

The Sports Corner

By Fritz Apple

When High Point invades Guilford College tonight, they will find a larger court than the small school gym where the two teams met for the last game. This should excite a different type of playing with Greensboro very much at home on a large court.

Tournament plans for the State Basketball Championship have been announced for the days of February 25-27. The top four teams in both the Eastern and Western Conferences will meet in Winston-Salem for this annual contest. The top team in the Western Conference will face the fourth place team of the Eastern Conference and vice-versa. This year the coaches have decided on dropping the elimination situation. Although a team may lose its first game, they still will continue playing even though they cannot win the crown. The team that wins the crown will have to win the four games that they play.

At present the Whirlies are galloping toward their first state crown since 1945. After the stellar performance against Gastonia, Coach Jamieson remarked, "It was the best played game of the year; the boys were poised, and they really wanted to win."

In the Eastern Conference, Rocky Mount has sewn up the Eastern Championship and should be the team to beat for the state title. They are receiving invaluable help from a former GHS'er, Billy Proctor, who is one of their starters.

Great school spirit has been displayed at the basketball games, and the heckling of the referees hasn't been as severe as in the earlier part of the season; the same referees, just a better spirit.

Many praises go to Dave Scurlock and Wayne Wyrick for playing in the High Point game even though they were disabled. Dave played while he had a temperature of 101 degrees, and Wayne suffered a wrenched knee. They both will play tonight.

With the new gym going up, it seems a shame that they couldn't add a swimming pool. The Whirlie swimmers have a terrific schedule with the local Y. M. C. A. for the use of their pool. It is very inconvenient for the swimmers to race to the "Y" every day for their daily work-outs.

Two Mat Wins Added To Whirlwind Record

Senior High's wrestlers have chalked up two more victories against Danville and Statesville to add to their string of five wins.

Gene Barbour and Ronald Sams highlighted the 18-12 win over the Statesville mat men here Thursday night, February 4, as they out-scored opponents with undefeated records.

Senior's matmen scored six pins and one decision to conquer the wrestlers of George Washington High School in Danville, Virginia, by the score of 35-10 on February 8.

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Bulldogs, Bison Fall; Basketeers Cop Lead

Finding themselves in position to cop the Western AAA crown, the Whirlies passed by two conference foes last week.

With their feet on the floor in Gastonia and their thoughts in Burlington on the Charlotte-Burlington game, the Whirlies rolled over the Green Wave 77-50 to take undisputed possession of first place in the conference race.

Hitting 26 of 51 field goal attempts aided the Whirlies in their fight for first place. Waddell Solomon was high scorer for the Whirlies with 23 points.

Playing in high spirits, the five-some nipped the Black Bison of High Point 41-38, February 5.

Scoring was very slow, nevertheless the Whirlies held the lead in the last few frantic seconds as the Bison rallied to close the gap.

Although the Whirlies engaged a full court press, High Point set up a zone defense which was the cause for the low score. The Greensboro five took the lead in the first quarter by a 17-10 margin and managed to hold on to the lead for the remaining quarters. Half time ended with Greensboro having a six point margin.

The timely scoring of Billy Wolfe, together with the 11 points of Waddell Solomon, proved the margin.

Whirlie Quint Recovers To Smother Maroons

A fast breaking Whirlie quint pulled away from the Asheville Maroons after a tight first quarter to retain the Western AAA Conference lead in its 65-49 victory on Friday night, February 12.

The homestanding Greensboro Club made it a one-sided contest with a 40.4 court average. Tops in the scoring department was Phil Crockett tallying 15, closely followed by McDonald with 13.

Greensboro held tenaciously to its lead through the first quarter until Asheville made it 16 all in the second period. The latter part of the second quarter exploded with Greensboro clicking on a fast break. The third period ended with a nearly decisive score of 48-32 with the league leading Whirlies on top.

Eleven of Coach Bob Jamieson's boys saw action against the Maroons with a new-comer, Bill Lewey, totaling an impressive 5 points in his varsity debut.

GLANCING AT THE WHIRLIES

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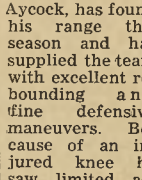
Spectators at the Whirlie basketball games have witnessed a group whose skill and fine spirit has made it a top flight team. Here are a few of the players who have made it so.

Waddell Solomon, forward, an expert at ball stealing, is an all-



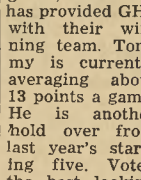
round aggressive gamester. Waddell is the little 5' 10" player whom you see usually on the floor or quickly taking the ball from opposing players. Always a good playmaker, he has racked up 197 points in 17 games, which proves he is a constant threat with hte ball.

Don Patterson, forward, a regular since he came to GHS from



Aycock, has found his range this season and has supplied the team with excellent rebounding and fine defensive maneuvers. Because of an injured knee he saw limited action earlier in the season, but now along with the aid of glasses he has helped tremendously.

Tommy McDonald, captain and guard, has been the spark that



has provided GHS with their winning team. Tommy is currently averaging about 13 points a game. He is another hold over from last year's starting five. Voted the best looking senior, Tommy is also a member of the Key Club.

Frank Jones is a guard hailing from Proximity. Injuries to a couple of regular

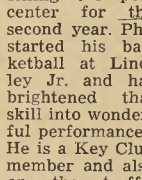


starters has given Frank a chance to prove that he is capable of filling in nicely. An excellent see shot, his presence on the court has given the Whirlies added advantage from the outside. Another good thing is that he is only a junior, which means he will be eligible next year.

Norman Odyniec, guard, is another reserve who has seen action because of the injuries to two starters. Norman is a Junior and since coming to Greensboro last year has become an outstanding student. He is an honor roll student and a member of the baseball and football team, as well as a member of the newly elected Youth Center Council.



Phil Crockett, 6' 4" senior, is filling the position as starring



center for the second year. Phil started his basketball at Lindley Jr. and has brightened that skill into wonderful performances. He is a Key Club member and also on the traffic squad. Playing basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring takes care of most of his extra time.

Tankmen Topple 3 Senior Records

Greensboro's swimming team continued its winning ways in two decisive victories over North Carolina opponents at a borrowed home pool at Proximity YMCA.

The tankmen toppled three Senior High records in their third dual meet of the season against the former state champions from Raleigh.

Tony Schiffman, the powerful 200-yard freestyler, Bob Hubner, a ninth grade sprinter from Lindley, and the 160-yard freestyle relay team established new school

records in the 46 to 28 victory.

The Greensboro swimmers, defending state champions of North Carolina, will meet their first inter-sectional competition tomorrow morning at 9 a. m. at the Southeastern Championship Meet held at the Carolina indoor pool at Chapel Hill.

Bulldogs Taste Defeat As Powerful Cagers Enter Home Stretch

Staging a comeback from an early season defeat, the Greensboro Whirlie Cagers capitalized on the third and fourth quarters to trample Burlington High 71-57 before an over-crowded gym at Guilford College Monday night.

Burlington without the service of their star center quickly found themselves lacking in reserves in the second half as the Whirlies stole the lead and went on to take an eight point lead by the end of the quarter.

Both teams played a fast, close guarding contest with tension mounting on every play. The bipartisan crowd expressed themselves heartily with every moment of play.

The Whirlies found themselves trailing most of the first quarter but finally pulled up to an 11-11 tie from a shot by Bill Wolfe with four seconds remaining. With both teams employing the full court press, the second quarter became a whirlwind of wild scoring with Greensboro leaving the court at the half leading 30-28.

Tommy McDonald sparked the Whirlie attack with 19 points along with Waddell Solomon and Phil Crockett who had 14 and 13 respectively. The Whirlies proved a well proportioned average as they sank 25 out of 50 for an even 50% accuracy. With this game won, the Whirlie quint are assured of at least a tie for the Western Conference AAA Championship.

In the third quarter, the Whirlies pulled out into an eight point spread and widened this margin in the final stanza as they won by 14 points.

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