

Sideline Tobacco Chews

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From the reports I've heard this year, Gardner-Webb is usually one of the leaders in the junior college sports circuit each year. Since following the teams for the past eight months, I've learned that these reports are true. Gardner-Webb in this student's opinion, is one of the finest junior colleges in the state — perhaps nation.

The school year is almost history. Its athletics were terminated on May 14, ending a year of the most successful athletic programs here in many moons. This little speck is designed to wake up the sleeping and help the forgetful to recall just what has happened in G-W sports this year.

Naturally we can't forget football, the king of all sports among the smaller colleges and larger high schools. Football, we know, is a sport that sometimes strains the pocketbook of a junior college. That's why a few of the junior schools over the state have discontinued the art. It takes much work to produce a football team in a junior college. At some schools consider it a waste of time to attempt to build a football team one year, have a fair season, and watch half of the material graduate the next year. That's a problem in junior colleges, but Gardner-Webb's football accomplishments in 1961 probably started other coaches who were not interested in football to begin hunting eleven men for next year.

Gardner-Webb won eight games last season, enough to win the North Carolina state championship, attain national recognition, and to be in the first junior college bowl game ever offered to this college. G-W lost the bowl game, 6-0 in Brunswick, Ga. on November 30 to South Georgia. But the 40 football players and two coaches who journeyed to the Peach state carried the true spirit of a well-trained, well-disciplined group of boys here. They brought back more fruitful results than just winning a ball game ever could have brought back.

It was the first year that G-W had ever gone undefeated in the junior college conference. It may be the last, but fans around here will be attracted to the games next season whether the team wins or loses.

The successful campaign was accomplished by the work of Coaches Wayne Bradburn and Norman Harris, who mentored a group of boys who didn't play on scholarships or for glory. The only scholarships Gardner-Webb gives to its athletes are work scholarships, which also go to any student athlete or what-have-you who applies for one. The boys played as a unit for GARDNER-WEBB, the only combination that could have produced a grid team of such high moral and physical caliber.

The foregoing comments were not written to boast, but as a tribute to the coaches and players of G-W, the finest football teams ever to come out of Gardner-Webb.

Basketball brought out the fact that it's hard to produce two championship teams in a row, but the Bulldogs came through with a notable winning team despite the fact that powers such as Wingate, Campbell, and Lees-McRae proved far out of the scope of the locals' squad. The cage squad possessed some fine material and there's already optimism in the Bulldog camp concerning next year's forces. G-W won nine of

18 conference games during the basketball season and gained one forfeit over Campbell and Louisville. Of course, was a 500 percentage, nothing to moan about.

In the state tournament at Shelby, the locals grabbed a fourth place spot, winning over Oak Ridge and losing to Campbell and Louisville in a close scrap for third place. In regular play the Bulldogs scored 1,097 points in 18 games, an average of approximately 60 points per game.

Then baseball came. And it came with a bang. For the sphere wearers lost their first three games and Norman Harris didn't know whether to send his gang on the field a fourth time, or at this time occupy early season losses, one conference and two non-circuit bouts, the Harmsmen proceeded to win eight titles in a row, and at this time occupy first place in the conference with an 8-2 mark. They possess an overall mark of nine wins against five defeats.

As these humble words are being forth from the typewriter, two solutions to the problem of who's going to win the baseball crown are in sight. First, there is a possibility of a tie for the top spot between G-W and Oak Ridge. Since the locals have terminated conference play, winning eight in ten tries, they sit back and await the final results of Oak Ridge's fifteen game long state. The Cadets have six games to play, and by winning both games can tie the locals' 800 percentage with a 12-3 mark, also 800. Should this happen a play off for first place will be necessary. Of course, should Oak Ridge drop one of the fifts, G-W would take over undisturbed first place. At the moment, the whole affair is just one big, exciting dispute. There may be a play off and there may not be. It all depends on the play of Oak Ridge, and the decision of conference officials should the two teams wind up deadlocked.

Win, lose, draw, play it off, or have two league champs, no matter which way it goes, the team would like to take this opportunity to pay a tribute to Coach Norman for his untiring efforts as the chief this year. A coach (if we may use such an unflattering simile) is as important to a team as the players and the equipment. If the seal breaks, the contents are lost, and Gardner-Webb's team certainly would have hit rock bottom had it not been for the guidance of one Norman Harris.

Before we present the results of football, basketball, and baseball (through May 14) this writer would like to make a couple of prognostications which we feel should be made.

I would like to say that Bobby Bush, the Summerville, Ga., flash who excels in football, basketball, baseball, ping pong, checkers, and almost anything involving athletic

ability, is one of the finest athletes in junior college cycles today.

A second is that Gardner-Webb has a first sacker on the baseball squad that will be heard from later in the national pastime, if not more members. Ernie Beheiler is what everyone calls this Gasolina high school product.

Following are the 1961 football results:

G-W 25; North Greenville 0
G-W 18; Asheville-Biltmore 0
G-W 18; Gordon Military 7
G-W 25; Lees-McRae 15
G-W 36; North Greenville 0
G-W 25; Lees-McRae 0
G-W 25; Asheville-Biltmore 0
G-W 34; Mars Hill 7
G-W 0; South Georgia 6
Basketball — 1961-52 (18 conference games)
G-W 61; Brevard 56
G-W 59; Asheville-Biltmore 67
G-W 49; Asheville-Biltmore 69
G-W 51; Lees-McRae 78
G-W 75; North Greenville 57
G-W 76; Brevard 75
G-W 50; Charlotte 58
G-W 64; Oak Ridge 72
G-W 70; Spartanburg 61
G-W 63; Belmont Abbey 63
G-W 52; Mars Hill 43
G-W 46; Lees-McRae 71
G-W 84; Charlotte 54
G-W 63; Charlotte 63
G-W 57; Mars Hill 67
G-W 56; Wingate 94
G-W 64; Wingate 88
G-W 32; Spartanburg 48

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G-W 64; Oak Ridge 61
G-W 65; Campbell 100
G-W 69; Louisville 71
Basketball — 1962 (Thru May 8)
G-W 4; Spartanburg 5
G-W 13; Belmont Abbey 20
G-W 8; Spartanburg 9
G-W 15; Presbyterian 1
G-W 19; Presbyterian 8
G-W 12; Pfeiffer 3
G-W 14; Mars Hill 2
G-W 9; Pfeiffer 2
G-W 11; Wingate 3
G-W 7; Oak Ridge 1
G-W 4; Oak Ridge 1
G-W 12; Mars Hill 11
G-W 10; Wingate 1
G-W 11; Belmont Abbey 2

It is better to be a human being unsatisfied than a pig satisfied.

There are some things that never come back — the arrow that is down, the word that is spoken, the life that is gone.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Because right is right, to follow right.

Were wisdom in the scorn of consequence.

We probably are the most expensive and wasteful people that posterity ever will have had to finance.

Elephants and horses can sleep standing up — not to mention the father of a three-week-old son.

Now is the time for the fellow who has broken to decide he is just too busy to take time for a vacation this year.

Baseball Windup

The possibility of grabbing the first junior college baseball flag in the history of Gardner-Webb college faces the Bulldogs of Norman Harris at this writing. All eyes are fixed upon the Oak Ridge Cadets, the forces of the five play 15 conference matches of the season and by winning two more games can assure a final mark of 12 wins against 3 losses, an 800 percentage.

Therefore, a play-off to decide the first place team in the loop is highly possible, pitting the Cadets against the Bulldogs, providing such an arrangement can be worked out satisfactorily.

Gardner-Webb missed the first place spot by dropping a tough circuit battle to Wingate's Bulldogs on the latter's home field May 12, 2-1. The Bulldogs (G-W) lost their first conference bout of the campaign early in April, then proceeded to triumph six times in a row before being outmatched in a pitching duel between G-W's Ken Queen and Wingate's ace, Bob Johnson.

Both boys gave up only four safeties, but Danny Johnson's name came through in the bottom of the ninth with a tally to ice the tilt.

Here May 14, the locals proceeded to their eighth conference win by defeating Albion, 10-0, the honorums of Jim Huffstetler and Bill Wallace, and additional hitting power displayed by Bob Bush, Darrell Gibson, and Ernie Beheiler.

In addition to the locals' recent victories, the month of May was a bright victory for the hard-hitting Bulldogs, who claim several of the top hitters in the circuit today.

On May 1, the locals trounced Wingate in one of the top tilts in the conference at that time, 11-3. Second baseman Billy Bates, right-fielder Jim Huffstetler, and third sacker Howe Gamble furnished the plate power in that tilt, while veteran Ken Queen and Bobby Myers combined efforts for mound duties. It was Gardner-Webb's fifth win against one loop setback.

After beating Wingate, Gardner-Webb prepared for a shot at the top leaders of the circuit. The school's undefeated nine who sported seven consecutive wins, since an earlier game with the Cadets had been postponed, met Ernie Beheiler on May 6 for a double-bill at Oak Ridge. Taking these two games meant a chance at the loop flag.

In the first game, the Bulls collected twelve hits off the windings of the Cadets' ace, Jack Powell, the leading hurler in the conference. Gardner-Webb, led by Bates, Beheiler and Gamble, had the platter pushed across seven runs in the seven inning affair, and defensively, Queen ratted a shutout when the Cadets pulled twelve hits off the windings of the Cadets' ace, Jack Powell, the leading hurler in the conference. Gardner-Webb, led by Bates, Beheiler and Gamble, had the platter pushed across seven runs in the seven inning affair, and defensively, Queen ratted a shutout when the Cadets pulled twelve hits off the windings of the Cadets' ace, Jack Powell, the leading hurler in the conference.

The second game was nearly a duplication of the first, however Cubby right-hander, Jose Dominguiz proved a little tougher on the Bulldog batsmen than Powell. Dominguiz gave up only six hits, but a first inning double by Bush, followed by a

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