ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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Examinations are over, and with the coming of spring baseball is all the rage. Every afternoon about forty men may be seen hard at work on Davis field. Bats ring out and balls go humming in all directions. Young pitchers, each anxious to become Carolina's star twirler, are warming up and exerting every effort to round into good shape.

Of last year’s team, all are back except “Tot” Irby and Jones. Therefore there is no reason why Carolina should not put out a winning team. Last year she won third place among the State colleges, and this year first place would look mighty good.

Capt. Heyward Gibbes is once more at the head of his team, and no better leader could have been chosen. His equal at first base can not be found in the whole State. He is a fast fielder, a good “pinch” hitter, and an exceptionally good bunter. He acts as general utility man for his team, and richly deserves the place he fills.

Belser will again do the receiving. His throwing to bases is accurate, and it is death to any runner to try to steal a base on him. He led the team in hitting last season. Great things are expected of this graceful young player.

Centre garden is ably filled by “Buck” Perrin. He fields fast and throws ‘em as fast as any one. The team expects him to win many games with his timely hitting. Last year he hit about .300.

Next comes the “whirlwind” shortstop, Bratton Davis. “Brat” is fast on his feet, and many basemen are “robbed” of hits by this agile little star. He has a good eye for hitting and generally manages to get to first base. In 1906 he hit about .327. For these good qualities he heads the batting order.

Wardlaw Smith has only played at second one year, but in that time he showed us what was in him. He improved as the season progressed, and if his injury does not prevent his playing, “Smitty” will make the team a valuable second sacker.

Rembert, in right field, is one of the fastest men on the team. His fielding at times is spectacular, and with a little improvement in batting he will be a great acquisition to the team.

Jones, of last year’s pitching staff, is missing, but Simpson and Garland are back and should make good. “Simp” is cool and collected, and with good curves, and “luck” besides, he ought to be a good one.

“Tot” Irby is not back to cover third base, but his place will be filled by a capable man. The most promising applicants are Cartwright, Carroll, and Perrin, W. B. Any one of the three would more than balance the loss of Irby.

Left field is also open, but from the good material trying for this position, it is safe to say that this place will be strengthened also. “Jack” Reeves is showing up well for this position. He is a heavy hitter and good fielder, two requisites for an outfielder.

Of the new material, Trippett is showing up in excellent form. He comes highly recommended, and is going to give some one a run for second base.

The most prominent pitchers trying out are: DesPortes, of Davidson, Leitner, of the Mechanics, Wyche, Fair, Beverley, and James. From this number one, at least, will make good.

Among those trying for various positions are: Captain Gibbes, Perrin, L. W., Davis, Belser, Rembert, Smith, Simpson, Reeves, Henderson, McDonald, J. E., DesPortes, Trippett, McDonald, M. R., Heyward, Izlar, Gibson, Cartwright, Wyche, Beverley, Marion, Marion, Lawrence, Gardner, etc.

THE CAROLINIAN STAFF


Captain Gibbes is very hopeful, and when questioned about his team, said: “Although we have no extra good pitcher, the men are willing, and if a good one is developed the team will be 50 per cent. stronger than last year’s. Our outfield is superb, and the prospects for the infield are unusually bright.

“A number of men are here with good reputations, but they have played few college games, and it is hard to predict what they will do.

“It is safe to say, though, that out of the numerous applicants, a good team will be put in the field.

“Coach James will not be back this year. We are in communication with several men, and a capable coach will be secured. Probably Manager Guy Gunter, of the Sumter team, or Frank Lohr, of the Columbia League team.”

Manager Perrin has not been idle, but has arranged an excellent schedule for Carolina, which is as follows:

March 28—Wofford at Columbia.
April 3—Erskine at Columbia.
April 8—Furman at Greenville.
April 9—Clemson at Clemson.
April 14—Newberry at Columbia.
April 20—Citadel at Charleston.
April 21—Charleston College at Charleston.
April 29—Newberry at Newberry.
April 30—Presbyterian College at Clinton.
May 7—Furman at Columbia.
During this time several games will be played with the Columbia City team and teams of the State League.

College Yells

Slow time—
Rah, rah, rah, rah,
South Car-o-l-i-na.

Carolina, rah, rah,
Carolina, rah, rah,
Hoover, hoover,
South Car-o-l-i-na!

Hika, hika, hika,
Sis, boom, bah;
Carolina, Carolina,
Rah, rah, rah.