in the person of S/Sgt. Archie A. Beckwith, soldier since 1915.



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Hailing from Philadelphia, Pa., Sgt. Beckwith got tired of a job as baker with the National Biscuit Company and joined the Army when a mere lad, almost 29 years ago. He was quite chagrined when they gave him a job as cook, in the Army, but after 29 years of experience at nothing but that job, he says, he thinks he'll get used to it.

His first assignment was with the 25th Infantry, with which he served in Hawaii from 1915 to 1920. He was sent to France from 1920 to '23; and upon his return to the U. S., was sent to Camp Stephen B. Little, Nogales, Arizona, where he remained until 1932, when he was assigned to Fort Huachuca.

While at the Fort, Sgt. Beckwith served on cadres which helped to organize the 368th and 369th Infantry regiments. He was transferred to the Bakers and Cooks school on February 17, 1943 and has been on duty there since.



The sergeant played baseball when "baseball was baseball at Fort Huachuca," he declares. His career as a player ended in 1925 when his middle finger on his right hand was broken as he caught a game. The injury failed to dampen his interest in the game, however, as he has followed it as a "behind the plate connoisseur" each year since then.

Baking is the job at which Sgt.

BOWLING

The "Post Champion" Medical Officers' bowling team suffered its initial set-back since winning the Post title, by losing a close match to the enlisted men of the 365th Infantry. Sgt. Strickland of the 365th Inf. took high individual game with a 199. Lt. Gott of the Hospital took high individual average by knocking over 541 pins.

RESULTS			
Hospital Officers			
Lt. S. K. Mathews	138	160	125
Capt. H. B. Matthews		125	
Lt. L. T. Miller	146		147
Maj. Roy Brown	173	156	136
Lt. W. E. Gott	168	183	190
Lt. Col. Thatcher	152	166	126
	777	790	724

365th Infantry			
S/Sgt. Austin	165	141	153
Sgt. Shaffer	121	136	143
S/Sgt. Wray	161	179	154
Sgt. Strickland	160	199	157
Sgt. Williams	154	161	127
	761	816	734

Totals—Hospital, 2291; 365th, 2311.

Trainee Is First to Achieve Perfect Score in Fitness Test

Fort McClellan, Ala.—Setting a fast pace for the Infantry Replacement Training Center to match, Pvt. Lewis Thomas, Jr., of Co. D, 2nd Bn., is the first man at Fort McClellan to score 100 per cent in the Center's physical fitness test.

Pvt. Thomas, 20-year-old former lumberjack, of Eutaw, Ala., completed less than a month of muscle-conditioning grind, and went out to the drill field to set this enviable record:

34 pushups
300-yard run in 42 seconds
14 burpees in 20 seconds
75-yard pickaback run in 14 seconds

70-yard zigzag run in 22 seconds
The test, given at the end of a training cycle to one "cross section" company in each battalion, sets certain standards which, if attained, entitle the performer to a 100 per cent rating. These standards are as follows: 34 pushups, 300-yard run in 45 seconds or less, 12 burpees in 20 seconds, 75-yard pickaback run in 20 seconds or less, and 70-yard zigzag run in 30 seconds or less.

According to the Cycle, camp newspaper, as many as 2,000 men have made the attempt to score 100 per cent, but Pvt. Thomas is the first to make the grade. His records in the burpees, the pickaback run, the zigzag run are the best ever scored at the Fort, stated the Cycle.

The physical fitness test also includes a four-mile march to be made with full field equipment in 50 minutes. When trainees can do this on top of all the other exercises, they are considered to be well-conditioned for combat.

Beckwith is most proficient. Admirers of his culinary art say that he is the best cake baker on the Post but the sergeant isn't as keen about that praise as he is about being called, "a damned good umpire."

Adventures of Pvt. Meathead

