

Good Luck

# Bi-Weekly Bison Sports

Basketeers

**SPORTS TO DATE**  
By Bus Overcash

## Bison Cagers Practice Nightly



Football? — No — practically all the football players don't like to hear you men—this pastime to them, for that defeat that was handed them by that "lucky" Greensboro club really hurt.

We wonder what all the football boys will be doing now that their job has ended. Some will be loafing, some working, while others will be trying their hand at basketball.

Basketball is here at last!!! For a long time, a certain group of boys has been waiting for this time to come. For the past two seasons the Bison have come close to winning Western Conference laurels, but for some reason have not done so—why? last year, the basketball team came within two points of winning the Western Conference championship, and the football team of 1940 came within two points of winning the conference.

What is wrong with this??? Is it bad luck??? Last year, when the basketball team lost out to Charlotte by a two-point margin, three of the varsity "quint" played the game, although they were sick, and should have been in bed. Injuries hampered the football team Friday night and as a result they lost. Is this a jinx??? It seems that a jinx hampers our athletic teams most when they are meeting stiff opposition. Will this jinx follow our 1940 edition of the Black Bison basketball quintets??? All we can say is, we'll be watching to see.

Coach Simeon should have a TEAM representing this school of ours, that we will all be proud of; for he has all the material at hand that he had last season, when he came so close to coping the conference laurels. The only serious trouble that Coach Simeon will have will be to replace Richard Hartley, team high scorer last season. Hussey, L. Hayworth, Welborn, and Horney will probably be on the starting team, due to their vast amount of experience, while heated rivalry will persist among the remainder of the candidates for the position of fifth man on this quintet.

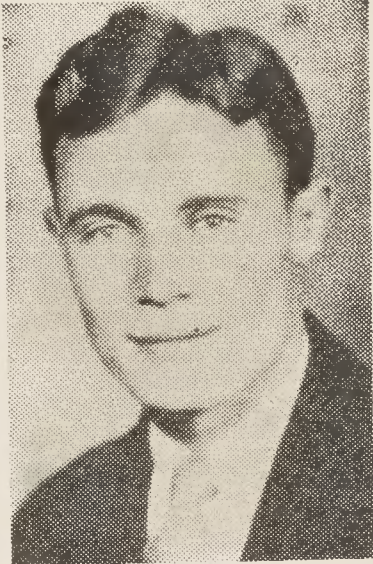


### Attention, Girls

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### Varsity Mentor



Coach A. J. Simeon will again take charge of the Black Bison basketeers. Coach Simeon has been highly successful in his coaching, taking second place in the conference race for two years.

### ALL STARS!

Brantley Hucks, Thurman Horney, and Jack Hussey were invited after the R. J. Reynolds game by Henry Bartos, line coach, and Chuck Errickson, backfield coach for Carolina. To visit the University of North Carolina today and tomorrow.

While there they will be shown around the campus and will meet the football players.

Dan Hill, once famous center for Duke University, was at the game, also, scouting our Black Bison. This was the second time he has eyed the crashing Bison at their best.

### Black Bison Honored By Local Civic Clubs

The gridiron banquet to be held at the Sheraton Hotel December 4, to honor the Bison squad and coaches is fast taking shape as the tickets are going fast with a sell-out in sight.

Last year the Bison were honored at such a banquet for the fine grade of football that they played all through the season, and since they bettered their season this year, the citizens, that are backing the public spirited move, are going to repeat the honor.

Mr. Frank Sizemore, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Soc Chakales, sports editor of the High Point Enterprise, are the leading members of the host of sponsors. All that is necessary to become a sponsor is to purchase one of the tickets that are now on sale.

The proceeds will go to pay for the expenses of the meal and the rest will be divided into parts so as to make a little solid mercenary contribution to the pecuniary status of the coaches' pocketbooks.

When will the All-State teams be officially announced? Will the Black Bison be represented? We surely think that some of the Black Bison men should be on the list.

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### Tough Schedule Faces Basketeers

Practicing under the lights of the high school gymnasium, the Black Bison basketball candidates are preparing for a tough schedule.

Coach A. J. Simeon announced last Monday that the 1940 Bison quintet would tangle with the hard-wood pounders of Hazelwood Boys' Club from Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Games with Durham, Carolina state champions for '39, and other out-of-state teams are pending.

Nightly practices are being used for the varsity candidates so that the "boys" can get more from their work, and not be bothered by spectators, according to Coach Simeon. Invitations were sent to approximately twenty-five boys to report for these nightly sessions.

Coach "Gil" Reed will take charge of all underclassmen in afternoon practices. A junior varsity club will be formed of these candidates.

The junior varsity will compete with all class A conference and some consolidated schools. In the preliminaries preceding the varsity contests, the junior varsity will probably play the junior varsity of the team that the varsity will encounter later in the evening.

Conditioning, passing, and dribbling will be the main exercises that Coach Simeon will stress for the next week or two, although there is an effort being made to schedule two or three games before the Christmas holidays.

Among the boys reporting for practice are some of last year's varsity: Darrell Welborn, Lewis Hayworth, Jack Hussey, Abie Short, and James Haworth. Missing from the practices for the past day or so is Thurman Horney, varsity guard, recovering from football injuries.

Captain Brantley Hucks and big Jack Hussey were selected by an opposing coach, Tom Young of Lexington, to represent High Point High School in the All-Star game to be held in Charlotte, Dec. 9.

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS

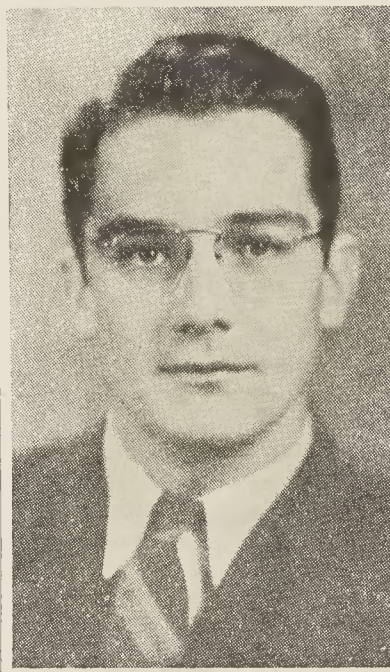
Basketball is the main sport that is being stressed in the physical education classes.

Under the direction of A. J. Simeon, Athletic Director, the physical education classes are being taught the fundamentals of basketball, the purpose being to build basketball material for the teams of the years to come.

Passing and dribbling are being stressed at present in the classes. Shooting will come later in the season. Screen-blocking and other such fundamentals will be taught so as to give the sophomores every chance to become basketball players.

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### Jr. Varsity Coach



Coach "Gil" Reed, line coach of the Baby Bison, will be the tutor for the Jr. varsity basketball team. Coach Reed's team will encounter Jr. varsity teams of Western conference class A schools along with several consolidated schools.

### GRIDMEN WIN!

Two Bison squads met yesterday afternoon in a soccer contest. The powerful Bison football team went out of its line and defeated the soccer team 3-2.

Kivett, Wagner, and Charlie Kimsey smashed the sterling defense of the soccer team to score the three football team's goals. Harry Land played his usual good game for the soccer squad.

### Conference Ends; Whirlwind Beat Bison

With the losing of the game to Greensboro last week the Bison ended the Western Conference football competition this year.

The fight for the championship was a hard one and the Purple Whirlwind had one of the toughest struggles for the championship that they have had in several years. This was the second consecutive year that the Whirlwind has won conference title and the right to represent the West in Chapel Hill against the champions of the East.

The Whirlwind has already defeated both of the leaders in the East. Durham and Raleigh were deadlocked for Eastern Conference honors but Rocky Mount defeated Raleigh and so Greensboro will meet the powerful Durham Bulls that defeated the Bison 10-0 early in the season. The victor will be proclaimed state champion.

Betty Jo Hedrick, Mrs. Simeon's little sister, was seen crying broken-heartedly after the game Friday night.

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### Wrestlers Prepare For Tough Season

The "grunt and groan" artists of High Point High School started their preparations for the coming season last Monday under the tutelage of Coach "June" Scott.

The wrestlers have reported for work, and have been taking light exercises in preparation for the hard and strenuous "work-outs" that they have to take later in the season.

Coach Scott has available the entire '39 wrestling team, with the exception of Johnnie Miller and Bill Loflin, who were lost to the '40 team by graduation.

Six lettermen are reporting for the daily practices and a try for this year's team. These lettermen are: Bill Graham, "Rook" Sappenfield, state champion, Hale Hardee, David Barker, and two of the Kimsey clan, Charles and Purcell.

There is a flock of prospective newcomers making a bid for berths of this '40 wrestling team. They are Herbert Speas, Lloyd Jackson, Jim Smith, Bill Taylor, Ansell Snow, and Arthur Utley.

With all these lettermen and newcomers reporting for work, Coach Scott should be able to build an efficient and successful team. The Black Bison "grapplers" meet such teams as Thomsville, Greensboro, Salisbury, and there is a probability of meets with Mt. Airy and Durham. After the current season is over, Coach Scott will send a team to Duke to represent High Point in the State meet.



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