



Poigt Catches George Up A Tree - Seriously George, Nice Climb.

Jim Gill Talks To Scalf And Sutton

I finally managed to corner Coach Scalf in his office on January 8th to give the students the coach's view of his team. My first question was concerning the disappointing season of the Bishops so far. Scalf immediately said that lack of height and poor team defense has been the main causes of the poor season. Consequently we have only beaten one team bigger than ourselves. "Face it," said Scalf, "good small men can't beat good big men."

Although poor on rebounding and defense the Bishops have had a few bright spots on the team. 5' 8" Dell Cartwright, Junior transfer student, has been a stand-out player on defense and as the spark plug of the team. For the first time at Wesleyan, according to Coach Scalf, the Bishops have had a good bench with scoring power.

When asked about rumors of dissatisfaction on the team, Coach replied, "There hasn't been dissension in the team, but in the early part of the season there wasn't a lot closeness as a unit." However this lack of closeness should disappear in the near future.

In conclusion, Scalf said that the team is working harder on the defense. The lack of height will be alleviated somewhat by the arrival of 6' 5" George Watson who has been out due to an early injury. One cannot help but feel that maybe the coach and team have learned by their mistakes and will show that they are better than their record.

P. S. Come out to the games and support our team!

Well over a week ago someone thought of the idea of interviewing a captain of the Wesleyan basketball team besides commenting on the games in our usual fashion. So with pen and notebook in hand this daring young reporter flew up to co-captain Harold Sutton's room in South Hall.

REPORTER: Harold as we are 2-3 why are we on

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the losing side of the column?

SUTTON: We have a lot of potential as a team and individually. We should have beat all but Greensboro. (They did outplay us!) However, if we are to win the conference we must have more respect for the coach, more discipline, more strategy on the coaches part, and less shifting of positions.

REPORTER: What are our major setbacks?

SUTTON: Well I guess that would be defense, rebounds, and desire.

REPORTER: What is the team and coach doing about them?

SUTTON: About defense, nothing. Desire is broken because many players lack confidence in themselves. As for rebounding, we need more height and patterns to put someone under the basket.

REPORTER: Is the team running the patterns it does know, well?

SUTTON: NO COMMENT.

REPORTER: O. K. but why didn't we use a press against Lynchburg when we got the lead late in the game?

SUTTON: I think the coach must have had some reason.

REPORTER: What about the quality of the second string?

SUTTON: Some are just as good. Some feel they just haven't had the chance.

REPORTER: Are you satisfied?

SUTTON: With losing? No, we must play as a team not as five individuals.

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Wesleyan Does Have Some Spirit

On the night of January 9th, Wesleyan was host to Methodist College for a basketball game. Although Wesleyan came out with the shorter end of the deal, a triumph was made by the spirited students. At the break between halves, the cheerleaders and many students gathered at the end of the court where our team was to come out from the locker rooms for the second half. They dramatically formed two lines and cheered their heads off when our team took to the court.

This mark of genuine spirit was a very pleasant to the players as well as the rest of the crowd. It showed that the students were behind the team; they wanted them to go all out for victory; they were "Up for it, baby!", as they rarely have been in the past. I was proud to see my fellow students show that they were capable of being the kind of people every athlete wants behind him.

Some of you reading this may not play any sports, but those of you who do will agree with me, I'm sure, that it does make a difference to an athlete if he knows that the crowd is with him.

Immediately after the cheering the team onto the floor, the cheerleaders led the spectators in "Two Bits" and at the end of the cheer, not a single person on the home side was still seated. Then the pep band played *Dixie* and again everyone was on his feet, clapping and cheering. About this time someone remarked to me, "What did they do to the students?" I replied, "I don't know but it must have been the best thing that they could have done". It was such a radical change from the normal enthusiasm that I was amazed and excited.

Wesleyan has great athletic supporters and they should be proud to be part of this school. Let's hope that more and more students will take this example to heart so the whole campus will be "Up for it, baby!"

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