

BISON BREVITIES

by Tony Teachey

This column is written for the entertainment of students who are interested in sporting events in and around High Point high school. My purpose is not necessarily to give exact reports of varsity games, but rather to write about the sport activities going on among all those who participate in high school athletics. Let's take a look.

Do you know that:

Several local boys will journey to Thomasville March 1, to participate in the midget tournament there. Each boy's weight is limited to 130 pounds. Those to compete under local colors are James Bowman, Freddie Glaesner, Perry Jones, Walter Church, and Wheat Miller . . . Coach Rook Sappenfield's state champion matmen are working to repeat their last year's performance and emerge again as the top team in the state. "King Kong" Bragg and Charlie Bryant are both state champions in their respective weights . . . Two great high school athletes are leaving old H.P.H.S. in the persons of "Bean" Campbell and Jack Hinkle. Both these boys were experienced lettermen and were liked and respected by all their teammates. I've heard that Jack Hinkle is looking forward to a career in professional baseball. (Good luck, Jack!) . . . Coach Anthony J. Simeon, alias The Barber, has a sideline hobby of working with the hair-clippers. It seems that some of the boys on the basketball squad have been trying to save money by entrusting their lives to the professional skill of our hair-cutting coach. The next time you see Richard Crowder or Dewey Beck notice their hair lines. Coach seems to have done a good job!

Have you seen . . .

The games being played at the Y. M. C. A. between church league teams. North Main Street Baptist seems to be a slight favorite, but you cannot tell about these teams, for they all seem to have that "ol' church spirit." . . . The varsity basketball team scrimmaging. People say that the second string boys are showing the starting quintet some rough times . . . Jane Roach, Coach Simeon's little secretary, running around trying to get some schedules changed. (I wonder whose) . . .

Better remember that:

Spring sports start about March 1 . . . Tickets for the Greensboro game here, February 20, will be on sale soon, so you'd better start planning to be at the front of the ticket line if you do not already have a season ticket . . . That's all, folks!

Meiskey Directs Church League

The local Y. M. C. A. has recently organized a church basketball league. Many churches in the city have entered teams in this league, which is under the supervision of Dick Meiskey, athletic director of the Y. M. C. A.

All boys of high school age who are not playing varsity basketball are eligible to play in this tournament. Each team has been given a list of scheduled games to play and has been notified that on completion of this schedule, the four teams having the largest percentage of wins will participate in a playoff for the championship of the church league.

At present, the Welch Memorial team is leading, with the North Main Street Baptist a close second. The former team is spark-plugged by lanky center "Speedy" Reid. Other members of the starting team for the Methodists are Leonard Shoaf, Buddy Sechrest, Charlie Windham, and Donald Levina. On the Baptist quintet are "Specks" Clinard, high-scoring ace, Roger Gibson, Buddy Whitson, Dan Guyer, and Bucky Brown.

All of the games are to be played after nine o'clock on school nights at the Y.M.C.A.

Matmen Prepare For Tough Season

Been down to see Coach Rook Sappenfield's wrestling team practice? Did you see the wrestling match? The team looked good, didn't they? Good enough for another state championship.

Except for four lettermen, Coach Sappenfield had to teach a new team the tricks of wrestling. The practice has been long and tiresome, but not in vain. Now, with one match under their belts, the high school matmen aren't rookies, and they know how tough the going will be.

The grapplers have in the near future matches with Central High of Charlotte, Salisbury, New Hanover high school of Wilmington, and Granby High of Norfolk, Virginia. On the team this year are two state champions: Roy Bragg, unlimited class, and Charlie Bryant, 165 lb. class. The other team members are Jim Allen or Harold Auman, 175 lb. class; Robert Smith, 155 lb. class; Tommy Garst, 145 lb.; Reuben Gurley 135 lb.; Bobby Baird, 155 lb.; and Rodgers in the 95 lb. bracket.

Bison To Clash With Wildcats Friday Night

One of the most exciting basketball games of the conference season is expected to be played between the High Point Black Bisons and the Wildcats from Central High in Charlotte next Friday night.

Local interest will be aroused to see how the outcome of this game will compare with the results of the contest played earlier in the season between the two teams when the locals took the game by a 43-28 decision.

High Point North State conference leaders have experienced some narrow margins in the scoring department. Last Friday night, in the non-conference game between High Point and the Carolina Junior Varsity, the locals came from behind in the last minutes of the game to take a victory over the quint from Chapel Hill by the close score of 43-41.

The Queen City tribe, who are lower on the conference rating, have turned in some exceptionally fine games in the past few weeks, and can readily turn on the heat when the time comes.

As for the personell of the Central High team, Coach Tony Simeon's boys will have to watch Bobby Fitzgerald and three of his buddies, who are all in the upper third of the conference score rating.

Although such scoring power is expected, the visitors will not find High Point High School team unprepared. (Continued on Page 4)

Cinderella Sports

By DORIS CRAVEN

Now that basketball is coming into full swing in girls' sports, the expression "atta way to go" has become a familiar refrain, echoing through the locker room. Interest and enthusiasm "tops the brim" as the starting whistle is sounded. With a sigh one moment and a cheer the next, one never knows what to expect when the clock starts ticking. Suddenly everybody's attention is attracted by the booming call, "Foul play!" and so the constant murmur continues . . . each pass is a stepping stone or a blunder, each move, a gain or a loss.

Up to this time there has been no definite organization for a varsity team. However, as a part of the program, the team has been unlucky in losing to Greensboro by a one-point margin, 13-12. In the beginning of the game the lead was taken by Greensboro. This, however, lasted only for a short time, because the High Pointers began swishing 'em in likewise. Up until the last few minutes the scores ran neck and neck until two free throws swished through, making Greensboro the winner.

Included in the present sports activities are the various class contests. Up-to-date news finds the juniors with a victory over the sophomores by a score of 17-11. The sophomores in turn have defeated the freshmen with the score of 25-16. Captains for the individual class teams are as follows: freshmen, Barbara Ellington, sophomores, Nancy Beck; and juniors, "Butch" Hayworth.

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LANKY RICHARD CROWDER jumps head and shoulders above his nearest opponent to retrieve a rebound. Jack White appears at lower left. This shot was snapped on when the Bisons battled with R. J. Reynolds in the local high school gym.

'Red' Link Is Manager For Basketball Team

Practice Expected To Begin In March

Although no definite date has been set for the beginning of spring sports, it is generally believed that practice for these athletic activities will begin about March 1. The outlook for this year's program seems bright, for practically all teams are expecting many lettermen to report for practice when March rolls around.

The track team, coached by Burt Ishee, will be led by lettermen, Dewey Beck, Western Conference low and high hurdle champion, Don McNeill, Charlie Jones, Bill Ellington, Junior Pearson, Allen Smith, Bill Seckler, Taki Thompson, and Williard Yarborough. The nucleus of the tennis team will be made up of such repeaters as Alton Embler, Raeford Halker, Edwin White, Donald Saunders, and Gene Dillard.

Perhaps the most eagerly awaited sports event of the coming season, however, is baseball. This year the team will be coached by Carroll Bowen and will be formed around such veteran performers as Nelvin Cooper, Jimmy Rickert, Jack Ridge, Charles Bryant, Perry Jones, and Bobby Rodgers. Still another sport which brings interest during the spring season is golf. Bobby Padgett, Ray Hamlet, Tommy Langley, and Paul Hardin are the lettermen returning to this squad.

Seen—! at all Bison basketball home games—a little, red-haired, freckle-faced lad. Age? About eleven.

"Oh," you say, "but what's so unusual about that? After all, the gym practically crawls with little fellows of that description at the games."

There really isn't anything so unusual except that this one happens to be a manager for the Black Bison. He's better known by team members as "Red," but his name is Don Link and he hails from Oak View.

This isn't the first bit of publicity little "Red" has received for this accomplishment. The biggest part of a sports editorial column in the Greensboro Daily News recently featured a good story on him.

In addition to being official "chewing gum supplier," Red is usually on hand at afternoon practices, busy running errands for players and carrying equipment up and down lockerroom steps. Not long ago, to show their appreciation, team members presented him with a new pair of basketball shoes.

Incidentally, Richard Crowder's greatest admirer is probably "Red," and those two are great pals now. In the young manager's opinion the Bisons are "just tops," and the reverse seems to be true, too.



NOW BLOW, NELVIN! Looks as though Nelvin Cooper's cold was bothering him a bit—but it was a slightly bloody nose he received in the Charlotte game there. Coach is the "doctor-in-charge."

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