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Rain Threatens Tourney Finale

Jude Carries Williamson's Hopes Against Charles Town

*Wolfpack Ace Shades Dick Dunlevy
In Great Mound Duel; HC Bows, 4-2*

By George Holbrook

GROGGY from a near-knockout count in the second round Friday night, the state high school baseball tournament appeared headed for the hat rack because of early rains Saturday and it caused more than one member of the Williamson Wolfpack to jump with joy.

The Packers know full well now that it is squarely up to Gaston (the Fireman) Jude if Coach Tony Gentile carries home the big winner's trophy from this fourth annual event.

The championship is scheduled to be decided between unbeaten Williamson which skimmed past previously undefeated Wells high of Newell last night, 3-2, in eight innings in the best game ever played in the schoolboys' little world series, and the slugging Purple Panthers of Charles Town, hard by the Shenandoah apple-growing country.

State Tourney Box Scores

SEMI-FINALS

Newell					Williamson				
	ab	r	e	a		ab	r	e	a
Durham cf	3	0	1	0	Stultz 2b	3	1	1	0

Jude, the deserving soul, needs a rest after winning both of the Wolfpacks' games so far to become the outstanding star of the classic. If unable to play tonight, the teams must lay over until Monday at least, which will mean that the trusty Jude arm will have time to soak up more badly-needed vitamins.

Many are saying that the contest will give Coach Harold (Zip) Lorenz's Charley Towners from the eastern panhandle an opportunity to prove that they still are a part of West Virginia. The final game of the meet, if it is played tonight, is slated to start at 7:30 p. m.

While most fans expect Jude to continue his mound exploits, Coach Gentile could surprise by starting Lefty Joe Chapman who saw limited service Friday. The logic behind such a move would be to counteract the five south paw swingers in the Charles Town batting order.

At any rate, Lorenz will hand the pill to Mel Zombro, his loosey-goosey ace of the Panthers' thrilling 10-6 opening round conquest of Clarksburg Roosevelt-Wilson Thursday night.

Charles Town earned its title shot by defeating Doug Greenlee's stubborn Huntington Central Pony Express, 4-2, in a game that was started one day (Friday) and finished the next.

Afternoon rains Friday left the field in slippery playing condition and Director Bill Fugitt did not give the highball signal until more than an hour after the original 7 p. m. starting time. This threw the second contest to start at about 10:40 p. m. and it was not concluded until about 12:10 a. m. Saturday with the stands all but deserted by that wee hour.

WILLIAMSON'S narrow squeeze past a fine looking Newell nine still has the baseball bugs barking. Jude turned in one of the greatest relief jobs ever credited to a high school hurler but at the same time, in losing, Newell's Dick Dunlevy was forced to swallow a bitter pill because he had hurled masterfully until a couple of looping blows accounted for the winning run in the first overtime inning. Dick doled out only two stinky hits in the first six innings.

Incidentally, the decisive run—Williamson's third—equalled the most ever scored on Coach Johnny Robison's Wells men in their 16 games this season. The defeat also was their first and a close follower of the team said Jude was the best pitcher the Greenies had faced.

That was easy to understand because Jude's "Hugh Casey act" was responsible for 15 to 16 Wells runners stranded on the base paths. Ken Stollings started on the Williamson hill but walked the first two men. Jude, starting the game at Stollings' regular third base post, rushed over to fan the next three batters.

He repeated the task heroically for late comers in the second round after Stollings let Del Jividen crack a double and Ed Peters got on when Dick Flippin dropped his fly ball in left outfield.

Eckleby 2b	4	0	1	2	Chapman	4	0	1	2
Dunlevy p	4	0	1	2	Varney 2b	4	1	1	2
Franczek ss	5	2	0	1	G. Jude 2b	3	0	1	2
Stephens c	5	1	0	1	Stollings	3	0	1	2
Jividen 1b	4	2	2	2	Stultz	3	0	1	2
Franczek 3b	4	2	1	2	Whitmore	3	0	1	2
Walden 2b	4	2	1	2	Strider	3	0	1	2
Walden 2b	4	2	1	2	Strider	3	0	1	2
Mooney rf	3	0	0	0	Strider	3	0	1	2
					Strider	3	0	1	2

Totals 33 9x23 9 Totals 29 6 24 4

Newell 002 000 00—2 9 1

Williamson 002 000 01—3 6 3

R—Dunlevy, Franczek, Chapman, Stollings, E. Jude, E—Flippin, G. Jude, Eckleberry, Stollings, RBI—Jividen, Stultz, Varney, 2B—Jividen, Chapman, SB—Stultz, E. Jude, Eckleberry, DP—Varney to Stultz; Stephens to Jividen, LOB—Newell 16, Williamson 4, E—off Dunlevy 1, Stollings 2, G. Jude 2, Chapman 5, SO—by Dunlevy 5, G. Jude 16, Chapman 5, H—off Stollings 1 in 6; G. Jude 5 in 6; Chapman 3 in 2. Winner—G. Jude, Ump.—Bordok, Noyes and Howell, Time—2:25, Att.—500 (est.)

Huntington	ab	r	e	a	Charles Town	ab	r	e	a
McCormick c	3	0	4	1	L'ng'r/b'n 2b	3	1	0	0
Baker rf	2	1	0	0	Boyd c	3	0	3	0
C'ldw'll 3b p	3	0	1	2	Zombro lf	3	1	1	0
Harrison cf	3	1	2	0	Whit'n 1b	3	1	3	0
Turley lf	3	0	1	0	Owens rf	3	2	0	0
Conley 1b	2	0	6	0	Strider 3b	3	1	0	1
Th'm's 2b-3b	3	2	3	1	Crowley c	3	1	9	0
Cantor 2b	0	0	1	0	Sager ss	2	0	3	1
Heizer ss	3	0	0	2	Smith p	1	0	2	2
Whitmore p	2	1	0	2					
Wright a	1	0	0	0					

Totals 25 5 18 8 Totals 24 7 21 4

a—Grounded out for Cantor in 7th.

Huntington 010 001 0—2 5 3

Charles Town 020 020 x—4 7 2

R—Conley, Baker, Whittington, Owens, Strider, Crowley, E—Smith, Caldwell, Heizer, Whitmore, Strider, RBI—Longerbean, Strider 2, Harrison, 2B—Crowley, 3B—Whitmore, DP—Caldwell to Conley, LOB—Huntington Central 5, Charles Town 6, BB—off Smith 2, Whitmore 2, SO—by Smith 9, Whitmore 2, Caldwell 2, H—off Whitmore 7 in 4 1-3; Caldwell 0 in 1 2-3, Balk—Smith 2, Loser—Whitmore, Umpires—Howell, Bordok and Noyes, Time—1:30.

hitter Ken Mooney for the third out.

It wasn't until the fifth that that fellow Jude was needed again when with the corners crammed and one away, he threw a third strike past Mooney again and got Jack Durham on a pop-up to shortstop Bud Williamson.

That ended Jude's sensational string of strikeouts at eight straight. Until Franczek skied to centerfield in the fourth, the first 11 Newell outs all were strikeouts.

Well, Jude finished the game from his fourth appearance on the knob in the fifth and finally gave up four blows but was efficient enough in the tight spots to let five runners die on bases in the final three frames. In the third, fifth and seventh Newell was retired with the runways clogged.

In the same inning that Newell notched its total output, Williamson collected its first two tallies. An error by Ron Eckleberry put Stollings on first and Ernest Jude (the whole family was rough on Newell) singled to left center, sending Ken to third. Dunlevy fanned Dick Flippin but Leadoff Man Bob Stultz outlegged a single to short, Stollings scoring.

E. Jude and Stultz then pulled a double steal with the former bringing home the tying run.

The battle waxed even—Stephen until the eighth when, with two out, Chapman dropped a two-bagger near the left field line and Ken Varney looped a hump-back single over second base to eliminate one of the best all-around clubs to appear here in any state tournament.

The play-by-play had to be telephoned to about 600 Newell townspeople who had gathered in the high school auditorium.

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Chapman started the third but could retire only two of seven batters. Dunlevy walked and Franczek singled and when Jude, who had swapped positions in centerfield with Chappie, overthrew third base, Dunlevy scampered home with the first run. Jividen's second blow, a single to right, plated Dunlevy.

Both Peters and Frank Gibas walked and Jude strode in from the outfield without benefit of fanfare or trumpets and whiffed pinch-

Jude fanned 10 men and looked ahead hopefully toward equaling Steve Dishauzi's record for Weirton in 1945 when the Red Riders won three straight games for Carl Hamill's team. Sentiment is with Jude to bring the south its first diamond crown but the spirit and flesh may need an assist from the weatherman for him to become a triple winner.

ARCHIE SMITH, a port-sider with a trick or two up his sleeve, stopped Huntington Central in Friday's second semi-final, fanning nine and scattering five singles. Doug Greenlee's Pony Express grabbed an unearned 1-0 lead in the second on Shelby Conley's walk, Bob Thomas' single and a wild throw past second by Smith, but in return, presented the free-swinging Charles Town club with two runs in the bottom of the inning on two errors and Bill Longerbean's blow to left.

The Panthers chased Don Whitmore, Huntington's starting flinger, in the fifth when Al Whittington, Charles (Specs) Owens and Phil

Saturday with certificates and gloves.

Strider singled in rapid succession. Dave Caldwell, who beat St. Albans the night before, relieved and retired the last four hitters consecutively.

One of Smith's two balks set up Huntington's second and final run in the sixth. Dan Baker bingled and was waved to second on a balk. He was chased home by Luddy Harrison's clean whack into left center.

Dwens, one of the better-looking batters in the meet, led his CT mates with two blows, making three-for-six in two games. Whitmore socked a triple for Huntington's only extra-base blow.

The victory was Charles Town's 14th against two losses in comparison to 14 straight for William-son.

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