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It's 30'

For Red—
A Character

THE first story Sandy Grady ever wrote for The Charlotte News was an interview with Connie Mac Berry, the old North Carolina State and pro ball player. It was the finest application for a job I've ever read.



THE SMILING middleman, Sandy Grady, was feted by race drivers Buck Baker (left) and Speedy Thompson before he departed.

sheet hired him to cover the Phillies, evidently on the surmise the warriors of Mayo Smith do not have color—and that Sandy's imaginative paintbrush will at least give the audience a new aspect on the dullards they will be reviewing.

Normally, when a player leaves the team on The News, he is given one of those formal sendoffs with a portrait and a short summary of his deeds before ambushed by the better offer. I'd prefer to send Sandy off in this column, because he was always something special around here. He was sort of a faith healer in the trade. He touched dead stories and they came to life.

—That Little Something Extra Was His

AS you might imagine, this guy Grady had that little extra that makes the Lennie Rosenbluths, Ty Cobbs and Doc Blanchards outdate the field.

He had the traits of a Bohemian, but he was true to the trade and always managed to get the story written, regardless of his escapades. In seven years, he could never clearly define the hour of seven a.m. his working day, but he made up for tardiness in speed. The faster he wrote, the earlier it came out. These words that seemingly jumped from his stories.

I learned to expect the unusual from Sandy—taking the attitude that he was born to be a southpaw but wasn't—

and he was due a few eccentricities as a sure 20-game winner. He had the intuition of a woman in some respects.

Like the day he came over to the desk and said, "North Carolina State is going to upset Maryland on Saturday and I think I ought to get up to Washington and record this fantastic event."

That was in the day of Beattie Feathers and State seemed as likely to outpoint Jim Tamura's Terps as Grady had of lounging in Truman's bed in the White House. I am a bunch player, when Grady is riding, and bet with him.

Sure enough, Feathers had his finest moment in coaching that afternoon in downing the Terps. As to Grady's hotel accommodations that evening, I'll never be sure until checking with the ex-President.

But the story doesn't end there.

—He Gave Up Trains After One Jant

THE next Monday morning I eagerly awaited my historian and his inside story of the Wolfpack's jubilation but he was later than usual. At 8 o'clock, the telephone rang.

"Good morning," Sandy chirped in matter-of-fact tones. "Good morning hell," I answered. "Get down here and go to work."

"That will be rather difficult," said Sandy. "You see, I'm in Spartanburg."

"Do not fear—I will give you the fantastic facts over the Southern Bell system for you to rewrite. Then I will speed home by a charter bus that is soon leaving the terminal. I have given up on trains. The one I was on did not take up my Charlotte ticket until I had slept through the town."

A bystander later told me Sandy had actually gotten off in Charlotte—to help a little old lady with her suitcase. He didn't recognize her, but she recognized him.

Grady, when he first went to work here, had me worried. I accompanied him on one trip to a basketball tournament and watched him operate. He'd be the outside man on the interview, paying little heed to what was transpiring. When the crowd dispersed, he'd ask the coach for a match. Then he'd come back and write the most shocking story imaginable. He had the hearing of a blind man and a prediction for a seagull in pursuit of fish when it came to reporting.

—A Wild Game Hunter Earns A Reward

SOME years ago the little town of Bladenboro was in a daze with a reported "beast" in its midst. It was described as something between a mad dog and a ferocious elephant, all in one.

"I should investigate that thing," said Sandy, seeing the sports angle right away.

He spent the night, came back home proudly displaying a mangled rabbit his car had exterminated on the road.

"It is the beast," said he. "I'm sure of it."

The Tar Heels Wonder

Could San Fran Possibly Junk Stilt?



'Can Handle Regular Turn'
SPEC LIBERATES CLARK FROM BULLPEN SHACKLES

By ROBERT GREEN
Charlotte News Sports Writer
FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. — Spec Padgett has been ready for the Hornets and already Doug Clark, the club's ace reliever last year, is indebted to freed veteran Spec Padgett.

This indebtedness did not stem from a gin game. It grew out of Padgett's ageless arm. Because he has Spec to work-

Picture Is Bright For Game Telecast

By BOB QUINCY
It looks good—real good—for North Carolina's game against Michigan State on Friday night at Kansas City to be televised.

Officials at WBTV were not in a position to comment today—but an official announcement will be made on Thursday regarding the situation.

"If anybody in our area does carry the game," said one astute gentleman who should know, "it will be us."

THE SCREENING of North Carolina's plunge toward national honors is an expensive maneuver—but the station isn't concerned with the checkbook.

"We're not trying to be a hero," said an official. "We recognize the tremendous public service involved and carried it from that standpoint."

If the game is carried, it will be screened at 8:30 p.m. on Friday night. The game is the first of two. The Kansas-San Francisco scrap will not be carried.

Phil Woolpert, who coaches USF and is a defensive titan, is working on the answer to the 7-foot Chamberlain right now.

For two years Woolpert has come up with the National Collegiate champions, at USF but some think coaching this season amid difficulties has been his best.

Right at the moment, Woolpert isn't saying anything about his plans for the NCAA semifinal game against the Jayhawkers of Kansas on Friday night in Kansas City. But you can bet a couple of towering USF cagers figure strongly in those preparations.

"We really haven't decided finally on the defense," Woolpert said last night. "But even if we had, I don't think we'd tell about it. We'll let Dick Harp (the Kansas coach) find out when the game starts."

Expected to carry most of the load in the "Stop Chamberlain" drive are Mike Farmer, a 67 junior who played regularly in the 1950 NCAA tournament, and Art Day, a 6-9 sophomore who has wanted two years to play against Will.

The desire started in 1955 when both were nationally publicized.

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—Tonight At 8—

Craig Vs. Adam A Personal Duel

By BOB QUINCY
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Tonight at 8 o'clock, the Coliseum ice will be readied for the fourth game of the playoff series between Charlotte and the New Englanders.

And chances are good it will be Adam against Craig in a battle of keen defense against slick skating.

ADAM is recognized by most hockey critics as the Eastern League's most polished workman. He is smooth, elusive and fearless.

Right now, Dougie is shooting for a title he'd be most happy to own, that of scoring the most goals of any player in EHL history.

With his clutch score on Sunday, Doug can put out to be the record. Record for the hockey circuit is 74—and with a good playing performance it can be reached.

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Bonnie's Boot Baylor & Co.

By TED MEIER
NEW YORK (AP)—A couple of fired-up unseeded teams, St. Bonaventure and Memphis State, took the play away from Seattle University's highly touted Elton (Rabbit) Baylor in the National Invitation basketball tournament last night.

Baylor was a disappointment in his first New York appearance at the Bonnie's Boot Seattle 45-68 after Memphis State had walloped Washington 45-72.

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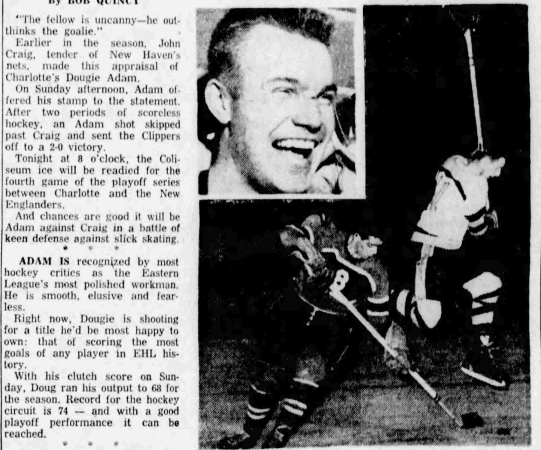
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Buzzing The Bees

Robertson: 'Shifflett Catching Chuck's Eye'

FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. — Of the Hornets called up by Washington off last year's team, Evelio Hernandez appears to have the best chance to stick but Garland Shifflett is attracting the most attention.

Sherry Robertson, Senators farm director, says he has two weeks in Orlando with this report:

Hernandez stands a very good chance of sticking with Washington. He has looked good. (Hernandez pitched at Charlotte under the name of Lopez.)

"But everybody likes that Shifflett, including Chuck Drensen. He has pitched some awfully good ball for them in exhibitions."

"Will he stay up? I don't know. He still needs some work."

"Ted Sawowski (a pitcher) has also looked good but has hurt his arm and it's been bothering him."

Angel Oliva, a Cuban who had a 10-7 mark with Hobbs, N. M., last year, has impressed everyone with his pitching but a lot of it is the result of winter ball, which kept him in shape.

Catcher Joe Montalvo reported in 15 pounds over play-

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cleveland	4	3	.571
New York	4	3	.571
Chicago	5	4	.556
Baltimore	5	4	.556
Kansas City	4	5	.444
Washington	5	4	.556
Pittsburgh	5	4	.556
Boston	5	4	.556

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pittsburgh	5	2	.706
Brooklyn	5	2	.706
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Milwaukee	5	2	.706
St. Louis	5	2	.706
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Chicago	5	2	.706

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Brooklyn-Kansas City at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Chicago (N) vs. New York (N) at Metc. Ariz.

Pittsburgh vs. Washington at Orlando, Fla.

Milwaukee vs. New York (A) at Bradenton, Fla.

Philadelphia vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla.

Pittsburgh vs. Chicago (A) at Tampa, Fla.

St. Louis vs. Boston at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Cleveland vs. Baltimore at Scottsdale, Ariz.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Brooklyn 5, Detroit 1 (10 innings).

Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 2.

Washington 5, Philadelphia 6.

New York 4, Pittsburgh 2 (9 innings).

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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Brooklyn 5, St. Louis 4 (9 innings).

Chicago (N) vs. New York (N) at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Cincinnati vs. New York (A) at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Milwaukee vs. Kansas City at Bradenton, Fla.

Philadelphia vs. Washington at Orlando, Fla.

Pittsburgh vs. Detroit at Fort Meade, Fla.

Chicago (A) vs. Boston at Sarasota, Fla.

Baltimore vs. Cleveland at Tucson, Ariz.

SHIFFLETT HERNANDEZ

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