

HIGH POINTERS IN SPORTS BY BILL CURRIE

High Point high school has been immediately successful in all fields of athletics for so long that there is scarcely a townsman, much less a student who can recall when the Bison were beating the lean bushes of last place in major sports conference standings.

Perhaps the major contribution to the success of high school athletics in High Point has been public interest, for through the support of the paying fans, the school authorities have seen fit to allot more money, more personnel, and more time for sports in the various physical education programs. And, after all, such programs are the basis of successful varsity sports.

Graduating from High Point high school this year are a number of outstanding athletes who have carved their marks into the annals of athletics during their scholastic participation. They are products of a long range system of development, and as a consequence, the young men who leave High Point to go into college athletics now-a-days are much further along and much better qualified than those who took the same step a decade ago.

Bobby Joe Mickey, Ken Yarborough, Charlie Bryant, Jerry Paschal, Fred Farmer, Charlie Martin, Harlan Burton, and Bobby Grady are football players who have the potential ability to play anywhere. They are leaving High Point high school this spring, having wound up the academic requirements for graduation, and they have also more than completed the requirements expected

of a boy to be ready for college sports. The same is true in basketball and baseball, along with the so-called minor sports, track, tennis, golf, and wrestling.

While time is a requisite of making good athletes, instruction is equally, if not more, important. No boy starts at 16 and becomes a good football player by the time he gets out of high school. But, starting at 12 or 13 while still in junior high, a youngster can progress mightily, so that by the time he reports for varsity practice, he will be able to carry out the demands of the system and coaching staff with skill and agility.

In High Point, the students coming up through the school system have an opportunity to start to work under competent instructors, coaches who have played and studied, and are qualified to teach athletics. It has not always been so, but now, it is possible, and indeed often happens, for a boy to become well versed in all sports, and never take part in a varsity game.

Class teams, junior varsity teams, and junior high school teams are all directed by men who know what they are doing, and their contribution to the over-all success of the athletic program of High Point schools cannot be overstated. Naturally, in any organization there is a focal point, or a place where all endeavor centers. In the case of High Point high school and its related physical programs, the organization centers around Tony Simeon.

Since he came to High Point, Simeon has organized, conserved, built, and has been generally responsible for the successful program of athletics now enjoyed by the students and people of the city. To Simeon, then, should go the plaudits of the school and the public for his successful efforts.

Tracksters Seek 3rd Conference Title Saturday



The burden of this year's track squad has rested largely on the shoulders of the boys in the picture above. They are (left to right, kneeling) Bobby Potts, Doug Stutts, Darrell Winslow, and Bobby Black; (standing) Bob Fountain, Eddie Haire, and Boyd Newman.

The High Point High School Track team will be seeking to win its second consecutive Western Conference title Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. If the Bison win Saturday, it will be their third conference title in five years.

Seven other important teams are expected to give the Bisons strong competition for honors. High Point, Greensboro, Reynolds High, Salisbury, Charlotte, Asheville, Gastonia, and Burlington are expected to enter.

Last year in their win, the Bison rolled up 73 points to top their nearest competitor, Charlotte, who wound up with a total of 49½ points. Other teams entered were R. J. Reynolds, 21 points; Greensboro, 6½ points; Salisbury, 4 points; and Asheville, who failed to score.

Last year, out of 14 events, the Bison placed ten first places. Charlie Jones gathered two firsts, one in the 100 yard dash and one in the 220 yard dash. Jones's time of 10.2 in the hundred was .1 of a second of the conference record which is 10.1. Other first places by High Point were won by McNeill in the 440, Garrison in the 880, Winslow in the mile run, Harris in the low hurdles, Craig in the javelin, Iliard Yarborough in the high jump, and Miller in the broad jump. The Bison also placed first in the mile relay.

If the Bison repeat their victory Saturday, it will be the second time they have done it. They accomplished the trick in 1935 and 1936. Charlotte has won the title six times in the last ten years, and has won it consecutively from 1940 through 1944.

Golf And Tennis Tourney Held

Beginning last Friday the 1950 state tennis meet got under way at Goldsboro, and lasted through Saturday. The entire Black Bison squad was entered, and they left with high hopes Thursday afternoon with their coach, A. J. Honeycutt.

High Pointers entered in the state competition were Rudy Frazier, Bob Bundy, Craig Kester, and Barry Nixon.

No scores were available at press time. However, the Pointer lads were expected to advance far into the finals.

The North Carolina state golf tournament started yesterday at High Point's own Emerywood Country Club. The tournament, which will end today, is being played by high school teams all over this section of the state. The Bison linksters will be defending the championship which they have won for the past two years.

Members of the Bison team are Jimmy Lovelace, Henry Weaver, Albert Sawyer and Jim Woolen.

Cagers To Miss Graduating Stars

"Is it really Spring?" That's what some of the hopefuls who reported for Spring cage practice were asking each other last night. Although the weather was hot, the boys were in high spirits as they ran through their warm-up drills.

This year's team will have the task of defending the Western Conference and State Tournament crowns that they carried off last year. Missing from the 1951 line-

up will be such notables as Seniors Ken Yarborough, Jerry Paschal, and Charlie Bryant. Jack Powell will also be out due to eligibility difficulties.

Lettermen who will be back to bolster the Bison chances are Frank Hassell, the only returning starter, Larry Rhodes, Harold O'Kelly, Ken Frye, Joe Robertson, and Leonard Delapoe. Harold Gihardt, David Moore, and Yates Adams are others with varsity experience who are expected to return.

At the close of practice in about two weeks a game will be played between the alumnae of former years and last year's squad.

Seniors Leave Empty Lockers . . .

With the last issue of the '49-'50 year, the POINTER would like to pay tribute to all those senior athletes who have worn the blue and white of the Black Bison for the last time and to wish 'em success in the future.

Looking back over the flock, we found that the head ram was Charlie Bryant, a winning personality with letters in football, basketball, baseball, and wrestling. Bill Craig, known as "javelin arm" to the track team also claimed honors on the gridiron and baseball diamond. Very few ever take a post-graduate course to be a cheerleader, but that's what James Buck did; and as head man he was swell. Along with him were Colon Chandler and Max Shoaf, also a back-stroke artist on the track team. Already out on their own are footballers Bucky Brown, Bob Grady, and Harlan Burton, all of whom finished at mid-term. "Senator" Buddy Nance has retired from football, and it's rumored that politics may be next. All-Stater Ken Yarborough will leave oversized football and basketball togs that will be hard to fill. Golfers Jim Woollen and Albert Sawyer are through at H.P.H.S. but still plan to stay with the greens. It will take a long time to find someone like Harold Morgan for the wrestling and track teams. Other men leaving with these two letters are Darrell Winslow, Bobby Black, C. L. Corn, Jack Willis, and Don Tolliver.

A finer V. P. couldn't be found than Jerry Paschal who quarterbacked, dribbled, and pitched his way through his two years in the "Furniture City." Coach Simeon's left arm leaves with Bobby Joe Mickey, the Shrine Bowler and diamond man with shaky joints. As the number one fan and manager, "Butterball" Jack Petty will be missed by all of us. A cinderman and a good linebacker, Jim Allred, the lady-killer, leaves us with regret. High School Register men in sports were Fred Farmer and Bob Fountain, with honors on both the grid and cinder squads. Other track men with this honor were Bill McGuinn and Don McNeill. "King Kong" Roy (Ft.) Bragg is taking his football and wrestling talents to Appalachian.

A little patch of dynamite leaves with Don Rogers a lightweight grappling contender. Let's hope Bob Carrigan swims his way to many more honors this year. We will always remember the feats of Harold Reid in football and basketball last year. Buddy Sechrest and Don Brown are a couple of halfbacks who will be sorely missed in '50-'51. Hurdler Eddie Haire will vacate that spot on the track team. No longer will Glenn Hudson tickle his mat opponent with his beard, and grappler Jerry Daniels can now smoke in peace.

It's a sure thing that Trackster Hal Davis will go on to higher things in life, and maybe Van Boyles will too. Husky Charlie Martin, the only bald-headed tackle ever to play for the Blue and White, leaves us his brother Harold to carry on. No longer will we need to duck when Harold "Kitten" Embler spits; the tobacco-chewing pitcher closes his career. Rudy Frazier (ping-pong champ) and Bob Bundy will leave two vacancies for the '51 netters.

A T H L E T E S



If a best-all-around athlete contest were to be held, one of the best bets for top honors would be Kenneth "Charlie" Bryant.

Charlie has played football three years and was the high scorer in extra points with a total of 19 in the '48 season.

Charlie tried out wrestling in his freshman year. He kept it up for two years. He lost his first match, but this didn't stop Charlie. He went on to the 150 pound state championship.

Baseball is Charlie's favorite sport. From his freshman to his senior year, Charlie has been on the team. He is the leading hitter, with a batting average somewhat over .300.

The four years that Charlie has been here he has earned 11 H.P. letters.

The last two years here at High Point High Charlie was on the Bison basketball team. This year he was elected co-captain of the team and was given honorable mention in the Western Conference.

BISONETTE BUZZINGS

BY ANNE SHIPWASH

In this, the senior edition of the POINTER it seems only fitting that we should devote our column to honoring those senior girls who have helped to put High Point out front in girls' athletics. But first let's recall a few former athletes who were outstanding in their day. Some of these you probably know little about; others you may have heard of a great deal.

1935 to 1938 were big years for baseball, with the teams being built around such reliable players as Mary Bowers, Kathryn Morgan, "Corky" Worth, Lillian Weisner, Hazel Burton, Minnie Brown, Alice Lee Charles, Virginia Crouch, and Mary Alice Thayer.

Post-war years found that most of the best athletes were good students, interested in many other activities besides sports. Proof of this is Betty Wade, 1945 cheerleader who was chosen Most Athletic by her classmates. In 1946 and '47, soccer and softball were major sports, led by Betty Darby, Bebe Rice, Mary Faye Alexander, Maxine Coletrane, Wanda Eller, and Phyllis Wall.

One of the most outstanding of pitchers and hitters ever to come out of H.P.H.S. was awarded the Most-Athletic title the following year, in 1948. This girl was, and still is, perhaps the best all-around player it has ever been this writer's pleasure to know. She is, of course, Louise "Pete" Brown.

1949 was the big year in sports for Ella Jean Ball, June Bivens, Jackie Meekins, and last, Betty Lou "Butch" Hayworth.

Now we come to the last group—class of '50. There are so many senior girls who have done a lot to forward athletics in this school, that it would be nearly impossible to get all the names in the column, but we'll try to mention most of them. Heading the list are Nancy Beck and Doris Craven, followed closely by Polly Eady, Joan Crowder, Tommie Lentz, Jo Auman, Lisi Snyder, Betty Jean Carter, Peggy Yow, and Tommie Lou Young.

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