

Jackets, Jackettes Ousted First Night In Tournament

Asheboro Boys, Concord Girls Whip Hapless Insects



TIME OUT! JIM REDWINE

SHYTLE—ALL STATE?

A guy who knows a guy who knows says that Bobby Shytle, the Jackets' talented ball-hawk, has only a slim chance to draw all-state basketball honors. Why? Not enough publicity!

It's hard to say whose fault this is—perhaps it's no one's. But it is a regrettable oversight. It's no secret that Bob is one whale of a ball player as far as Lexington basketball fans are concerned.

Bob, a junior at Lexington High Schol, is not a big boy as far as basketball players are concerned—in fact, he's not big anyway you look at it. But he is a little boy with a big eye for that bucket. Lanky Bob tallied 306 points this past season, an average of over 14 points per game!

The Jackets suffered some lean nights this season—on these nights Bob was the only consistent scorer. His nineteen point debut in the South Piedmont Conference tournament at Statesville brought praise from all corners.

Publicity or no publicity, the straight-shooting stringbean is tops on our All-State list.

STATISTICS

It's strictly unofficial, but here's the way we compile the season's scoring records:

Name	Points	Average
Everhart	10	0.9
Sink	4	0.8
Carter	242	11.4
Crowell	47	3.3
Shytle	306	14.1
Purdee	157	7.0
Crow	95	4.1
Leonard	2	1.0
Redwine	35	2.0
Conrad	28	1.1
Haynes	4	0.8
Robertson	0	0.0
Morgan	1	0.5

DEVIL'S DUE

Billy Eanes, Lexington's backfield sensation B. C. (before Carter), apparently isn't going to remain out of the limelight for long. Latest reports from the Devils' practice camp are that the "Lexington Lobber" is running at the first team tailback slot. Glen Wild and Billy Cox are on the inactive list due to injuries. * * * Plans are now being made for a joint Football-Basketball banquet. It seems that Choo-Choo Justice, tentative speaker for the gala event, keeps fumbling the ball! * * * Report from Wake Forest: The Kappa Alpha Terrors, "the most powerful fraternity gridiron machine ever to assemble at Deacon Hollow," boasts a goodly share of Lexington talent in Tinker Williams and J. L. Peeler. Charley "Slug" Williams, it is reported, serves in the capacity of chief scout, strategist, par excellence, and assistant coach. * * * Is Harold Carter Cat-a-wa-ba bound? Just wondered. * * * Harry "Slugger" Gore, Lexington's gift to the boxing game, has recuperated from his Hickory fling. He reports that he has "just begun to fight." Wanted: Good ten-second men—contact Coach Jimmy Maus. * * * Rumor: "Bullet Billy" isn't passing like he should be—scholastically speaking, that is. Ahem. * * * The Jacket golfers are planning a seven match schedule this season—Badin, Greensboro, High Point, et cetera. * * * Someone who knows someone who knows said: Bobby Shytle is definitely an All-Stater, but he didn't have a chance. Why? No publicity. (It's worth repeating.)



Bob Shytle and Peg McCulloch look over the season's records. Both were chosen on the All-Tournament team compiled at Statesville this season. Perhaps Bob is showing her that he really did score 306 points this year.

Spiders Bind Jackets In Return Contest

—Gaither Walser

February 28 ended the shortest month in the year, and something else was also short; it was Lexington in their final game of the regular season with Concord. The locals, who started out like the March wind, ended up on the short end of a 47 to 42 count.

The best show was put on by Bobby Shytle, who rang the bell for 21 points. Shytle continued to hit all through the game, to keep the Jackets within fighting distance.

Harold Carter, who is usually good for around 15 points, had one of the worst nights of his career, getting only 2 points.

Erwin, a big and rangy center for Concord, didn't stop till he had pocketed 19 points for runner-up honors.

Green, a guard, seemed like he didn't know what the word "miss" was, when it came to sinking foul shots.

After the 25 to 25 tie at halftime, it was definitely Concord all the way.

In the first meeting at Concord, the Jackets took the Spiders 44 to 45 in one of the most thrilling contests this year.

Lexington will be minus two starters next year, Carter and Crow, but they are again expected to come up with another fine team.

Concord 47	Lexington 42
F—Doggett 4	Carter 2
F—McCachem	Shytle 21
C—Erwin 19	Purdee 10
G—Green 15	Crow 4
G—Deaton 4	Conrad 2

Substitutions: Concord—Miller 5; Lexington—Everhart, Redwine, Crowell 5.

Halftime score: Lexington 25, Concord 25.

Jackets Drop Elkin Twice, 40-36; 57-40

While waiting for the drawings for the 1950 Conference Tournament, Lexington's Jackets coasted to two non-conference warm-up victories over Elkin High School.

The Jackets journeyed to Elkin for the first one and were behind 12 points before the game was well underway. Paced by Bobby Shytle, the insects slowly began to pull ahead and by the end of the first half had managed a 21-15 lead.

Thereafter the visiting Lexingtonians had little trouble and won handily 40-36.

The second encounter was even more brutal as the Jackets slaughtered the visitors 57-40 with everybody but the water boy playing. Harold Carter found his eye of old and tallied 21 points for the victors. Bobby Shytle managed 10. The Elks' right guard, Nance, hit 20 to aid the losers' cause considerably.

In preliminary games the J. V.'s of Coach Vernon Price, former Lexington great, handed the baby Jackets two defeats.

Shytle Makes Final Bid For All-State

The Lexington High Yellow Jackets suddenly went to pieces in the second half of their inaugural contest in the South Piedmont Tournament here in Statesville tonight, and were thrashed soundly by the Asheboro Comets 47-31.

A close game seemed to be in order as the Jackets left the floor at the end of the first half behind the Comets only 2 points, 21-19. Bobby Shytle proved to be the cosmic factor in the Jackets second-quarter attack.

The second half was another matter. The Jackets of the second quarter had disappeared; in their stead were five boys who just couldn't seem to hit. The Comets' crack center, York, hit his stride, and his stride is a high scoring one. The giant center hooked the Jackets to death with his 22 points. His running mate, Paterson, a guard, pushed in 13.

Bobby Shytle, the Jackets' All-State candidate, hit nineteen points for the losing Insects, and ran his total up to 306 points for the season, but all to no avail. The Comets managed to elevate their lead to 33-27 at the end of the third quarter. The finish found them coasting with a 47-31 margin to rest upon.

Jackettes Drop An Overtime Thriller

The Concord Spiderettes managed to get some superfluous revenge here in Statesville tonight as they conquered the Lexington Jackettes 46-38 in an overtime thriller in the S.P.C. tournament.

The Spiderettes, who had fallen before the Jackettes twice in regular season play, managed to take the local lassies in a sudden-death play off after an overtime period had ended in a tie. The Concord girls led at the end of the first half 22-20, but the lead see-sawed considerably all night.

Carpenter's 18 points and McCulloch's 13 points were high for the Jackettes. Scott and Barnhardt led the Spiderettes with 20 and 16 points respectively. Miss Burkhardt dropped the crucial, game-winning bucket for the Concord girls.

This loss ousted the lassies from tournament play, just as, hours before, the Lexington boys had fallen before the onrushing Asheboro Comets.

Gore Gets Gloved In Golden Gloves Go

Harry "Gory" Gore's pugilistic aspirations suffered a momentary setback here at Hickory, North Carolina, on Thursday, March 2.

The "one man juggernaut" lost by a decision to Armond Wiles, a fighting fancy-dan from Kannapolis, North Carolina. Wiles fought his way to the welterweight championship, and won the Sportsmanship Trophy on the concluding night of the Golden Gloves sanctioned Western Carolina Boxing Tournament.

Gore tipped the scales at 147 pounds in this his inaugural match. Wiles had a two pound advantage on Gore. In a post game statement here tonight Gore stated that though he had no definite plans for the near future, "he had just begun to fight."