

May 1914

Around the North Carolina State League

Some early season notes from around the North Carolina State League:

- On May 11, Durham and Charlotte are tied for first place with identical 11-3 records while Asheville (4-12) is last in the five team class D league.
- *The Charlotte Observer* takes a jab at the rival *Winston Sentinel*, opining that the *Sentinel* is “the most expert partisan sheet in the circuit.”
- A little self-evaluation would do the *Observer* well as the paper asserts that the Hornets outfield of Bud Weiser, Sam Williams and Arthur Hartle are “speed phoenoms” but “terrible hitters” ... Weiser will hit .333 and finish second among league batting leaders with a .333 mark while Hartle is fifth in hitting (.310) and sixth in doubles with 28.
- Charlotte Hornets’ manager Bert Emery intends on carrying only five pitchers during the season “and almost anybody by this time can tell who they are going to be.”
- Catawba College ministerial student and star pitcher Harvey Fesperman is expected to “come down” (from Salisbury) and pitch in one of the Hornets’ upcoming games against Durham ... Fesperman, who played for Greensboro in 1913, will eventually pitch in 26 games for Charlotte, finishing 12-7.
- Veteran shortstop Burl Edwards is acquired by the Hornets and the *Observer* says “If Edwards is the man the management thinks he is, the Hornets are just now about all they will ever need to be” ... Edwards will hit a meager .202 and make 22 errors in 29 games before being released.