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ROOKIE CRASHES THRU

Six Great Games He Lost Earned Hurler Tryout; Here's High Spots Of Those Losing Battles



EDGAR CARROLL
WHO WON A BIG LEAGUE TRYOUT WITH HIS LOSSING IN A GAME

By NORMAN E. BROWN
Sports Writer for Central Press and The Eccentric

Bradenton, Fla.—This is the story of a rookie pitcher who won himself a place in the baseball sun while losing six ball games—and a brief account of those defeats, which did more to stamp him as a major league prospect than the six games he won for his team the same year.

The young man is Edgar Carroll, one of the hopefuls from whom Bill Carrigan, manager of the Boston Red Sox, hopes to cull at least one man to string along with Morris, Ruffing and the other regular pitchers.

Carroll was graduated from high school. He had his heart set on a baseball career, of course, but saw ahead of him then several years in the minors, because of his inexperience—and his youth.

He had worked out with the Athletics in batting practice a few days during the season of 1928 but without signing. When he stepped out of high school the late Jack Dunn, of the Baltimore Orioles, took him on for a tryout in the south and then sent him to Salisbury, in the Eastern Shore league.

The following year he was traded by Salisbury to Cambridge, in the same league, for a shortstop. The league blew up in July and Carroll found himself out of a job—until Jiggs Donohue, old-time player tipped the Boston club off to him, and acting on Jigg's tip, the Sox signed him and sent him to Haverhill, in the New England league.

Carrigan and his aides, among other duties, kept an eye on Carroll and the daily box scores.

Carroll was tossed into his first game. That battle went 11 innings. The final score was 4 to 3 against the youngster. And then, with the six victories sandwiched in between, came the following exhibitions by Carroll:

A two-hit game against Portland, lost 1 to 0.

A 2 to 0 defeat at the hands of the Salem team—a game in which he allowed something like four hits, only to lose it when his teammates failed to get him a few runs.

Another defeat at the hands of Salem, 3 to 2.

A 4 to 3 defeat by the Portland club, in which Carroll scored its four runs without hitting the ball out of the infield. One base on balls by Carroll and one of those weird moments when the infield tosses the ball all over the lot did the damage.

And then the final game of the season.

Through 14 innings Carroll held Attleboro to three hits. Then a pass in the fifteenth, a timely triple and a sacrifice fly spelled disaster—after Haverhill had the game "in" with their lone run.

The final scores didn't interest the Sox bosses. It was the fact that Carroll could stand up under fire in those extra inning battles—and the consistency by which he was in his hurling through the twelve games—that won him a chance.

As to the games won, Carroll didn't pay so much attention to the scores.

"I wasn't pitching any better ball in those games than I was in the games I lost," says Carroll.

Carroll may not be ready yet for the big show, but he's going to learn a bit more about pitching from the wise old Red Sox pilot. And Carrigan doesn't need to stand from scratch with the young man. He has already proved that he can stand the gaff, as the old-timers say.

STATE PARKS OPEN OFFICIALLY MAY 16

Division Of Conservation Department Sets Date For Start

(Special to The Eccentric)

Lansing—State parks will be open to the public May 16, the official opening date has been set by the parks division of the conservation department as Memorial Day, the first holiday of the season, May 30.

Last year five and a half million people visited these parks during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. A decided increase is expected this year and preparations have been made for the greater service demands on these popular recreational areas.

Words Of Wisdom

A crowd of fellow sufferers is a miserable kind of comfort—Seneca.

The punishment can be remitted; the crime is everlasting—Ovid.

An ancient custom obtains force of nature—Cicero.

The longest day soon comes to an end—Pliny the Younger.

Disgrace is immortal, and lives even when one thinks it dead—Plautus.

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Announcement is made today of the appointment of Alfred E. Fox, of the Osborne Sales and Service in Birmingham, to the position of assistant treasurer of the Alfred C. Benter Ford Sales and Service in Pontiac. He will assume his new duties May 15. Mr. Fox has been with the Ford agency here since 1926. He has not decided whether he will make his home in Pontiac or remain here.

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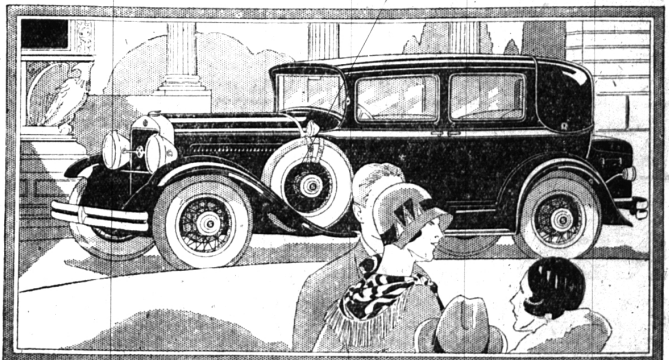
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