

Black Bison Basketballers Bounce Back Into Top Loop Berth

Jones, Garrison Lead Cindermen

It wasn't so long ago that the ground-hog said that Spring's a far-off yet, but Bison sportsmen know that Spring sports are here to stay from now on out.

Maybe Mr. Ground-Hog hadn't been told that the Bison Cindermen have been working out constantly on the improved high school track and are already shaping up to hold and better their runner-up position in the last state meet, which they copped with ease.

This year's crack squad under Coach Cuthbert Ishee will be led by Co-Captains Charlie Jones (440) and Clyde Garrison (880). Both took first place honors in last year's state meet. A boost is expected from letterman Dewey Beck who, besides conquering an attack of polio, won the 110 yard high hurdles in every meet, as well as taking the state meet. Milers Bill Seckler and Darrell Winslow; speedsters Wheat Miller, Don McNeil, Don Brown, and Goldston Harris; fieldmen Illard Yarborough, Ray Hayworth, and Don Tolliver are returning with Beck. These boys will comprise the backbone of the team, but many newcomers are expected to find their place alongside the lettermen.

A difficult problem faces the track team because of the fact that there is a lack of competition, not to say Charlotte and Winston-Salem are not loaded with talent; but they are the only Western Conference teams which plan to compete in track events. Thus, there is a chance that the local cindermen will meet jr. college teams or freshmen squads from the southern conference colleges.

Mechanicsville Leads As Tourney Nears

In the Intramural League the Mechanicsville Five are back on top, as of last Thursday night. The Pointers rate second and the Kin-folks the following close behind in third place.

Fourth place finds the Beta's and Driver's Trainers battling it out for the coming tournament.

The Privateers and dLatin Club are wto teams showing much improvement and hoping for a birth in the tourney.

Ronnie Current, 58, nosed into the leading scores followed by: Slack, 52; Tucker, 43; Bates, 33; C. Martin, 32; V. Boyles, 31; Kimble, 30; and Montgomery, 30.

These cagers promise fast moving action on the hardwood in the coming tournament.

Doing nothing is the most tiresome thing in the world because you can't quit and rest.—Anon.

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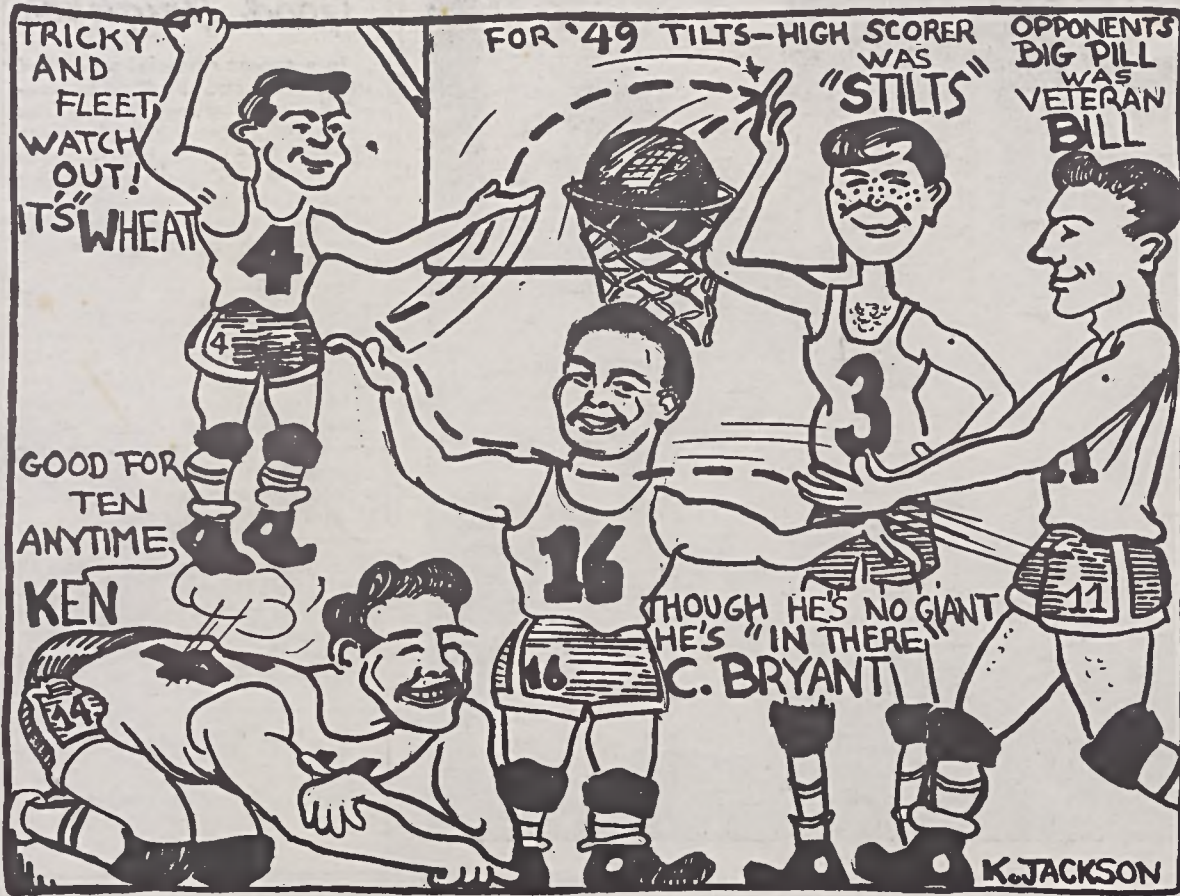
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Above you see the execution of basketball play "11 to 16 to 4 on top of 14 over to 3"—that's the only comment Coach made! Anyway it's artist Kent Jackson's conception of the 5 high-flying Bison starters who've had a big part in reclaiming the Western Conference AA Champ title—so far. And who, next weekend, will aim at that coveted State title. It's pretty obvious "who's who" even without the verse, so . . .

Spring Brings Out Golf, Tennis Fans

While the sun is shining or even when rain is dropping, the State Champion golf team of H. P. H. S. will be found practicing on the local links. However, the champs have only one returning letterman, Captain Bobby Padgett. He will be helped out by other boys who, although they did not play in any matches or tournaments for the high team, were alternates (reserves). Those fellows hope to crash into the top four, of which the team is comprised. Gene Bouldin, Jimmy Woollen, Albert Sawyer, and Malvin Perkinson are the reserves who are trying out. Two newcomers to H. P. H. S., Bill Hoover and Henry Weaver, young top-flight golfers also, are looked upon as starting material.

The team will again this year be host to the State Tournament held here at the Country Club. Bison linksters also hope to journey to the mid-South tourney in Greenville, S. C., in which they participated last year.

Talk of hitting the little ball brings us to tennis, where you try to hammer the ball harder than your opponent. Last year's hard-luck tennis team will have top-notch talent returning, led by lettermen Clyde Baxter, Dick Boyles, Ralph Albert, and Ralph Brown. In the spring these boys, along with new talent, will face across the net some of the best tennis teams in the state, and should offer them some classy competition.

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MATMEN POLISH UP FOR COMING TOURNEY

With no definitely scheduled matches, but with a tournament before them, the high-flying Bison wrestling team has yet to let-up on their hard practice sessions. The local grapplers, who are already considered one of the top high school teams in the south have copped 10 victories against one defeat, which has already been avenged, that being against the University of N. C. Freshmen. The boys are now pointing for the annual State A. A. U. tournament which is to be held in the local Y. M. C. A. March 10-11. They hope to prepare for the tourney by having practice matches with Jamestown High, but at the time nothing is definite. The coaches also hope to hear from State College on proposed matches with their freshmen grapplers.

But whether these matches develop or not, the local wrestlers will stay in shape during their lapse of time, eagerly awaiting the state tournament.

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GYM SHORTS

Now that the girl's basketball season is drawing to a close, it's time to give out with a few statistics. The JV's had a pretty successful year, winning 4, losing 3. These losses came at the hand of Greensboro, Reynolds, and Children's Home. The varsity, however, didn't have so much luck, losing in the first 6 games against Greensboro, Reynolds, Salisbury, and Children's Home. Perhaps the varsity would have had a better season if it had not lost two first-string guards—Betty Jean Carter, who was out for the season after being hurt in the first game, and Coleen Ward, who suffered a broken foot in the second Reynolds game.

Now for the high scorers: Varsity high scorer was Doris Craven with 56 points. Betty Lou Hayworth and Tommy Lentz followed with 30 and 16 respectively. Gwen Reddick, Katherine Frye, and Nancy Beck, led the Junior Varsity.

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Win Over Reynolds Assures Locals At Least Tie for Title

The switch on the Black Bison basketball machine, 1949 model, will be set on "full speed ahead" from here on out, aiming towards a win over Greensboro's Whirlwind there Friday night, and then rolling on to Durham and the state Class AA tournament on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week at Duke's indoor stadium.

Putting first things first, the locals comfortable put past them a decisive win over Reynolds of Winston last Friday, assuring themselves of at least co-champ title. Now the only cog in the machinery which could damage the Bison position as Western Conference champs lies in Greensboro. The Whirlies scored a close upset win over Charlotte recently boro. The Whirlies, you remember, scored a close upset win over Charlotte's high-flying Wildcats some time back. The HP-G'boro game, being played on G'boro's home court, leaves them with a decided advantage, and once more that old neighborly rivalry will reach the melting point Friday night at 8.

In the conference line-up, Charlotte remains entrenched in the second place slot, while Burlington, Winston, and Greensboro fight it out for the last two positions. The battle will be rough, too, as only the top four teams will play at Duke next week-end.

As tourney rules stand, only ten men from each team may be entered. In the playoffs, rules state that the top team from the East meets the bottom team from the West and vice-versa, etc., on down. Class B and A teams will also run their playoffs at this time.

Tournament tickets will be on sale sometime during the week in the general office.

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