



Amp Long leaps for two in Blue-White game.

Championship Team?

Whirlies Impressive

By Gary Sue

This year's 1976-77 Grimsley Whirlies Basketball Team have started out the season with two decisive victories over High Point Andrews and the Ragsdale Tigers. Coach Hickey is looking forward to a successful season with a talented team and is setting his goals for a 29-0 record and a state championship.

Returning from last year's team are Hugh Elkins, Gary Sue, David Cox, and Mark Harris. These returning players, along with many other talented players, are being counted on for a successful season. The guard positions are being held by explosive Mark Harris and Gary Sue along with an excellent junior, Amp Long. The forward positions are solid with Hugh Elkins and David Cox and reserve Mark Yost. The center this year is high-leaping Eric "Tree" Sum-

mers. Others being counted on to contribute this year are Dick Gilbert, Jimmy White, Tommy Few, Tommy Arthur, Jack Edwards, John Kobos, Glenn Ford, and Senior Tony Bailey. The Whirlies will receive stiff competition this year from arch rival Page and Dudley. The Whirlies will square off with Page, Dudley, and Smith in the Holiday Tournament on December 29-30.

In the Grimsley's season opener, the Whirlies blitzed High Point Andrews 82-66. David Cox, Hugh Elkins, and Gary Sue each climbed into double figures as the Whirlies totally dominated the action. The Whirlies raced out to a 27-11 first quarter advantage behind their sticky defense and fantastic fastbreak. At halftime Grimsley led the Red Raiders 49-34 and were in complete

control of the game. In the second half the Whirlies were never challenged as the final score indicated, 82-66. David Cox hammered in 18 points to lead the Whirlies, followed by Hugh Elkins with 16 points, and Gary Sue with 13.

In the second game of the season, the Whirlies routed Ragsdale 86-60. Mark Harris and Eric Summers led the scoring attack with 17 and 14 points respectively. The Whirlies took a commanding half time lead 42-25. In the second half the story was the same, the Whirlies were just too much for Ragsdale. The Whirlies shot a blistering 56% for the game.

The Whirlies are looking forward to a successful season and they would appreciate the student body's and the faculty's support and backing.

Big Four Tournament

By Billy Tsintzos

The Greensboro Sports Council recently held a breakfast meeting in which they discussed the upcoming holiday basketball tournament at the Greensboro Coliseum which will feature the four city high school teams. The tournament will be staged on the weekend of December 29-30 and after the second night of basketball, a dance will be held in the coliseum auditorium.

The meeting mostly dealt with ticket sales, money, and the number of people which will attend the games. Representatives from the four high schools reported that tickets had been completely distributed and that there was a demand for more. The council agreed that the dance was a prime factor in ticket sales to the high schools and junior high schools. Many college students are also anxious to obtain tickets to the dance which will feature two bands, Bryce Street and Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose. The auditorium in which the dance will be held holds 4,000 people and it will be closed when it gets to that point. Many people questioned why the dance should be held in the arena instead, but actually the auditorium can hold more people. Also, tickets to the dance cannot be bought separately, they must be purchased along with the tickets to the basketball games.

Tickets are priced at \$4.25 for the student booklet and \$5.50 for the

adult book.

As of this writing, pairings for the first night of basketball have not been made. Most Whirlie and Page Pirate fans would not like to see the two teams matched against each other in the first round. Instead, the respective fans would like to see their clubs meet in the championship game in the second night of action. Trophies have already been ordered and will be awarded to the winners of the tournament.

The contest will be just as the college Big Four Tournament in which the games will not affect the conference standing. Also, for these games to be a success, fan support must be at its peak, so everyone, relatives of the players, the cheerleaders, and the pep bands should come out and watch their son or daughter perform. The more people that come, the better it is. The financial aspect to the tournament is under control as it seems that sponsors have already contributed their support along with the increased number of ticket sales.

Next season, this tournament will be expanded to include all of the county schools as well as the big four in the city. These contests will undoubtedly be a smashing success but spectators are desperately needed, so come out and watch the games. And remember, after the last night of basketball, everyone can dance until their feet fall off.

Defending Champs Open Strong

The 1976 Whirlie Grapplers have again proved wrestling is here to stay as far as Grimsley is concerned by their commendable performance in the Greensboro Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Led by Jimmy Bowen, Clarence Mitchell, and Roy Lee, all of whom captured the individual championship in their respective weight class, the team finished second to Ragsdale by a score of 190 to 130. Many of the top teams in the state participated in this meet, thusly, Grimsley's high standing foreshadows many good things ahead this season for the Whirlies.

The next goal the team is striving to accomplish is to advance on the list of most consecutive dual meet victories. Grimsley is currently ranked fourth in these standings with 51 victories, but they are only six victories out of second place. Page currently holds the second

spot with 56 straight wins. The number one position presently

claimed by Watauga High School is not yet within the reach of the team. Watauga won 113 in a row.

In the Greensboro Invitational, Grimsley finished with a wrestler in the top four of almost every weight class. First place winners are Clarence Mitchell in the 119 pound class, Roy Lee in the 155 pound class, and Jimmy Bowen in the 195 pound class. The two other wrestlers who made it to the

finals are Scott MacDonald in the 112 pound class and Ricky Buckner at 126. To round out the rest of the team Frank Carpenter finished third at 138, Willie Crouch fourth at 98, Tyrone Meadows fourth at 132, Jeff Bennett fourth at 145, Donald Strachan fourth at 167, and Gary Marynard fifth at 185. Rodney Mintz, another regular starter did not compete.



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Sports Quiz

For our Christmas issue, we here at the central offices of HIGH LIFE felt it appropriate to construct a quiz that would test the true knowledge of those die hard Whirlie sports fans. (Whew) This is a true test of knowledge...He! He!

1. What Whirlie athlete had a head transplant with a turtle? A)Geefer - who else.
2. What G.H.S. swimmers spawn in the spring? A) John Greszczak B)Mark Kronenfield C)Geefer Baldwin.
3. What G.H.S. golfer holds the record for holes in one? (consecutive) A)Larry Spivey B)Geefer Baldwin.
4. What is a "Geefer"? A)An incurable disease B)A drug C)Skeletal structure
5. What G.H.S. athletes have been seen climbing trees at lunch? A)Grady Yourse B)Chuck Jones C)Jeffery Bennett.
6. What G.H.S. athlete is working on his doctorate in C.O.E.? A)Boozal Jones B)A C)B
8. What Whirlie athlete will major in bartending in college? (We don't want to incriminate anyone Boozal).