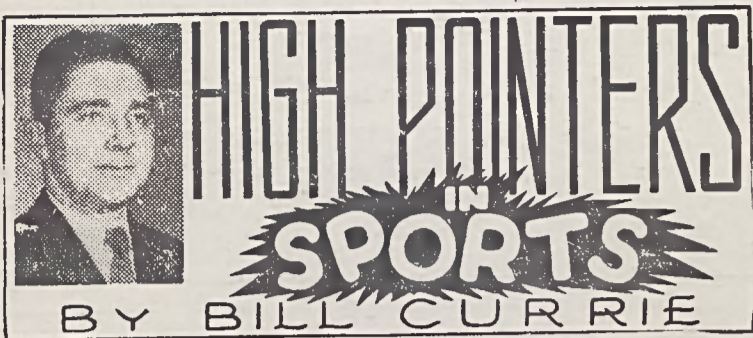


Take Me Out To The Ball Game... Take Me Out To The Park



The successful operation of a high school athletic program entails much more than simply the production of teams which can successfully carry the banner of the school on the gridiron, the basketball court, or the baseball diamond. It is an operation which requires much behind-the-scenes work by many unseen and unthanked people, and a program which should be designed to bring about something besides trophies and newspaper headlines.

In High Point the program of scholastic athletics as carried on at the senior high school is one which might well serve as an example for other schools in towns much larger. But it is a mistake to think that the present system of varsity and interscholastic athletics has always been in existence, or that it came about overnight, or as the direct result of any one master plan. The high school sports program in High Point with its many ramifications extending through the junior high school and even into the grammar schools, has come about as a result of careful planning, prudent management, and skillful additions as the community and school system became ready.

Fifteen years ago if you had told a High Pointer that 10,000 people would turn out for a high school football game, he would have laughed you to scorn, because such crowds were unheard of in those days. If the builders of the magnificent building which houses our senior high school activities could have been told of the inadequacy of the gymnasium in the few short years it has stood, they would have laughed, too, in disbelief.

The interest and participation in high school sports has grown from a toddling infancy to its present giant size in a comparatively short time, and hence, many of the physical components of the program have not been able to keep up. But, fortunately, under the direction of Tony Simeon, and with the cooperation of a farsighted principal, D. P. Whitley, and a sports-loving and progressive superintendent, C. F. Carroll, the men at the helm have kept pace with the times.

Now High Point high school teams are the best coached, the best equipped, and the best housed in the state. They win more than their fair share of the honors, and their bank account is healthy, thus assuring the future for other high school athletes and their supporters.

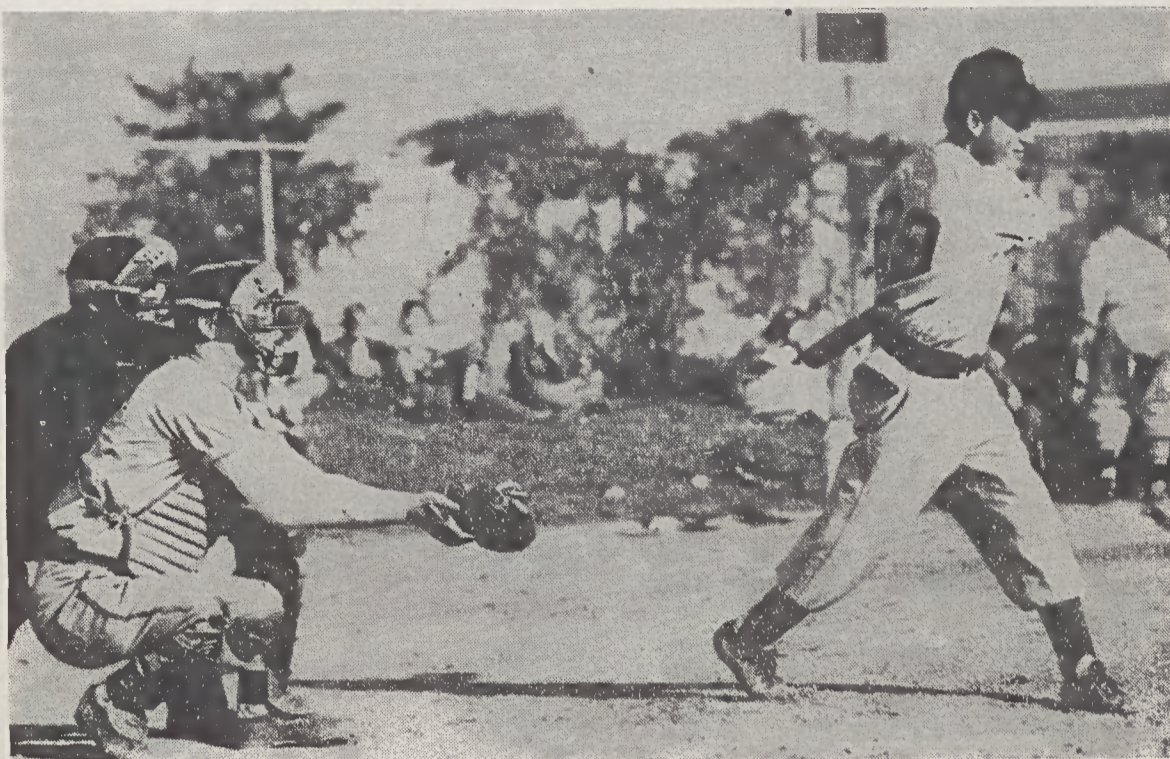
However, the need for progress is still present, and without more and constant improvement, High Point's high school athletic program can not expect to keep pace with the rapid strides which are being made in other sections of the state and nation. In the first place, the head of the program, the athletic director, should not be encumbered with a teaching load. He should be relieved of the responsibility of teaching in order that he may devote himself fully to the development of schedules, and the administration of his department. It is not right in these modern days of short hours for all working men, that a high school coach should have to teach six classes and then produce a winning team. His assistants should also have some consideration in their teaching load.

The physical properties of the program need immediate and decisive attention... The gymnasium is no longer adequate for the varsity basketball program, much less for the heavy load of intramural sports, and girls' activities. It should be relegated to the latter uses, and a new gymnasium built for the varsity teams. The football stadium is becoming too small for the high school's supporters. The solution is not immediately apparent, but a new and separate stadium is far from unthinkable in minds which concentrate on the future and progress rather than resting on the laurels of the past.

But in the outset we said a high school athletic program should produce more than winning teams. Without resorting to Fourth of July oratory or Sunday school lessons on the Golden Rule, it may be said in a straight from the shoulder manner that there is nothing more valuable than a basic understanding of the rules of give and take. Business is made up of give and take, and that is sometimes called sportsmanship. This is the great lesson which all athletics, and particularly high school sports should teach. It should not however, be confined to the participants in the so-called "major" sports. It should be available to the participants in golf, tennis, track, swimming, soccer and intra-mural with the same ease that it is provided to the men who carry a school's colors into varsity action.

As athletics are for the students, so should the students of High Point high school and all other goods endeavor to exert their influence for improvement to the program.

—BILL CURRIE, Guest Editor.



Nice hit, Leroy! Catcher Ed Morris of the Winston "Demons" wasn't even needed in that one. Leroy Land, Bison third baseman, smacked out a triple with Morris, Umpire Dolan Hedrick, and a crowd of fans looking on. This and other Bison hits were useless as Winston took a 9 to 5 victory. (P. S.—Leroy forgot to touch first base!)

Linkmen Open Successful Season, Bowing Only To Davidson Frosh

Bison Golfers To Play Host To State Meet Here May 16-17

The High Point High School golf team "teed-off" on their 1949 season by hooking in three straight victories before being sliced out of bounds by Davidson College's freshmen team.

Playing on home-and-home basis Coach Rook Sappenfield watched his linksters chip to a fine start by downing Reidsville 12 to 6 and 13½ to 4½. The local golfers might have won by shut-outs had not H. Clark of Reidsville been medalist in both encounters. The Bison approached Greensboro with confidence and followed through with a 10 to 8 upset in Greensboro. Then while entertaining Davidson, the locals were over-matched and met their first loss of the season, but not before waging a fight which saw the Pointers on a short end of 10½ to 7½ score.

Before entertaining as host team at the State meet here, the golfers will see action in six more matches—one facing Reynolds, two with Charlotte, and one more with Greensboro and Davidson.

The local team is led by Walter Travis and Bobby Padgett, who both have scored from the number one spot, while determined Gene Bouldin holds down the third spot. The last spot has shifted among three players, Albert Sawyer, Henry Weaver, and Ralph "Weasil" Rice. There are two more boys who fill out the reserves, Mal Perkinson and Johnny Bell.

SUSPENSE

(Continued from Page 2) as a pansy swaying in the evening breeze." Hey, this poetry stuff must be getting me down, Joe. Did you hear what I just said?

Bison Cindermen To Defend Title At Charlotte Relays

The Bison cindermen will get into the thick of high school competition Saturday when they travel to Charlotte to defend their title at the Queen City relays.

Clyde Garrison, co-captain and last year's state champion half-miler, is expected to better the record he set in the Queen City half-mile last year. Charlie Jones, winner of the 440 last year will be competing in the dashes Saturday. Darrell Winslow, miler, and Don McNeill, quarter-miler, are out to capture honors in their respective events.

Following the Queen City Relays, the all important Western Conference meet will be held here May 14; and two weeks later, the annual state meet will be held in Chapel Hill. The Bison were runners-up in both events last year.

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Mazie Strickland, Heywood, and Marilyn met with journalistic and extension directors of the University of N. C. a few days later. The University agreed wholeheartedly to sponsor an association; and further plans toward a statewide convention for the purpose of becoming organized, to be held there May 21, were laid. Delegates from H.P.H.S. will be Marilyn Robinette and Carolyn Andrews, Heywood Washburn and Suzanne Slate, and advisors, Miss Hollar and Miss Young.

Rain Hampers Bison Schedule

Facing two strong foes, R. J. Reynolds and "Rain", the Bison baseballers have yet to take a conference victory. The April showers have kept the diamond free of games, which were scheduled but rained out. However, they have played three conference games, dropping two to the powerful Winston-Salem nine in high scoring contests—looking both times to Reynold's ace, Moore, on a short end of a 3 to 14, and 5 to 9 count. The Bison then journeyed to Burlington and dropped a heart-breaker, 8 to 7.

The booming bats of Jimmy Jarrett (rf) and Charlie Bryant (1b) have kept the Bison potential contenders for the loop crown. The pitching arms of Jack Powell, Lawrence Kimball, and Jerry Paschal are to be valuable factors in the coming games.

Better luck was had in the earlier games when the Bison downed Thomasville and Lexington by large margins; however, the team has not yet found this brilliance in conference play.

This year's team, composed of former Legion baseballers, seems to be a building ground for a well groomed future team. There are only two seniors on the entire squad, Rudy Upton (lf) and reserve catcher Perry Jones. So the baseball future for H.P.H.S. has an excellent outlook.

UP AND COMING

(Continued from Page 2) Al Roach, Cyrus Brooks, and Gladys Hall. So, though a little early, here's "good sailing" next year to all you folks who are "up and comin'."

SELF RELIANCE

It is easy in the world to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Graduating Athletes Leave Behind Them Empty Lockers, Unfilled Shoes, Swell Record

Here's a (tomato juice) toast! . . . to the fellas who've made the blue banner of the Black Bison, respected and feared in sporting circles throughout the state. . . and especially to the senior lettermen who've donned that "Dear Old Blue and White" for the very last time!

There's sailor-boy Bill Saunders, a top-notch guard on the Simeon football aggregation. . . And another mid-term graduate Truett Grant, one of the best-all-round athletes—an all-state tackle, varsity basketball, who also hurred part of a no-hit baseball game. Duke bound . . . little, but powerized Gene Bouldin, a threat in any guy's golf game. . . Beardless Ralph Albert, a netman of no mean ability. . . The guy with the nose, Bill Ellington, who'll be long-remembered as a driving fullback, a smooth guard on the hardwood, a crack sprinter on the track. . . The "Look-at-the-birdie" fellas, Dick Boyles, who swung a wicked racket as captain of the tennis team, and Clyde Baxter—a teammate in both cases. . . Bobby Baird, whose ability in the art of grappling turned the heads of coaches throughout the state. . . Wheat Miller, valuable in any sport, an "outsmart 'em man," quarterbacked the football team, sparkplugged the basketball aggregation, and played baseball till he gave it up for track. . .

Although there was no Bison Stock Car team (his deserved profession), David Blair won letters in football and wrestling. . . Monogram Club worker, Gene Dillard,

has been top man on the tennis team. . . That granddad of sports, Bobby Lee, an able trackster who crashed the basketball team. . . Jack Petty, though no senior, has served well the Bison—as manager of every H.P.H.S. sport. . . Headed for "the wild blue yonder" as an air-corpman is Jim Rickert, who hurled two no-hit baseball games and played fullback in his football career. . . Sports-minded Max Thurman, besides editing Pemican sports, earned varsity letters in football and basketball. . . Illard Yarborough, teamed with Ken of-the-same-name, made an unforgettable duet at football ends. Also one of the state's top high school fieldmen . . . last autumn married man, Jim Allen, made his center's position one of the most talked about in the state. Football co-captain . . . the speed and drive of record-holding Charlie Jones makes him one of the fleetest athletes to leave H.P.H.S., his speed used to best advantage in track and football. . . Going huntin'? Don't forget the best, Pete Jones. Pint-sized Pete, an outdoorsman, played football, caught baseball, and "McComs"ed in basketball. . . A power-hitting comedian, Rudy Upton, roamed the Bison outfield menacingly for several seasons. . .

Friendly lad Jim Neely, efficient football manager, also on the basketball roster. . . Brains plus stamina plus speed equals Goldston Harris, in the hurdles for the cindermen. . . "Swing and Sway with Bobby Hay"—worth. The "Dreamster" in the Bison football line at tackle was also a defensive basketball player. . . Burly and

rough on the gridiron—quiet and calm elsewhere—that's "Roughhouse" Harold Auman, who was not only a Shrine Bowl guard, but a brusing wrestler and a swell field man. . . Max Ward subbed at pivot spot in football season and wrestled a little later in the winter. . . Mr. President, Charlie Johnson, was a dependable sharp-shooting varsity basketball. . . The swing, ability and luck of Walter Travis placed him top man on the '49 golf team. . . Big and tall, bold and gay (poetic, n'est pas?) Ray Hayworth was always in the way—of his opposing lineman of wrestling partner. Also a cinderman. . . sandy-headed, bespectacled Clyde Garrison remains one of the best half-milers ever to leave High Point High. . . Southpaw Ralph Brown, a leading figure on the tennis court. . . Buddy Whitson, a top infield reserve on the Bison diamond. . . Jeryl Hughes, though never under the colors of the high school, will be remembered long for his championship boxing ability, at the top in Golden Glove competition. . . Caveman (haircut, etc.) Bill Seckler co-captained the wrestlers and, until injured, strutted the mile on the track. . . Dangerous Dan, the mighty tackle, a steady standby on the football field, Dan Smith. . . Math-minded Bill Foster, a strong, winning grappler. . . Larry Scearce, a hard-working trackman for two years. . . And. . . when not being inducted into the Honor Society, Bob Padgett can currently be seen sparking the golfers out on the links.