

« QUAKES »

By CARL COCHRANE

We've got a lot to say in a little space, about this year's fast-moving Guilford basketball team. Those boys get around so fast you'd have to use jet-propulsion to keep up with their games—but we do know that they are looking darn good thus far.

They've dropped a couple to some better-than-average semi-pro and service teams but they have also managed to win a few over some fairly good clubs. The important thing, however, is that the boys went down to Hickory Tuesday night and, led by "Bunk" Leonard's 15 points, racked up an impressive win over Lenoir-Rhyne's five in their first conference game of the season. The gentlemen from the mountains were supposed to be a tough bunch—certainly no pushovers, but the Quaker five handled them easily in piling up a 38-24 win. It looks like we have got a "hot" ball club on our hands at Guilford—so what do you say we get out and give them some real backing, and who knows? we might end up with a conference crown which isn't a bad idea at all!

We would like to throw a bouquet of congratulations at Bin Farlow and Bunk Leonard this issue. "Long Bin," who is playing his second season at the Quaker's pivot position, was elected varsity captain by his teammates votes while "Bunk," who is the regular (and we might add—"high scoring") forward on the first five, was elected alternate-captain for the time when Uncle Sam calls Bin. Nice going fellows, we couldn't have done better!

This is a good place for a word of thanks to Coach Bob Jamieson, too. Bob, who is athletic director at Greensboro Senior High, has been taking up his free night time of late to come out and help Coach "Curley" Dickerson with the squad. We've had the privilege of serving a little under Coach Bob ourselves and we know him to be a really "right guy" as well as one of the state's leading coaches. His help ought to be invaluable to the boys.

We would like to say a word here about the greatest exhibition of unbeatable spirit and pure "fighting heart" we have ever heard of in the sports world.

Probably a lot of you, who aren't interested in the fight game, never heard of "Hammering Henry" Armstrong. Henry was a small Negro whose love of fighting completely overshadowed his stature and carried him to the holding of three world championships, at different weights simultaneously—feat which has never been duplicated.

Henry is an old man now in the fighting world. Two of his titles are gone and by all rights he should have been sitting back on his laurels and enjoying life, but his competitive spirit wouldn't let the "little man" rest and he had to try one comeback. So he was matched with Fritzzy Zivik (if our memory serves us correctly) for a title fight. For 12 rounds Henry showed that he still had the ability to go out and throw his whirlwind—buzz saw attack, and for those first 12 rounds the fight was all Armstrong. But in the twelfth Fritzzy landed a terrific right on the Negro's one good eye and closed it completely.

Any fighter, even with a championship crown at stake, would throw in the towel and call it a day when they couldn't see their opponent. But not Armstrong—armed with nothing but a large overdose of "heart" and fighting instinct, the game little battler went back out into the ring—back into a rain of blows from a man he couldn't see. For three rounds he stood up under all that Fritzzy could give, fighting back blindly and mumbling through smashed lips, "If I could only see him."

Finally, in the final stanza, Fritzzy landed a terrific right and the little man hit the deck. But before the final count, Armstrong dragged himself to his feet and was standing, on wobbly legs, in the center of the ring trying vainly to locate Zivik's attack when the final bell rang.

This may seem a little pointless to some—but to us it seems to add a little potency to the scoffed-at adage "That a man can win—even in losing."

THE QUAKER CAGERS

This new column was instituted for the purpose of acquainting Guilford's children with the backgrounds of some of the flashy men on the basketball court. Sports lately have been booming at Guilford, and greater fields to be conquered loom on the horizon.

Of the present basketball quintet, only two veterans of past years remain on the first team; the rest of the squad is composed of players who have just left a sports career at high school and of returned servicemen. This column will deal with men from both of these fields.

Clinton "Pee Wee" Ingram, the Quaker guard and dribbling sensation, hails from Thomasville, where he played varsity basketball for two years for the Bulldogs. Pee Wee has always been a big little man—strange as it sounds—on the ball field, and proved his ability at halfback during the football season. He seems to have a permanent right guard position all cut out for himself in the Quaker lineup, now that the helmets and padding of the football season have been discarded for the tight shorts of basketball. Pee Wee is a Physical Education major, and hopes to be an all-around college coach when he completes his education.

Fred Bray—"Frisco" to everyone but the scorebook—is a Greensboro boy, and has spent four and a half years in the army. He spent 42 months of this time overseas in Europe and the Caribbean areas, and took part in the Normandy and Belgian campaigns. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was discharged on points during July. During high school days, Frisco played varsity ball for the Purple Whirlwinds for his first three years.

"During my senior year I fell madly in love, and my sporting career dwindled considerably," says Frisco. He brings us the good news that he has a brother in the service named Tommy who is headed for Guilford's hallowed halls. Tommy is an ace ball player, according to Frisco, and will be discharged in a few months. All of you sports-minded Guilfordians, make note of this. The two brothers should make a pair hard to beat.

The last Quaker cager to be mentioned in this installment will be Irie "Bunk" Leonard, another ex-serviceman welcomed to Guilford. Irie also comes from Greensboro. He has spent three and a half years in the Air Force, having served as a gunner on a flying fortress. He was released a month ago with 50 missions and 81 points.

In prewar days Irie attended Rankin High, where he played forward on the basketball team for two years. However, he gained most of his experience at the White Oak "Y," having played on Y teams since he was 12 years old.

Irie has an announcement to make which will parallel the amazing news

Lentz Returns To Alma Mater As Newton's Assistant

Paul Lentz, assistant coach under the late Block Smith, has returned to his alma mater to take up where he left off when he entered the marines June 9, 1942. His official "title" is assistant athletic director and coach.

"Killer" Lentz, as he was known on the gridiron, graduated with the class of 1940, and is regarded as one of the best all-around athletes ever to attend here. In addition, and take heed, "football heroes," he was regarded as an outstanding student in the class room. In four years under Block, Lentz won varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. He repeatedly took first place in the 100, 220, and 440 events in track for his fourth letter. After consulting former GUILFORDIAN sports pages, we feel free to say that he scored 15 points per track meet.

Following graduation Lentz was a high school teacher and coach before returning to Guilford in 1941 to assist Block Smith.

He served in the Pacific theater from 1943 until last fall. He saw action in the invasions of Guam and Okinawa before entering Japan on the island of Honshu with MacArthur's occupation forces.

So... welcome home Lentz, and we welcome too the return of the dorm section basketball tournament, which you promise to promote!

Basketball Schedule

- January 15 — Lenoir Rhyne at Hickory.
- January 18 — Catawba here.
- January 19 — W. C. T. C. at Cullowhee.
- January 26 — Airborne Center (Ft. Bragg) here.
- January 29 — Appalachian here.
- January 31 — Atlantic Christian at Wilson.
- February 1 — E. C. T. C. here.
- February 2 — High Point at High Point.
- February 4 — W. C. T. C. here.
- February 7 — Lenoir Rhyne here.
- February 12 — Elon here.
- February 15 — E. C. T. C. at Greenville.
- February 18 or 25 — Appalachian at Boone.
- February 20 — Elon at Elon.
- February 21 — Lynchburg here.
- February 26 — Atlantic Christian here.
- February 27 — High Point here.

of Frisco Bray. He has a brother, also in the service, who will show up next year in a Quaker uniform if he is discharged next summer, as he expects to be. Irie insists that his brother can put him to shame on the basketball court—and this statement will cause excited interest in many quarters, especially coming when Irie's superb conduct at forward is so fresh in the minds of Guilford's sport fans.

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Carolina's White Phantoms Lead State in Basketball

By CURTIS RATLEDGE

Our own North State conference teams are standing up well in the state listing released yesterday. Of course the Southern conference has two of its members on top, the White Phantoms of Chapel Hill, and the Devils of Duke.

As for the other end of the list, Guilford is fighting gamely for the cellar, but Catawba is at present the occupant with six defeats against one win; Guilford with only four defeats against one victory.

As for the U. N. C. cagers, they appear to be without a doubt the sole choice for the Southern conference championship. Duke, however, with an upset victory over the Phantoms last week, leads the conference pace for the time being. That is, probably until the Duke-U. N. C. game which is scheduled for Feb. 9 at Durham. Then and there will the White Phantoms, who have beaten two of the top teams in the east, show the Devils up. Carolina just tops Duke in almost every phase of the game.

Now for the North State. According to the records so far this season, Elon seems to have just about what it takes to take the top spot in the conference. Appalachian should rank near the top, too. Catawba, although it has not shown up good in pre-conference play, will also be in there, and can be rated the "dark-horse."

Guilford should finish in the first division, or better, you know Guilford. As the season progresses, and the teams have had a chance to play around in the conference, we will see what the North State has this year, and IT's going to be good!

North State Conference

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Elon	8	2	.800
Appalachian	3	1	.750
W. C. T. C.	3	1	.750
E. C. T. C.	2	1	.667
Lenoir-Rhyne	1	2	.333
High Point	2	5	.286
GUILFORD	1	4	.200
Catawba	1	6	.143

Quakers Win Over Lenoir-Rhyne In First Conference Game

The Guilford five traveled to Hickory last Tuesday night to chalk up a Quaker victory in the first conference game of the season. The final score showed that the Quakers had a total of 38 points to the Lenoir-Rhyne's 24.

"Bunk" Leonard was high scorer in the contest making a total of 15 points toward the victory. At no time did the Lenoir-Rhyne team have the lead.

The line-ups follow:

GUILFORD (38)					
Pos.—Player	G	F	PF	TP	FTM
F—Leonard	7	1	3	15	1
F—Chatham	1	1	4	3	1
F—Bray	2	2	5	6	1
F—Kinza	0	0	1	0	0
C—Farlow	1	2	2	3	2
G—White	0	0	1	0	0
G—Hirabayashi	1	2	3	4	2
G—Hansard	1	1	2	3	1
G—Ingram	2	2	4	4	0
Totals	15	8	22	38	8

LENOIR-RHYNE (24)					
Pos.—Player	G	F	PF	TP	FTM
F—Ritchie	2	0	1	4	3
F—Walker	1	1	3	3	4
C—Entzi	4	2	3	10	1
G—Michael	0	0	0	0	0
G—Elliott	0	1	2	1	1
G—Rogers	0	1	0	1	0
G—Thomson	0	0	2	0	0
G—Miller	0	5	4	5	1
Totals	7	10	15	24	10

Half-time score: Guilford 21; Lenoir-Rhyne 13.

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