



Displaying their finest form of the season, the Black Bison rolled over the Yellow Jackets of Salisbury, 57-35, in a basketball game played here last Tuesday night. Pictured here are Robert Brinkley (21) of Salisbury and Frank Hassell (12) of High Point as they scrambled for a rebound. Looking on is Frank McRae (42) of the visitors. McRae was high man for the losers with twelve points, while Hassell tallied five for the locals

# Bison And Reynolds Clash Tonight

## Current Comments

BY RONNIE CURRENT

With a record number of entries, the third annual North Carolina Junior High School Basketball Tournament will get underway here in the high school gym Thursday afternoon, March 2, and will continue on the 4, 6, and 7. Invitations have been sent out by Coach Simeon to all junior high teams throughout the state, and most of the teams have already accepted.

Since the beginning of the tournament in 1948 the local junior high squad under Coach Ray Correll has been one of the main threats for the tourney crown. E. K. Powe of Durham won the initial event, and the Baby Bison took the laurels last year. The locals have another top-notch team this year and will be defending their championship honors against some of the finest talent ever to enter.

To each player of the winning team a gold miniature basketball is given and beautiful trophies are awarded the champion and runner-up squads. Wide interest has been centered around the free throw contest, and to this year's thrower will go a miniature gold ball.

In the battle for first place in the Class AA Western Conference, the Black Bison, at this writing, is the logical choice for "most likely to succeed," with Greensboro rated next in line. The race for the two other berths for the State Tournament centers around Burlington and Salisbury. Reynolds High of Winston-Salem has been eliminated as a possible contender for the state honors and will not be defending the crown they won last year.

## Locals' Chances Raised With Powell's Return

Sporting a first place position in the race for honors in the Western Class AA Conference, the High Point High School Black Bison will be at home tonight for an engagement with lowly Reynolds High of Winston-Salem. This will be the second meeting of these two teams this year, and the Demons from the Twin-City will be seeking revenge for the 41-40 defeat that the Bison dealt them in a game there two weeks ago.

On Friday night the Burlington High School Bulldogs will be in High Point for a return meeting with the Bison. The Alamance County boys dropped a decision to the loop-leaders in Burlington, but since then have been very successful with other conference foes.

Last Friday night the Bison all but clinched first place in the Western Conference with a win over the Purple Whirlies of Greensboro. The Bison, playing without the services of Jack Powell during the first half, were behind 20-13 going into the final half. Powell entered the game then, however; and the Bison came to life. Playing a tight zone defense they held Greensboro to 11 points in the second half and defeated them 34-31. For the "Powellful" High Point team and the many Bison fans, it was sweet revenge.

## Bisonette Buzzings

BY ANNE SHIPWASH

Girls' basketball at H.P.H.S. has been more successful this year than was first expected. A quick re-hash of the games to date shows the girls with a 2-2 won-lost record. In the first game the girls got off to a slow start and couldn't overtake the Salisbury lassies, and so lost 28-14. Then the girls were fired up to whip Greensboro 39-27. However, their steam ran out before they met Reynolds; and although Nancy Beck was the individual high scorer of the game, the locals lost 29-22. Nancy collected six baskets and four out of eight free shots for a 16-point total.

In journeying to the Gate City the next week and repeating the story, the girls proved that that win over the "Whirlie Girlies" was no accident. This time the score was 31-27, and the game was the best-played yet. Doris Craven not only passed for several scores and set up many others, but she scored nine points herself. Doris, who is exceptionally good at intercepting the ball and starting plays, was outstanding on floor play in this game also. It was certainly her best game to date. Joan "Slats" Crowder had 12 points and Nancy Beck had 10 to round out the scoring for the Pointers. Helen Martin, at her usual center guard position, was of invaluable aid in holding Greensboro's star forward to a mere three points. The girl, Tharon Seawell, is high scorer on the Whirlie team for the second straight year, and had scored 17 points in the first meeting of the two teams. The other regular guards, Ann VonCannon and Coleen Ward, were, as usual, steady and dependable.

The Junior Varsity wasn't quite so lucky, but lost to the Whirlie Juniors, 15-8. Gwen Reddeck, among the top four in individual scoring on the local teams, collected five of the eight points the J. V.'s were able to get.

Nancy Beck, who is averaging about 11½ points per game, is still the team's leading scorer with a total of 46 points in four games. Joan Crowder is in second place with 26 points in four games. These totals do not include the intramural and practice games, but are only the scoring against out-of-town teams.

The Bisonettes, still proud of their new uniforms, were hoping to get win-number-three from Reynolds in Winston-Salem on February 26. Results of the game were unavailable at the time of this writing.

Coach Upchurch is very pleased with the improvement the girls have made since the start of the season. Optimistically speaking, the prospects for next year are rather good. Although she loses five varsity players through graduation this year, including the starting trio of forwards, Coach doesn't seem to be too worried, because all the guards will return, and there are quite a few fine junior varsity players who will move up into their "big sisters" places next year. Yep, the future of girls' basketball in High Point seems to be pretty bright!

## Spring Sports Soon To Start; March 15 Date For Baseball

### Golf, Tennis Suffer Losses Of Lettermen

BY BOB BUNDY

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to—?" Well if you take a look at the athletic field some spring afternoon, you'll probably find hopeful young athletes' thoughts turning to track, baseball, tennis, golf, and spring football.

Brother, whether you've noticed the calendar lately or not, it's about that time—the time for these sports to get underway, that is. Definite dates have been set for baseball and spring football, March 15, which is also the day for your income tax to be in. March 1 has been set as a tentative date for the opening of the golf and tennis season. For those miserable few who haven't noticed, track has begun.

#### Prospects

Track—The loss of such stalwarts as Clyde Garrison and Charlie Jones will be a blow to the tracksters; but returning lettermen Darrell Winslow, Don McNeill, and Bill McGuinn should enable Coach Ishee to field a better-than-average aggregation.

Baseball—The baseball team will be looking for an improvement over last year's season as they are among only two lettermen. Among those returning are Bill Craig, Lawrence Kimball, Charlie Bryant, and Leroy Land, who should help the baseball team win their share of the games this spring.

#### Tennis, Golf, Football

Tennis—The Bison netters probably have the least hope of having a successful season of any of the teams. Losing four lettermen of last year's six, this year's racketers may lack the needed experience to have a winning team.

Golf—The loss of three lettermen from last year's state championship team may lessen the chances of a repeat performance in the state tournament, but the linksters should have a top-flight team.

Spring football—This sport has become quite instrumental in developing new grid stars, and no doubt will see a large turnout this year.

## Greensboro Editor Expresses Views Before H. P. Game

(By Richard Whittemore, Sports Editor, HIGH LIFE, Greensboro)

The Purple Whirlwinds of Greensboro will try for their second victory of the year over their arch-rivals, High Point. In their first meeting, the Greensboro lads were victorious by the count of 26-16. But by virtue of their playing on their own home court, the Bison could win with the support missed here.

The Whirlies boast triumphs over all conference foes except Burlington, and at the time this article goes to press the score of that game is not available.

Greensboro, High Point, Burlington and Salisbury have clinched conference berths for the state tournament and will represent the Western AA Conference against the Eastern Conference in Durham later this season.

This game should be very close, and Greensboro as well as High Point should make a good showing; the game this time should be played wide open there—no matter which of the two wins, both will go to the North Carolina tournament. If Greensboro does win the rest of their games between the time that this article is written to the High Point game, the Western Conference will be at stake!

The game should be interesting, to say the least! Good luck to the winner, whoever he shall be!

## 1950 Wrestling Season Closes

With a 28-10 win over the Greensboro Purple Whirlwinds the High Point High School wrestling team ended their season Thursday night.

This victory enabled the Bison grapplers to rank up a seasonal record of five wins and two losses. Six of the High Point matmen were wrestling their last match for the high school. They are Captain Glenn Hudson, Jack Willis, Don Rogers, Roy Bragg, Harold Morgan, and Bobby Black. Two seniors, Darrell Winslow and C. L. Corn, have been injured during the latter part of the season and have not been able to do any wrestling.

In the eight matches the Bison wrestled this year, they ran up a total of 159 points to the 98 points that their opponents have rolled up.

Much credit should be given to the new Bison Coach, Mr. William "Hoot" Gibson, who replaced Rook Sappenfield and who turned out a commendable record for the season.



Doris Craven

## ATHLETES

The outstanding athlete featured this time really needs no introduction to High Pointers. She is active, well-known, outstanding in almost any field you might choose.

After winning her letter in several sports at Junior High, she moved over to the senior building to star in tennis, soccer, basketball, and softball, being named captain in each major sport at least once.

You've probably heard about her four years of varsity basketball, how she's sparking the team with flashy floor play, and that she was the high scorer of last season. She has played softball at H.P.H.S. for three years, but since Doris never speaks of herself and what she has done, probably few of you know just how successful she has been in this sport. She played in the industrial league here in the summers of 1947 and 1948, being named to the honorary All-State team both years.

But perhaps the highlight of her "softballing" days was her trip to Florida with the state champion High Point nine, where the team won third place in the southeastern tourney, and Doris won honorable mention as outfielder on the All-Southern team.

Many other accomplishments by this "wonder girl" cannot be mentioned for lack of space.

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