

BISON BREVITIES

BY JIM NEELY

Now that bowl officials are out window shopping, let's look around and see what sort of football "dishes" we can find down under the counter.

High Point High students are getting a good chance to select the top back and lineman of the '48 Bison squad and also of the High Point College Purple Panthers. Let's use that ballot that's printed elsewhere on this page. . . . Charlie Bryant tops the Western Conference in extra points kicked. . . .

The longest run from scrimmage by a Bison this year was "Ig" Ellington's 60-yard gallop down the Gastonia sidelines. . . . The top punt return was Ig Ellington's 85-yard touchdown run which left Reidsville baffled. . . . Ig's heave to Allen Smith in the end zone was good for 50 yards. Asheville still wonders how it happened. . . . Charlie Jones's interception, good for 45 yards in the Greensboro game, was tops. . . . The top kick-off return was Wheat's from the 8-yard line to the 48, finally being stopped by half of the Lexington team. . . . Scrappy back Bobby Joe Mickey is top ground gainer for the "Big Blue" and, as of the Reynolds game, leads Bison scorers.

Right here we would like to extend an individual pat-on-the-back to one of H. P.'s greatest lines for their top brand of ball this year. Their great defensive power was shown in Salisbury, where they held the Yellow Jackets to a mere 60 yards.

Truitt Grant is the Bison's top letterman. He has earned nine letters in three sports and is in line for two more. . . . The big blue bus of High Point High has been making regular Saturday trips to outstanding college games in the state. On trips to Duke, bus driver Sergeant Shields, who sits with the Blue Devils, looks as though he might be furnishing personal police protection to Coach Wallace Wade, but actually the two are personal friends. . . .

The unheralded Bison reserves have established one of the finest records for that group this high school has ever had. They've smashed Gray High of Winston and walloped Thomasville twice. Although they have won the majority of their games by the great defense of the forwards wall, the second Thomasville game told a different story, when the offense went wild to score a 43-0 victory. Buddy Sechrest has consistently led the reserves. These boys, along with members of a scrappy junior varsity, will fill the shoes vacated by graduating seniors in years to come.

BISON DOMINATE CONFERENCE TEAM

High Point's Bison topped the Greensboro Daily News all Conference selection announced last Thursday. At end Ken Yarborough beat out his teammate, Illard, for that post. At tackle was placed Truitt Grant. Coaches throughout the conference voted for Grant. At guard, Harold Auman edged teammate Saunders. Jim Allen was named best Bison center in many years. Fullback Bill Ellington was hard to stop on Coach Simeon's pitch-out plays. Speedy and dependable Bobbie Joe Mickey completed the Bison representatives.

Bison And Bulldogs In Title Tilt Friday Grapplers Begin Practice Sessions

Deciding Game To Be Played In Winston

"East is east, and west is west," and the Bowman-Gray was chose. Let's go down to Winston town where they'll tell a champ by the ones most 'on their toes,' And the Western Conference Championship's closed!"

Now that the muddle has been cleared over just what was to be done to determine whether High Point's Black Bison or the Burlington Bulldogs would meet Fayetteville for the state championship football title, the two western teams are eager to "give 'er the guns" Friday night at Bowman-Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, a neutral field, in the play-off.

Burlington moved into its tie for top loop honors with High Point last Friday night by trouncing the Asheville Maroons by the exact score that High Point, at the same time, was walloping Reidsville—33-0. Incidentally, witnessing the muddy H.P.-Reidsville affair was Head Coach Bill Dole of Fayetteville High School fame.

The Bulldogs and Bison will see intensive practice sessions this week, both probably making a thorough study of their opponents' bag of plays, but how effective that will be depends on how many new plays turn up at the tilt Friday night. Paydirt could depend on breaks, speed, deception, force or just dogged determination!

What will be done about a state championship game had not been definitely decided at the time the Pointer went to press. NCHSAA officials and coaches and authorities from both High Point and Burlington High will call the final plays.

To most people the word "rook" stands for a card game or a bird that resembles a crow, but to High Point High wrestling fans, it means something different. "Rook" Sappenfield has once more reported to work with the H.P.H.S. wrestlers as coach of a team he hopes will cop another State Championship title.

This year Coach Sappenfield has eight top lettermen with which to work. Each is in a different weight division, which is an advantage. Donald Roger, C. L. Corn, Don Slayton, Bob Baird, Glenn Hudson, Bill Seckler, Kenneth "Charlie" Bryant, and Roy "King Kong" Bragg are the lettermen. Also out for the team are Bill Foster, Jerry Daniels, Nolan Brewer, Ray Hayworth, Alan Bahler, Ken Andrews, Bob McLeod, Doug Stephens, Jim Warren, Bud Blackwell, Eugene Hyde, and Jimmy Johnson.

In an interview, "Rook" refused to commit himself as to the chances his team will have to repeat the performance of the crown-winning squad of '47. Last year the Bison were considered state champs, even though no tournament was held. With a long roster of returning lettermen, and a high interest by both the squad and student body in wrestling matches, the coach could afford to be somewhat optimistic, but his only comment was "We play on concrete facts!"

High school wrestling in the state has hit a low in recent years, but since the war there has been a renewed interest in the sport. Since comparatively few N. C. high schools offer wrestling competition, the Bison matmen will probably take on several college freshmen teams. In future years, however, when wrestling moves back in full swing in high school circles, High Point will claim a definite advantage of experience over its opponents.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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Shoe Leads All-Opponent Team

Bowl Contests To End Season

About this time of year a young man's fancy lightly turns to bowl games, and there are to be found two high school bowl games in this state. One is the annual Shrine Game in Charlotte, sponsored by the Shriners for the benefit of crippled children; the other, the Optimist Bowl right here in High Point, sponsored jointly by the local Optimist Club and Jaycees.

The game in Charlotte is an all-star contest between the top high football talent in North Carolina and those from South Carolina. A committee chose the boys, who are all seniors.

The northern lads are to be coached by Bill Dole of Wilmington and Tom Cash from Gray High of Winston. These coaches will have a week to get their team in shape for the inter-state tilt on December 4, at Memorial Stadium in Charlotte.

Here in High Point, Joe Caruso of Henderson High and Raleigh's Lee Stone, a returning coach of the Optimist game, represent the East as coaches. Jimmy Mauss of Lexington and Dave Diamont of Statesville were named western coaches. High Point's Tony Simeon and Carroll Bowen are the athletic directors of the Optimist game to be played at Albion Millis Stadium December 3.

Quite a few football seasons have come and gone since Bison gridmen last selected an "All Opponent" team. To renew the practice again this year, Pointer sports editors have sponsored the contest, in which each High Point footballer had a chance to select his opinion of the top player at each position who represented a team opposing the Bisons.

The Greensboro Whirlies and Salisbury Yellow Jackets dominated the "All-Opponents," placing 3 men each on the ballot, while Burlington's Bulldogs, Winston's Demons, and Charlotte followed. The line-up follows:

- E. Shoe—Salisbury.
- E. Keziah—Burlington.
- T. Siler—Greensboro.
- T. Kincaid—Salisbury.
- G. Alexander—Reynolds.
- G. Guard—Greensboro.
- C. Whiteheart—Reynolds.
- B. Attayek—Greensboro.
- B. Leach—Burlington.
- B. McCubbins—Salisbury.
- B. Evans—Charlotte.

Shoe was acclaimed the best defensive man the team faced, while Greensboro's burly tackle, Siler, and Reynolds' Alexander, who suffered a broken leg in the H.P. game, were hard-hitters. Carson Leach of Burlington and Joe Attayek received the most votes from the Bisons in their backfield spots and figured prominently in all-state selections. Evans of Charlotte and McCubbins, Salisbury, were touch customers who round out the opponent backfield.

Grant, Auman Play In Bowl

BY JIM NEELY

Two letters from down Charlotte way on stationery marked Shrine Bowl have informed two big-built lads of the Black Bison football squad that they have been invited to play in the Shrine Bowl classic, which pitches the top in high school football talent in North Carolina against the same from South Carolina.

The two men, stalwarts on the forward wall, are bushies Truitt Grant, tackle, and Harold Auman, guard. Better known as "Flappers" and "Roughhouse," respectively, they have built outstanding records in defensive and especially, offensive ball.

"Flap" is completing his third year as a starter, and, although injured early in the year, he recovered sufficiently to play his greatest season of ball. "Roughhouse" has played "first string" at guard for two years, hitting his peak this season and remaining in top shape. Both weigh over the 200 pound mark.

The Bison men will leave for the Queen City on Thanksgiving to begin practice for the game, to be played December 4. So, to two deserving Bison gridmen, go official congratulations and well-wishes.

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