



Pushing the blocking machine on a hot spring afternoon with full equipment on—ugh! But it's all a part of the game as spring football practice progresses at High Point High.

## Footballers Shape Up As Third Week Begins

### Bison Preparing For 1949 Season; Yarborough Is Recuperating

Time: most any sunny afternoon. . . Place: athletic field. . . Setting: Coaches Tony Simeon and John Crowder looked on as about 50 boys, clad in football togs, are giving the pigskin, as well as themselves, a good workout.

What's all this? Oh, just the stage setting for the 1949 Season of Football play. Five weeks of Spring practice continue.

A gaze into the crystal pigskin football reveals a promising array of potential, still rather green, team aspirants. The spring practice sessions, for the purpose of developing talent for the oncoming season, has uncovered several standouts.

Many of the boys out are underclassmen, who are experienced ball players from successful junior varsity or Junior High ranks. Head Coach Tony Simeon and Line Coach John Crowder seem pretty well pleased with the progress being made. Practice will end in a couple more weeks.

Co-Captain and End Kenneth Yarborough, is at present recuperating successfully from a knee operation at Winston's Baptist Hospital. The 1948 All-Conference Ken, should be back in top shape for next year's play. Charlie Martin, the last of the returning first string trio, is O. K. and is working out. The aforementioned standouts in the newly-forming line are Bill Allen, Roy Bragg, and Perry McDowell at tackles. Terminal posts are being held down by Albert Hale, Creep Hassell, Don Levina, Bill Ring and Al Roach. The guards are built around lettermen Bob Grady and Harlan Burton, aided by Joe Lee, Bud Nance, and Butterball. Hard hitting centers are Bucky Brown, Leroy Sellars and Ronnie Falls.

Back in the backfield, the Farmer brothers, Doug and Fred, with Bobby Lane are operating at quarterback, a post vacated by Wheat Miller. Jim Allred, Don Brown and Buddy Sechrest are battling it out at half-back where Mickey and Charlie Jones formerly were. Bill Ellington's fullback post is being left to Bob Hoover and Alman Butler.

Other prospects will appear in the early fall practices, but for now you have a quick glimpse of Simeon's 1949 football charges.

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### Cheerleaders Out For Early Start

"Oooh, Guess I'm not in shape. Sore muscles." "Look, all you gotta do is make that turn on a pivot foot, see?" "No, you always first get in a circle-huddle and introduce yourselves after you run to meet out-of-town cheerleaders."

Such are snatches of conversation that will issue from the gym for the next three or four weeks, as about fifty girls vie for positions on the 1949-50 cheerleading squad. Practice sessions which began yesterday, are being led by the present varsity cheerleaders and will continue until the group masters the fundamental motions and obligations of a Bison cheerleader.

Six of the seven varsity cheerleaders—all girls—have wound up their last year yelling for the old Blue and White. Scotty Cook, Evelyn Nance, Marilyn Robinette, Barbara Lee and Peggy Layton leave behind their megaphones to don caps and gowns come June. James Buck will be the only returner; Jack Willis plans to turn his athletic activity toward another channel.

All girls out are urged to bring gym clothes or blue jeans for afternoon practices. It's probable that for the first two weeks, groups of 8 or 10 will be assigned to work with each cheerleader.

At the conclusion of practice, a special faculty committee will decide upon 14 contestants who will cheer before the student body in assembly, after which voting will name the six winners—the varsity cheerleaders of 1949-'50.

### BISON NETMEN TO BE CHOSEN

Today is the day of reckoning, . . . at least for the tennis lads who'll try out for the Black Bison tennis team. Today and tomorrow will determine the six places for the team. The boys who look best qualified for first men are Ralph Brown, Dick Boyles, Ralph Albert, and Clyde Baxter. There are several others who will try to fill the other two spots—Barry Nixon, Bob Bundy, and Yates Adams.

Under Coach A. J. Honeycutt's guidance the local "netters" will open against R. J. Reynolds next Tuesday, followed by Davidson Frosh., Greensboro, and Charlotte. Each will have return matches.

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## Trackmen Set For Duke Meet

In spite of frequently disrupted practices due to rain, Coach Cuthbert Ishee expresses satisfaction with the way his Bison cindermen are shaping up. The next Bison performance is set for Saturday afternoon when the squad travels to Durham for the annual Duke Relays.

One of the chief reasons for this optimism is the fact that Bill Seckler, one of the best milers in the state last year, is back in training after a short layoff due to a leg injury received during wrestling season. Bill made an enviable record for himself last year and is expected to do even better this year.

Two of the most versatile men on the '49 squad are Illard Yarborough and Bill Ellington. Bill is out for track after a few weeks rest from basketball season. Illard is an accomplished performer in the high jump, javelin, and the discus. Ellington competes in the shot, discus, broad jump, and the dashes.

Other lettermen out this year include "Wheat" Miller, Darrell Winslow, Don McNeill, Don Tolliver, Ray Hayworth, and Co-captains Charlie Jones and Clyde Garrison. These fellows form the backbone of the squad.

Several newcomers have also shown up well in the recent class meet and are continuing to improve in practice. Some of these include miler Harold Morgan, half-miler Darrell Vuncannon, hurdler Bob Fountain, and sprinter Bill McGuinn. Also showing improvement are Bobby Cecil of the broad jump, Doug Stutts and Jerry Laws, expert javelin-throwers.

## Gym Shorts

By Doris Craven

What could it be? Hay Fever? No-o-uh—

Spring Fever? Yes, indeed! What else could take such effect on the twang of an archer's released arrow. . . the thudding sound reflecting a well-met softball as it soars downward into the awaiting hands of the outfielder. . . the hissing air of that almighty swing that just—well, completely missed the ball. . . that graceful but concentrated co-ordination of mind and body as "tennis courtin'" returns?

No more room for this indoor business; ping pong enthusiasts wound up that form of activity. Representing the girls' division of H. P. H. S. in the state tourney were winners of both local divisions.

As yet there has been made no definite schedule for either tennis or softball engagements in the girls' athletic world at High Point High; nevertheless, with plenty of good material on hand there's no doubt that a successful season will be enjoyed by both sports. Positions have not been assigned, so any girls at all interested in this activity, make it a date any Monday or Thursday afternoon. There's personal gain and enjoyment for everyone. Why be content to remain inside when only certain steps would perk up your spirits?

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## Bison Diamondmen Show Promise Of Flashy Season

### Aquamen Organize Bison Tank Team

Swimming—that's one spring sport that can't be rained out!

For the first time in several years, since 1946 to be exact, High Point High has re-organized a "tank team," which has made much progress in practice sessions at the local "Y."

Since they can boast no lettermen, the Bison swimmers are building the team around young material. Donnie Andrews and Harold O'Kelley, both underclassmen, but well known in this area for their swimming ability, will probably lead the team, backed by three other fast lads in the water, Bob Meyerhoffer, Bud Montgomery, and Bob Walton. Bill Carrigan will demonstrate his diving prowess as a Bison tankman. Several swimmers from junior high are also expected to be out.

In their first "road" trip, the Bison swimmers will journey to Durham on Friday for the state meet. Several inter-school dual meets have been proposed, but are not yet definite.

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