

I WUZ ROBBED

The popular Navy third baseman, Mike Shea, was robbed of two hits again last week. Mike, who is nursing a bad leg, has not been having his best season at the plate by any means. Although he has been keeping his average reasonably high, he just can't seem to have a good streak. The Navy has had three of their games postponed after they started, and in all three games Shea has had one or more hits. In fact, his first hit of the season was rubbed off the books after a postponed game. Then last week he banged out two hits and again

Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed. Better luck next time Mike. I'll talk to the weatherman and make sure he cooperates. O. K. ?

ANYTHING FOR THE CAMERAMAN

Well known George Adolphson amazed many spectators, along with myself, last Monday at the bowling alley. Putting all his skill into one careful throw. George sent the ball spinning around an object sitting in the middle of the alley to score a perfect strike. The object, oddly enough, was a photographer trying to get his picture. Pvt. John Dembeck, post photographer, decided that by kneeling directly in the middle of the alley he could get a better angle on the ace bowler. He told George, "Just pretend I'm not even here". Then to the asto nishment of all, Adolphson did just that. His ball went to Dembeck's left and then hooked around to lift squarely in the pocket for a perfect strike. George added to the feat by commenting, «WHAT IAPPENED?

I really have pity on the next camera bug that tries that same angle. George could decide to try the same thing again and not be quite as successful in getting the ball around his target. Oh well, that's life.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Is it an easy job to make up a softball schedule or arrange tournaments so that all trick workers will be able to make an appearance? Think so? It you do, I suggest that you talk to Sgt. Earl Gradwell or 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th rounds ton, Shea, Peterson and Kilmark, Opl. Frank McClure of Special Services, I'm sure that after a very having already been completed. The took the «A» league. Chaney, Kil- personality in the new Kagnew

Sgt. Gradwell, NCOIC, and Cpl. McClure, Sports NCO, have done an excellent job on keeping all the sports-minded persons very busy and interested. I find it hard to believe that anyone on post realizes the amount of work done in the Special Services office. For instance: currently there are three different tournaments in progress-softball, handball and bowling. Besides keeping these events moving there are many averages to figure and post daily. It you look around you will find that all this is done very efficiently and kept up to date.

I don't think that any more can be expected from the fine crew at Special Services. If you do, I'm glad I don't work for you. . Simon Legree!!!

« KILL THE UMP »

That old familiar baseball saying, «Kill the Umpire,» was brought to life at the Dust Bowl last week. The digerence being that a player, instead of a fan, tried to do the job.

Sgt. Earl Gradwell, plate Umpire of the second softball playoff game was hit in the side of the head with a wild pitch. It may have been a controversial circumstance if there had been a disagreement on the previous play, but everything was going along smoothly when Gordon, starting pitcher for the Hilltoppers, let locse with a wild one. The catcher, having missed the ball completely, turned and saw the ball bounce off the head of the unsuspecting Gradwell. The injury as was not serious, but more than likely Gradwell will have a nice-sized bruise to show off.

I don't know for sure, but it seems to me that anyone who wanted to win a ball game would be a little more careful as to how they treat an Umpire.

« WRONG WAY CORRIGAN »

· Aw heck, we have to help out these little guys, · was the cry from Bobby Prince, after unconclously scoring two points for the Eritrea · B's · in the fourth game of the league. Bobby, the · Jolly Samaritan, · will never admit he is just another Wrong-Way Corrigan, Big Bob had four men guarding him, and was under pressure, but not for long-the big boy from Virginia faked his opponents and made a take-off in posthaste for the basket, scoring a beautiful layup for two points. It wasn't until the obeers from the stands died down, did Bobby realize that he had scored for the opposite team. A day that the fans will never forget-and for sure, Bobby!

WE HAVE MISSED YOU MAJOR

Major Minton, a well known sports enthusiast about Kagnew Station, was not present at the first softball play-off game with his familiar heckling. Just why I can't say, but when the Major passes up a chance to appear at the Dust Bowl and literally ride the pants of both teams, I will bet my last penny that something doggone important tied him up.

Statements such as, "The umpire's blind ", or, " What's your bowling average, pitcher? » or, « I'll bet you a chocolate soda that you don't get a hit, Doc, are just a few of the things that are routine with the Major. Many other fans try to compete with him, but I doubt if his wit and humor can be outdone.

Besides being an avid softball rooter, I heard (from reliable sources) that he is also quite the volleyball hero. It must be rough to be in the game and have someone else heckling you! Isn't that right Sir!!

CONFUSION

Fred Koons hit what looked like the game-winning home run of the second playoff game and was called out a few seconds later. How? Easy. In his speedy trip around the bases the Hilltoppers' first baseman failed to touch third base. Then the ever sharp Major Minton brought it to the attention of his fielders and the ball was thrown to third and the runner called out. Of course, much confusion followed, but Captain Bellas, third base Umpire, was right on the play and said Koons missed the bag. Many determined Hilltoppers argued vainly until one of them was finally ejected from the game.

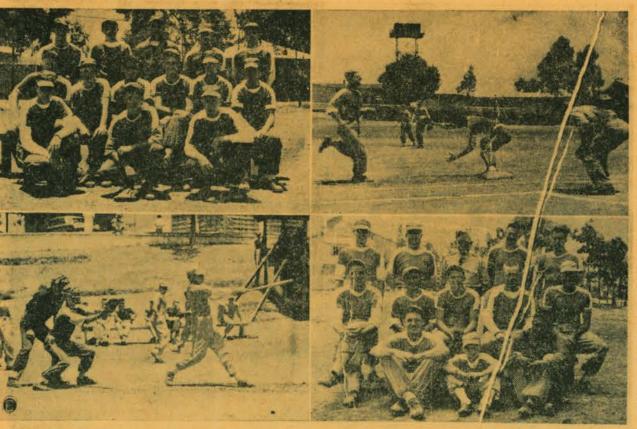
The crowd was alternately moaning and cheering. What I mean is the Relay fans were cheering and the Hilltoppers fans were moaning. It was a tough break but I'll bet that next time Koons hits a homer he'll touch every base emphatically. Any takers?

« DOC'S » SLOW — SLOW PITCH

I never could figure out why a batter, no matter how good or bad he is, ccudn't hit a slow ball pitcher at least one out of three times at bat. After seeing "Doc" Belles perform for the Honchos I found my answer. Dcc has a variety of three different pitches: as slow ball, a slow, slow ball, and one that is sooo slow that the batter can light a butt, take three drags and throw it at the umpire before the ball gets to him. That last one really has many people stumped. It's pretty hard to figure out how it ever reaches the plate. But regardless of his slowness he is one of the hardest pitchers in the league to get a hit

During a conversation with Doc I asked him what he had on the ball that keeps everyone from hitting. He explained that along with a natural curve, the ball came at the batter so slow that by the time it reached him he was usually all shook and either swung early or cut under it. He also said, and I quote, The boys have learned to bunt me silly. After all, I'm not as young as I used to be ». Listen to ary cast was put on and Gordie was him!!! You would think he were 150 years old from the way he put to bed, Last Wednesday more talks. Take in easy, Doc. You're probably old enough to be my Dad, x-rays were taken and another cast but that's not saying much...I'm still pretty young.

BARONS COP SOFTBALL TITLE



The Barons (upper left), Kagnew Station Softball League Champions, and the Relays (lower right), runners-up, pose for the photographer just before the final playoff game. Snurkowski (upper right),

Relays, legs it to first, but Nees, Barons, has the thrills for the spectators as both ball for the out. Lamb and Chancy look on as Bailey calls the play. Thomas (lower left) connects Hackworth and Holmes stole the show with one, as Kramer and Gradwell watch.

Golf Tournament Near Completion

The annual Handicap Golf Tournament is well under way, with the tan team, consisting of Grimm, Norsemifinals will be played tomorrow, main, Prince, Maither and McGuire Gazelle goes to a very deserving lad

Mrs. Baxter, with a 33 handicap, reigns champion of the women's tournament by holding Miss Sorgenlead going into the seventh hole.

All you golf enthusiasts who would be interested in watching Kagnew Station's best golfers show up at the golf course Saturday and Sunday to watch the semi-finals and

Clean Sweep

The Spartans and 9434th Relays made a clean sweep of the Eritrean Basketball Association this year. The Sparfollowed up with the finals on Sun- sparked the Relays to the & B > league by the name of Opl. Lenard M. Pratt running. championship.

Besides the Spartans and Relays, Kagnew Station was represented in "Mel " around post, was born in the Erirean league by the Hawks and Corinth, Mississippi, twenty-seven tini's 14 handicap down to a 3-up Africans, which also showed the Eri- years ago. He is the oldest son of a trean spectators a good Brand of bas-

> The two winning teams will be honored in an award banquet given by the Association, to be held at the Hamasien Hotel in the very near future. All the boys will receive individual medals, and team trophies.

Sports Personalities

of Operation's Detachment, 8604 DU.

Opi, Pratt, who is better known as very proud Mr. and Mrs. M. E Pratt.



MEL PRATT

Sgt. Bruce Higham's team cap- ed semi-pro baseball for Corinth and congratulated the Barons, A fine gestured first place in the team events fin shed his last season with a very ture and a show of great sportmanwith a pinfall of 3517 for the four impressive 29-7 record. Upon gradua. ship, games, Mambers of Higham's squad ting from school he turned down of- Trophies, will be awarded to all Ceplenski, SFC Winston Hodgkins, Cardinals, the Detroit Tigers and the This is the second consecutive softball Opl. Bernard Chaney and RM3 Chicago White Sox, He gave a very tournament that the Barons have Second place went to SFC Niel wanted to get an education first and Jed the Barons to three straight Welton's team, which rolled a 3422 then play pro-ball. Sadly enough wins over the Saints to win the last college football game he injured his Baron team once again gained the total of 1465 pins, SFC Winston right shoulder and was unable to championship by going undefeated in Hodgkins and TEL Freddie Cep- continue pitching-that is as far as the playoffs, lenski won first place in the doubles big leaugue was concerned. Mel conevent. Following up in second plac, tinued his education at Union Uni- Sgt. Earl Gradwell, Cpl. George A-

Upon graduating in 1952, Mel joined the Army, Before coming to Kagnew In the singles, Cpl. George Adolph- Station he served at Camp Breck-

Collins rolled 770 to take first and During h's tour at this post, Mel second places, respectively. Adolph- has been the spark of the Barons son's individual scores were 182, softball team. In fact, he has entered 223, 184 and 191. At one time, nearly every sport on post, along Collins was thought to have tied with being Umpire-in Chief of the Adolphson for first, but a ten-pin softball league. He is well recognized Cpl. Adolphson also took the of the last season does not show his all-events trophy with a total for ability in the least. He finished with the entire tournament of 2215. a 3-2 record. The previous season he truly showed his wares and finished with a 35-7 record and a .448 batting average. Who says pitchers can't hit?

After being discharged in August, Capt. Bernard Reynolds walked a- Mel plans to return to college to get a Master's Degree in Physical Education. Then he hopes to land a teaching-coaching job at Peabody team division of the handicap College in Nashville, Tennessee and settle down with his wife and little

> It sounds like a large-sized order, shouldn't have much trouble in ac-

complishing whatever he attempts,

Keep punching, Kid, and best of

The Barons scored a decisive victory over the Relays Monday to capture the Kagnew Station softball cham. pionship. Mel Pratt went the distance for the Barons, allowing only nine hits and two runs. Forgone started for the Relays and was replaced by Snurkowski in the fifth inning.

The game was a grand finale for a great tournament. Four, « never say die » teams were competing in the double elimination playoffs. In the first game the Navy team was upset by the Barons 7-2. The second game between the Hiltoppers and the Relays was the only game of the playoffs that went extra innings. The Hilltoppers were leading going into the last of the fifth when the Relays exploded with seven runs and went ahead in the sixth, But the Hilltoppers came back in the top of the seventh to tle it up again. The Relays were not to be denied a victory and scored in the last of the eighth to remain undefeated.

The third game was rained out and had to be replayed the next day. The sans were all keyed up for the game as well as the players-for the simple reason that the loser would be out of the tournament. The game held many teams showed superb defensive plays.

as they came up with some spectacular stops and long throws from the number six position. The game was n'p and tuck all the way through, and found the fans on their feet and yelling at the top of their lunes. But the Navy blew up in the top of the seventh and went one run behind, They made a gallant attempt to stay n the ball game, but just couldn't The honor of being the first sports' get a run across. Thus the Hilltoppers had a 1-1 record, while the Navy team, with 0-2, was out of the

> The fouth game found the undefeated Barons and Relays meeting for the first time. The Barons, behind the pitching of Pratt, scored in every inning, winning 14-5.

The fifth game found the Hill. His parents have continued to reside toppers and Relays fighting to stay in competition, for once again the loser would be out. This game was also close all the way down to the wire, and found the Relays coming through in the last of the seventh

The fourth game brought out

all the Kagnew softball enthuslasts. The game started off as though it would be a pitchers duel from Meginning to end, but the Barons let loose in the bottom of the third and kept on hitting the Relays pitching staff throughout the game. The fifth nning held a little interest for the fans, as the Barons rally was halted by a friendly conference. The b'g pow play, in which two Baron base runners came across the plate on an error. The first number missed the plate and went back to tag up after the next runner had scored. From "Mel " was an all-round sportsman that point on the game was played from the time he entered Corinth under protest by Major Minton. The High School, He played football and final score was 13-2. Later in a taseball all four years that he was conference with the umpires. Major in high school, After hours he play. Minton withdrew the protest and

fers to play ball for the St. Lous members of the winning Baron team, intelligent reason for refusing-he taken. As you all remember, Pratt fate was against him, and during a one. This season the hard fighting

> Umpires for the tournament were dolphson, Capt. Joseph Bellas, Mike Shea RMI and Sgt. W'lliam Balley, Their decisions were quick and final, Only one game was protested and only in one other d'd any real argu. ments cotur. It was a fine job and the men should be commended,

Lights Added To Dust Bowl

The Dust Bowl has been the scene of activity this past week, and not all of it was softball. A team consisting of Captain James F. Wilson, of the Engineers, and Captain Joseph A. Pignataro, 9434th Line Section, and their men have been installing the new lighting system for the Bowl.

The height of the poles vary from a 45 foot section behind home plate to 75 foot sections in the outfield. There will be a total of 6,500 watts on each of the five poles. An interesting note is that these large poles were laid seven feet deep and in such a manner that it did not necessitate but a great guy like Mel Pratt guy wires. The additional work consists of laying the underground cable, which is to furnish the power to the poles. Upon completion of this, the personnel of Kagnew Staluck from all of us at Kagnew Statton, tion will be enjoying night softball,

ADOLPHSON STEALS SHOW **Bowling Tournament Ends** The Post Bowling Tournament, featuring both a scratch and a

handicap division, was rolled off last week at the Kagnew Station Bowling Alley, with fourteen teams and ninety men competing.

Honchos' Shortstop Hospitalized

The past solitoall season at the Dust Bowl has been cursed with frequent injuries. Although many were minor cuts and bruises, three or four were more serious. One particular case involves a broken leg, the unfortunate victim being Pvt. Gordon Gordie White of the Medical Section of 8604



GORDIE WHITE

Pvt. White suffered the injury dur_ ring a league game between the Honchos and the Relays on 5 April Mis fortune struck as the speedy shorstop tried to stretch a single into a doutle. Anticipating a slow threw from the cutfield White sprinted for second base. The relay from the third baseman was fast and accurate forcing White to slide around the bagunder it. Unfortunately White's spike hooked onto the bag and the angle and speed combined snapped his leg. Captain Bellas, who also plays for the Hornhos, was on the scene admin stered immediate treatment right on the field and sent for the ambulance. Within a few short minutes the ambulance arrived and White was removed to the hospital, After xrays were taken, a tempor-

The scratch division included team, doubles and singles events of four games each. In addition to trophies for first and second place in these three contests, trophies will go to Cpl. George Adolphson for mosting the highest total (2215) for all events, and to Cpl. Bill Robertson for rolling the highest single game (265 pins)

for the tournament. were Sgt. John Brown, TEL Freddie Matt Zawacki.

Combining talents to drop a were SFC Gene Cline and Cpl. versity in Jackson, Tennessee. George Adolphison with a score

son rolled 780 and Cpl. Jack enridge and Fort Devens, error was discovered in his score, at the best pitcher on post, His record

Runner-up in second was Cpl. Robertson, with 2162 pins. Robertson rolled the high single

game of the tournament with 256. In the handicap tournament way with the trophy for high single game with 264 pins to his credit. Welton's won first with 3657 and Fisher's second with 3624 in the

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