



Dedmon's Thinking All Wet

One Puzzling Pitch
Baffling The Foes

By RON MORRIS
Herald Sports Writer

It says something for Jeff Dedmon's knucklecurve that the Durham pitcher twice has been accused of doctoring a pitch this season.

"They can think what they want," Dedmon says of recent accusations by Hagerstown manager Grady Little and Salem manager Glen Ezell. "Even if I said I didn't throw an illegal pitch, it wouldn't change their minds."

Little asked the home plate umpire to check the ball for an illegal substance on May 13 when Dedmon was pitching at Durham Athletic Park. Ezell asked for a check of the ball last Friday in Salem.

"Some of the players on my club approached me and asked what the funny pitch was that they hadn't seen before," Ezell said. "Consequently, that made me take a closer look at him on the mound. I thought there was the possibility of the youngster doing something different than what most kids can do at this level. And I caught too many years of minor-league baseball [not] to know the difference between a knucklecurve and another kind of pitch."

Ezell said he would continue to watch Dedmon closely. And that's just fine with Dedmon and Durham manager Al Gallagher.

"Let 'em think that," Gallagher said. "I think it's great."

Dedmon said the accusations only add to what is already a mysterious pitch, especially at the Class A league level.

Because of the accusations, Dedmon said he will continue to play to the role of a spitball pitcher, although he isn't admitting that he is one. In the manner of alleged spitball specialist Gaylord Perry, Dedmon said he will continue to wipe his forehead prior to each pitch. By touching the bill of his cap and wiping sweat from his brow, Dedmon said he at least has the opposition thinking about a wet pitch.



(Staff Photo By Jim Thornton)

Carolina League Umpire Checks Dedmon's Baseball: "They Can Think What They Want," Dedmon Says

Dedmon is a prime suspect for throwing illegal pitches because his knucklecurve acts in much the same manner as a spitball. It looks like a fastball as it nears home plate, then it suddenly dips down and away.

Dedmon, who said the pitch can dip anywhere from six inches to a foot, holds the ball with the thumb and two outside fingers on his right hand. He pushes the ball with the knuckles of his index and middle fingers. The outside fingers give the pitch speed while the inner fingers add rotation to the ball.

"It's just like a slider in that it gets to the plate about 75 to 80 miles per hour," Dedmon said. "But it's different from a slider

because a slider moves to the left, the knucklecurve drops down."

Dedmon said he developed the knucklecurve when he was cut from the Harbor (Calif.) Junior College team four years ago because he could not throw a curveball. It has taken Dedmon until this season to gain control and develop different speeds with his unusual pitch.

Dedmon said he is still learning to adjust his delivery according to the wind. A head wind gives the ball more topspin and causes it to drop sharply. As a result the pitch can be as difficult to catch as it is to hit. Dedmon is second in the league with six wild pitches.

Dedmon is also learning to

throw the pitch at varying speeds. "It's not an unhittable pitch," he said. "So by varying speeds, it can catch the batter off guard."

In his last three starts, two of them wins, Dedmon has caught the opposition with its guard down. In those three starts, Dedmon has allowed only five runs in 25½ innings for a 1.78 earned run average. For the season, he has a 3.27 ERA.

"I won't let anybody change my pitch now," Dedmon said. "If I'm going to make it to the big leagues, that's the pitch I'm going to make it with."

Along the way, Dedmon will have to live with the accusations of throwing an illegal pitch.

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Last name: Deadman

In spite of its rather sinister appearance, this English surname of early medieval origins, has absolutely nothing to do with any death or destruction. It is is locational and one of a number of dialectal corruptions of the Norfolk village name of Debenham, near the city of Norwich. It is true that there are a number of places such as Deadwin Clough, Deadmans Croft, and Deadmans Coppice, found in the counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Gloucestershire respectively, which are grim recordings of some foul deed in ancient times, but no evidence exists to suggest that any of them gave rise to a later surname development. In this case the name development leading to the modern surname spellings, are well documented and have followed the path of de Debenham to Debenham, to Dedman, Debnam, and Deadman, all versions which are still to be found in modern times. Examples of the recordings include Edward Debnam at St Michael's church, Cornhill, London in 1669, Robert Debnam of Suffolk in 1674, and Martha Harris, given as being the sister of Samuel Deadman, buried at the church of St Dionis Backchurch, city of London, in 1688. The first recorded spelling of the family name is believed to be that of John de Debenham. This was dated 1273, in the 'Pipe Rolls' of Yorkshire during the reign of King Edward 1st. He was known by the nickname of 'The Hammer of the Scots', and reigned 1272 - 1307. Throughout the centuries, surnames in every country have continued to "develop" often leading to astonishing variants of the original spelling.

Last name: Dedman

This interesting surname of English origin with variant spellings Debnam, Deadman, etc., is a dialectal variant of the locational name Debenham in Suffolk, deriving from the Old English pre 7th century river name "Deopa" meaning "Deep plus "ham" "homestead". The surname dates back to the late 13th Century. Church recordings include one Rachell Deadman who married Thomas Pope on September 12th 1580, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Andrew son of Andrew and Ellin Dedman,

was christened in 1637, at St. Botolph without Aldgate, London, and Frances Dedman was christened on August 1st 1638, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. John, son of Richard Dedman, was christened on April 22nd 1649, at St. Swithin's, London - Stone, and Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Dedman, was christened in 1707, at Puttenham, Suffolk.

Last name: Dedmon

The English Surname Dedmon, along with Deadman, Debnam, Dedman, Debman, etc., is a variant of Debenham, a place name in the county of Suffolk. The origin is "of Debenham, a parish in the diocese of Norwich, and is absolutely certain, that Deadman, Dedman, and Dedmon are variants. The steps of corruption were as follows: Debenham, Debnam, Deadnam, Deadman, Deadmon, Dedmon. It is another case of imitation, for which there is such a strange tendency in nomenclature and hundreds of examples are found including Putman for Puttenham; Twyman for Twineham; Buckmon for Buckenham; and Cotman for Cottenham. Translated literally from old English words, we have "homestead by a deep river". We read in the hundred rolls of 1273 for the county of Huntingdon of one John de Debenham, and again in the same record for the year : 1279, are the references to another John de Debenham. The Hearth tax rolls for Suffolk refer to Robert Debenham, Debnam in 1674, along with Francis Debnam, Deadman; John Deadman, and Thomas Dednum, in 1688 Martha Harris, sister to Samuel Deadman was buried at St. Dionis Backchurch, and in 1706 Samuel Debnam's burial record is also recorded. The wedding of Rice Deadman to Mary Shawbridge was celebrated at St. George's church, Hanover Square, London in the year 1783, and in 1799, James, the son of James Deadman, "a soldier", was baptized at Canterbury Cathedral. The name of Thomas Debnam, of Winton, North Carolina, born in 1858, is listed in Burkes American Families, among the landed Gentry and traced back to John Buckner Debnam, who left England in 1794 and settled in Norfolk, BA, becoming the founder of this family. Notes from Jim Dedmon: Evolution of our name was: Deadman, Dedman and Dedmon. There have been other variations, such as the family in Chattanooga, TN, who put a "D" on the end... Dedmond, so their mail wouldn't get mixed up with other relatives. The name Deadman apparently doesn't mean a "Dead Man", but a man from Debenham (Saxton meaning, "Deep River Homestead", in Suffolk), Saxon meaning "South Forks" country, England, which is near the North Sea in South East England, West of Cambridge and North of London.

-- "American Surnames" by Elsdon C. Smith.



**MY GREAT GRANDFATHER
DAVID MARTIN DEDMAN
Born - May 2,1863 - Died - Feb. 18,1905**

For many years it's been a long search to find my Great Great Grandfather David Martin Dedman/Deadman. The son of Daniel Martin Dedman/Deadman and Lydia Lavina Welborn. David Martin Dedman/Deadman was born on May 2,1863 in High Point, North Carolina, and died on Feb.18,1905 in Sweet Springs, Missouri.

For several years I was on the hunt for David, as many of us were, to no avail. Where was he in his early years? I finally found his were abouts as a child to adulthood. To trace him, we have to go back two generations and tell the story of his life. His father, (who was a farmer), Daniel, was born Feb 27,1834. His mother Lydia Lavina Welborn was born Sept 28,1836. The couple married Feb. 2,1862. All these occasions happened in the High Point, N.C. area.

Unfortunately, the following year on Feb.27,1863 Daniel Martin Dedman/Deadman died in High Point. He never did get to meet his only son "David Martin" as Lydia Lavina was just 7 months "with child" when Daniel died. Now we have a widowed mother with child. For whatever reason, Lydia Lavina Welborn moved back home with her parents, James Madison Welborn and Sarah Horney after Daniel died. I believe Lydia had David "at home" and this is why I have not been able to find any record of his birth. I also believe it was done "QUIETLY".

I continued my search to census records for the household of James Madison Welborn and Sarah Horney. In the N.C. 1870 Census I found Lydia Lavina Welborn (age 33) and whom I believe to be her son D M "Welborn" (age 7). The years fit ! I also found in the N.C. 1880 census , Lydia Lavina Welborn (age 44) and D M Welborn (age 17) The years fit! In these census, everyone is listed as husband, wife, daughter, son, etc... When it gets to David Martin there is NOTHING which leads me to believe it is Lydia's SON.

After Daniel passed away, Lydia saw fit to give David the "Welborn" name to raise him . This was to be short lived. After the 1880 census I found nothing in N.C for David Martin Dedman/Deadman. He fell off the map totally. I do know between the years 1881 and 1885 David Martin "Dedman/Deadman" traveled by wagon train to Sweet Springs, Missouri. His mother, Lydia, stayed behind in N.C. with her family where she had lived all her life. Lydia passed away on Feb.2,1902. It's in Missouri where David Martin Dedman takes his fathers name back and married Cora Walborn on Oct. 10, 1886 in Cass County, Missouri. David Martin passed away in Missouri, Sweet Springs. on Feb.18,1905

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Cordelia Walborn was the daughter of Reuben Bowman Walborn and Evaline Frances Shores (Celia) and she was born in Marshall , Missouri on Feb 20, 1864. Cordelia was first married to David Martin Dedman in Harrisonville, Missouri on October 10,1886. David Martin Dedman was an only child born in HighPoint, N.C , to Daniel Martin Deadman and Lydia Lavina Welborn. His father didn't get a chance to set eyes on his only son as his mother was just months pregnant when his father died. When he was just a few years old Lydia and David traveled by covered wagon from N.C. to Missouri. It was here where David Martin Dedman came to his own and met Cordelia N. Walborn and married her. David Martin Dedman passed away on Feb,18.1905 in Sweet Springs, Missouri.

Children of Cordelia and David Martin:

Earl Madison Dedman 4 SEP 1890 (75204217)
Bessie Dedman 16 FEB 1894.
Reuben Dedman 27 MAY 1895.
Martha Dedman 25 NOV 1897
John William Dedman 27 NOV 1899*

Then Cordelia traveled to Fort Benton, Montana with her children to live . It was here where she met Herbert Elmer Carlson, and they married on Dec,18,1913. Together they lived out their lives in Fort Benton and are buried together .

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ZACHARIAH ISBELL

by Hazel Inglis

My grandfather, the Honorable Zachariah Isbell circa 1722-1788 is buried at Cherokee Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Highway 81, south of Jonesboro, Tennessee, near Cherokee Creek. He was born circa 1722 in King William County/Orange County, VA. (son of Henry Isbell & wife, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Cox) and died circa 1788 (1786-90) near Jonesboro, Washington County, Tennessee. Earliest records spell his name Zachary.

His wife was Elizabeth Calloway (born Abt. 1725), daughter of Thomas Callaway, an aunt of the two Calloway sisters who were kidnapped with Daniel Boone's daughter Jemima by Indians while paddling in their canoe but later rescued (one of the famous Daniel Boone stories).

Judge Zachariah Isbell was: first sheriff of Bedford Co., VA.; first magistrate of Bedford Co. (the original court order books are all in his own hand). He was appointed one of the first justices of Bedford County, Virginia, on May 27, 1754, with Howard and Calloway. He helped "lay out" the town of New London, first county seat of Bedford County.

He was a captain in the French & Indian War and on March 7, 1759, he received a land grant for 250 acres in Craven District (later Camden Dist.), South Carolina, plus other land grants in 1762, 1763 and 1766. He was also Tax Collector and Justice of the Peace and magistrate in Craven/Camden Dist. (Kershaw Co.), S.C.; another researcher says he moved to his plantation in S.C. and lived quietly until the Revolution disrupted his family life.

He moved to Washington Co., N.C., where he was again a magistrate judge; he was one of 13 commissioners appointed to form the Watauga Settlement which became the State of Tennessee. The monument at Elizabethton, TN records the names of "The Immortal 13." (Founders of This State), but the marker misspells his name. It is said he drew up the first census (or sorts), a listing of the wealthiest citizens in the Watauga

Settlement, although his name is not on the tax listing. 1772: served on the first court in Tennessee, with John Carter, Charles and James Robertson, & John Sevier, and he had the most court experience of all five justices

In May, 1772, the first constitution in North America was written by the people of the Watauga Settlement and called "Articles of Watauga Association". No copies were preserved and exist today, but it called for an assembly of 13 men elected by the people, which, in turn, elected and appointed a committee of five with both judicial and executive authority for administering the government of the settlement. The first five men appointed to administer the government were: John Sevier, James Robertson, Charles Robertson, Zachariah Isbell and John Carter

1778: served on the first court in Washington County (now Tennessee) with John Sevier (later, the first governor of TN.) March 25, 1775: He took part in the Watauga Purchase of the East Tennessee lands from the Cherokees by witnessing the deed from the Cherokees to Jacob Brown, making up a large part of Washington County and signed by several Indian chiefs. The huge old tree under which the deed was signed is still there, but lying on the ground. Zachariah Isbell bought land from Jacob Brown 1775/6, shown on Brown plats. Jacob Brown gave the land for the Cherokee Creek Baptist Church, chartered September 1783.

The Washington County Tennessee, 1778 Tax List included Zachariah Isbell, Esq., as well as Zacha Isbell and Godfrey Isbell. It is believed that "Zacha. Isbell" was a son of Zachariah Isbell while Godfrey Isbell was a nephew. Zachariah Isbell and his son Zachariah Jr. both served in the government of the Watauga Association, and they both fought the British with Col. John Sevier in the Battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780.

Zachariah Isbell, Sr., "continued his career as a magistrate and justice in East Tennessee," but the last official record found is in 1784. In 1784, Zachariah Isbell was appointed by the State of North Carolina, along with John Sevier and Jesse Walton, as commissioners to confiscate the properties of Tories in Washington County, Tennessee/North Carolina. The last known record for Zachariah Isbell is where he purchased a bible and a saddle at the estate sale of Jacob Brown, when Brown died in 1786.

Zachariah is believed by researchers to have died by the 1790 census (or 1786-89) and buried at CHEROKEE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, Highway 81, south of Jonesboro, on Cherokee Creek.

TRICE-DEDMAN MEMORIAL WOODS



The Trice-Dedman Memorial Woods preserve contains one of the best woodlands in western Missouri and provide a wonderful wilderness escape that includes a plethora of spring wildflowers.

WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT

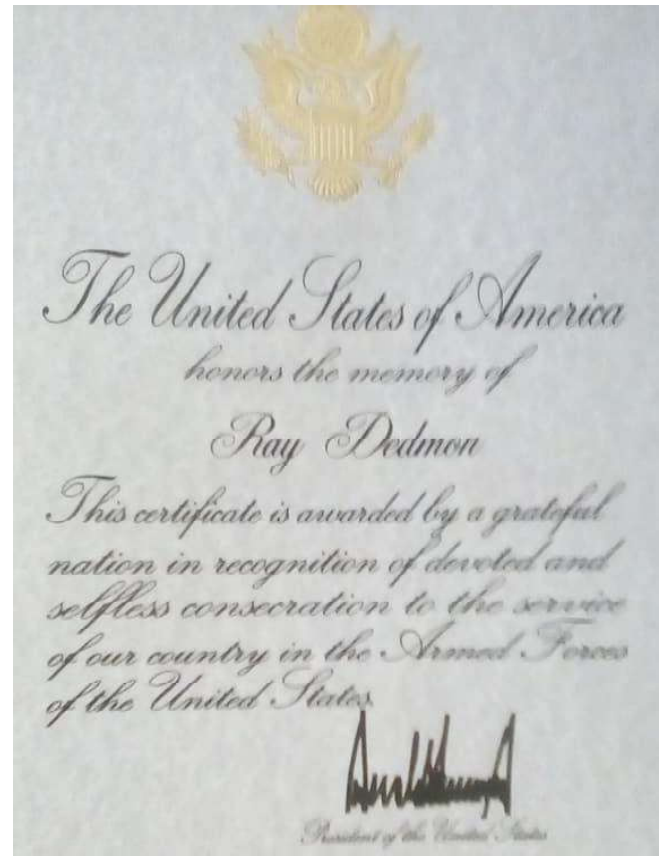
Only an hour's drive North of Kansas City in Clinton County, east of Plattsburg. Trice-Dedman is an excellent example of the oak woodlands that once wove through the prairies of northwestern Missouri. The stand of old-growth white oak conceals boulders and low outcrops of limestone bedrock in its valley bottoms and stream courses. There is a readily accessible, well-marked trail with moderate to gentle slopes.

The Conservancy is focusing on managing the preserve to foster reproduction and recruitment of canopy oaks. We are conducting research to provide insight into Missouri's unique woodland system and conducting fire management and research. The Conservancy also extensively participates in a global volunteerism control project to control the invasion of the Garlic mustard weed. The 60 acre preserve is managed in conjunction with DNR staff at nearby Wallace state park.

The 200 different native species at Trice-Dedman are threatened by the decline of the savanna-like oak woodland in favor of the more degraded, heavily shaded forest of elms and maples. Subsequently, garlic mustard, a very shade-tolerant and pernicious weed, has invaded the area.

Most of the oaks in this old-growth forest are between 160 and 180 years old. Spring flowers abound here, including violets, spring beauties, Dutchman's breeches and trout lilies. More diligent searchers will be rewarded with sightings of orchids, dwarf larkspur, early horse gentian, yellow honeysuckle and green dragon.

Birders will find a profusion of warblers and other migrants visiting in the spring season. Common woodland animals can be seen throughout the year. Check the local weather forecast and dress accordingly.



This is my dad, retired staff Sargent Ray Dedmon MP. He served our country for 20 in the USAF. Did two tours in Nam, I thank god everyday that he brought him back to us. I pray for all the men and woman who did not return home to their families. They gave the ultimate sacrifice for you and I and our country. God bless our country and all who fought and continue to fight to keep us free. Now let's honor them!!!!!!

--Alice Dedmon

MEET OUR LATEST FAMILY MEMBER



LILY FUQUA

Baby Lilly entered the world Sunday, November 5, 2018. She is the daughter of proud parents, Jessica and Adam Fuqua. Jessica is the granddaughter of my brother, Bill. This is his first great granddaughter. He and his wife Connie are blessed with six grandchildren.

GENEVA B. DEDMON



Geneva Bell Dedmon, 93, of Kings Mountain, NC, passed away on October 21, 2018 at CMC Cleveland in Shelby, NC. Born in Cleveland County, NC, she was the daughter of the late William Lawrence Bell and Pearl Ware and was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years Ralph Dedmon. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Bobby Bell. Geneva was a life long member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother and sister who was very loyal to her family. Geneva was a dedicated caregiver to her husband Ralph and a life long best friend to her son, Jimmy. She loved working with Jimmy in her vegetable garden for as long as she was physically able. After her retirement, Geneva enjoyed traveling with her sister in law, Janice. Geneva will be laid to eternal rest in Oak Grove, where she had longed to return to. **SURVIVORS:** Son: James "Jimmy" Dedmon and fiancé Christina Liles, Dallas, NC, Brother: G.W. "Joe" Bell, Kings Mountain, NC, Sister in law: Janice Bell, Kings Mountain, NC, Grandchildren: 2; Great Grandchildren: 7. **GRAVESIDE SERVICE:** Friday, October 26, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. **VISITATION:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, NC. **INTERMENT:** Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain, NC.

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DELMAR FOSTER

Delmar Talmadge Foster, 82, of Knobel, AR., passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at General Baptist Nursing Home in Piggott, AR. Mr. Foster was born in Tipperary, AR., on April 11, 1936. He retired from Fisher Body after 30 years of driving a fork-lift. He was a member of UAW and enjoyed antiquing and yard work. He was of the Baptist faith.

He married his wife of 30 years, Mrs. Betty Jean (Dedmon) Foster on June 29, 1987. She survives, other survivors include his daughter Sheila Neumann and grandson Drew Neumann.

He was preceded in death by parents Arthur Dotson and Mettie Lou (Gould) Foster; three brothers Albert Foster, Delbert Foster, Alvin Foster; three sisters Esther Deatherage, Beulah Finn and niece Neely Joyce Spruell.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1:00 PM on the Ermert Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Gary Meeker officiating. Burial will follow the services at Bond Cemetery in Knobel, AR. Visitation will be held Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

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CLARENCE BURDETTE DEADMOND

Clarence Burdette Deadmond, 72, of Trenton born Sept. 16, 1931, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He served in Salem Army National Guard and retired from McDonald Douglas after 37 years of employment. He is preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Hellen Deadmond; one brother, Bill Deadmond, a grandson, Christopher Michael Deadmond; and a great-grandson, Gabriel Allen Deadmond. He is survived by his beloved wife Lula B. Deadmond, nee Hicks; two sons, Allen (Sara) Deadmond, and Bobby (Norma) Deadmond; one daughter, Lorretta (Charlie) Duncan, five grandchildren, Bobby Jr., Christa, Angel Deadmond, and Samantha and Amanda Duncan. Visitation: Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004 at Rodger Atkins Funeral Home, Alma, Ill. Funeral: Funeral service at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 2004 at Rodger Atkins Funeral Home, Alma, Ill. **RODGER ATKINS FUNERAL HOME, Alma Ill.**

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