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It is batterup time again and the diamond hopefuls of Coach Bob Reynolds are taking their spring training, tuning up on the hardwood floor of the gym. The Bulldogs aren't wasting any time for their work is already cut out—Coach Bob Reynolds would like to see his first team a winner..... It couldn't happen to a nicer fellow..... Plus the pleasant feeling of having our old friend "Bohunkus" with us. This is a great challenge for a young team to make, and plenty of hustle will be shown before the curtain goes up on March 31, when Guilford comes to the Municipal Stadium.

Let's take a backward glance to the 1949 baseball season when the final out was made. The scoreboard read six wins, ten losses, and five for the weatherman. The charges of Coach Blythe did manage to win enough games to keep them out of the cellar..... But they lost enough close ones that would have put them a great deal higher in the conference standings. The causes of the poor year could be attributed to several reasons, but lack of power at the bat probably proved their greatest weakness.

The places of several star players on last year's team will have to be filled. Jack Allsbrook and J. D. Thorne, both 200 plus hitters, have left school and gone pro. Buck Jones, the ACC fixture in right field, and Catcher Brantley Aycock, both reliable men, have left school via graduation. MOUNDSTAFF RE-BUILDING.... With J. D. Thorne, Joby Griffin, and Raymond Suggs departed to the pro ranks, Coach Reynolds will have to call on oldsters, Ronald White, Lefty Boykin, and Dave Bryant, for most of the moundmen's chores.... OUTFIELD STRONGER.... Patrolling the outer gardens for the Bulldogs will be seniors, Harold Bain and Peevie Bass, two young men who can make the ball jump along, with sophomore, Pete Hardison, and a score of new aspirants.

FAST INFIELD:..... The Bulldog first line of defense is shaping into form with little men with speed to burn. There isn't a six footer from the left-overs and unless some bean-string newcomers move in, it promises to be the smallest in the circuit. Down at the "Hot Corner" Tom Callahan, a letterman, will be back. He was the only returning infielder who sported a 300 average last year. The fight for the double play combination will be the keenest competition, with Sparky McCaskill, Nicolas Siganos, and Warren Barnes leading the contestants. McCaskill, a senior and an All-Conference keystone in '48, may ride the bag with his wealth of experience..... It's a great rebuilding job for the easy going Coach Bob and a terrific challenge to a young team; but a little rejuvenation, some timely pitching and hitting, plus a "whole lot of hustle" could do. SUGGS AND STOTT DEPART. This department has heard a lot of rumors going around that ACC will definitely be loaded in future years with basketball talent. Don't know about the rumors, but it is the truth that some mighty respected talent has been unloaded at ACC and not for future years in Paul Glazer, Raymond Suggs, and Bobby Stott. All three men have become permanent fixtures and will be sorely missed at ACC.

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ACC Nine Sets Game

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There's a possibility that there will be only one veteran on the field this afternoon when the Atlantic Christian college Bulldogs take to the field in search of a baseball win against the Guilford college Quakers.

For the opening game of the season for the Bulldogs, Coach Bobby Reynolds said that he may have to choose between four outfielders to hold down the garden spots in this afternoon's fracas.

Bain Will Start Harold Bain, veteran performer on the ACC diamond outfit, is considered for one of the outer ring spots.

Three rookies, Ed Lane, Ken Haselden, and Peevie Bass, are able contenders for starting positions for the opening North State conference scrap today.

McCaskill Is In Definitely tabbed for a starting berth on the field this afternoon is Sparkie McCaskill, able second sacker and one of the most valuable men on the club last year. Sparkie, one of the fastest scooters on the team, is not a long power hitter, but does well with the hickory in the clutches.

Only other veteran tabbed for possible beginning duty on the ACC varsity is Gene Driver, who with Cohen Tart are the best pair of receivers on the squad. Tart, says Coach Reynolds, has a slight edge over Driver to receive the starting glance for the conference affair.

Two Possibilities One of two men will get first duties on the mound. Jack Boykin, a lefthander with a lot of speed and deception, and Reid Ingraham, a Dunn Freshman with much stuff on the pill, are the two choices for the starting hill work.

Duty at the first base position will probably go to Milburn Felton, a newcomer to the club who is rangy and dangerous at the plate. Coach Reynolds said that he will probably start Neil Carleton, a newcomer, at the short-stop post, with veteran Nick Segonis ready to stand in his place. Careton, who transferred from Campbell college this year, has been looking well in practice fielding and is a good man at the plate.

McCrary Or Callahan At third base, Scoop McCrary will draw starting work. Tom Callahan, who has been held out of practice a number of days with the flu, may replace him at any given inning.

Other outfielders who may see action in the opening 1950 affair are veteran Pete Hardison, Bob Parron, Bobby Tart, and David Green.

Not much information has been garnered about the Guilford outfit, but they were powerful and potent in the North State circle last year, and are expected to repeat as top contenders for the loop crown again this season.

About the whole of the Atlantic Christian college student body was expected to turn out at Municipal stadium today for the opening diamond battle of the year.

ASTC Captures Tourney Crown

ACC Bulldogs Drop First Game In Cage Affair

STATESVILLE — The lead leading High Point Panthers defeated Atlantic Christian Bulldogs 91-53 to end first round play in the North State Conference Basketball tournament.

Sixth ranked the Bulldogs were no match for the High Point Panthers.

Led by a couple of Indiana's sharpshooters, Hill Wait with 20 points and Leonard Hunt with 18, the hard fighting Panthers were never behind with a lead at half time 44-26 only to add a 20 point margin in the second half.

Bobby Tart and Jack Allsbrook had 14 points each for the Crutchfield men playing for the last time.

In the opening game of the night's pair, Appalachian defeated Guilford by the score of 70-59. Glen Causey had the winners with 22 points.

In the afternoon Lenoir Rhyne defeated ECTC 52-34 and Elon downed Catawba 69-58.

Lenoir Rhyne pepped up in the last half to trounce ECTC. They were leading 24-18 at half time. Warren Russell led the losers with 13 points. Leo Kantorski was best for Lenoir Rhyne with ten points.

Don Heathcox led Elon with 24 points, 16 of them in the first half. It was a close fast game. Catawba led 6-3 early in the contest but Elon got hot just before the half and led at halftime 35-30. Larry Graham, Catawba forward bagged 16 (Continued on Page Four)

Alice Marble Plans Visit To Local Nets

Alice Marble, one of the greatest tennis players the world has ever known, who will appear here in Wilson on April 10, at municipal stadium under the auspices of the Department of Recreation and Parks was born in Plumas county, California, fourth child in a family of five. When she was still a child the family moved to San Francisco and Alice made her debut in the sports field. It was a "field," literally, and when she was thirteen Alice had already achieved some local fame as "The Little Queen of Swat." The game she played so well was baseball!

It was her brother, Dan, destined to be her mentor and guide for years, who persuaded her that she would give up baseball and take up tennis, because the latter sport was more "ladylike". Alice thought tennis was "sissy"; took her first tennis racket in her hand with great reluctance; it was only after she had won her first match that she began to love the spirit of competition of the tennis court. Her first trophy was a cup two and a half inches tall!

The young "champ" found tennis an expensive game with tennis balls costing thirty-five cents each so she became a baby-sitter, worked behind the counter at a neighborhood candy - shop, got a job in the school cafeteria and played tennis between these assorted chores. The "prize" Alice won, of which her mother was most proud, was the candy - making competition in the San Francisco high schools. Mrs. Marble



Miss Alice Marble

was not nearly so impressed when Alice won the national tennis championship at Forest Hills some years later.

Her climb to the top as tennis champion - she won six major championships in a single year (1939) - gave Miss Marble a lot of opportunity to learn why some tennis players are great and some always remain merely "also runs".

Alice Marble believes that good tennis boils down to two things. Strict physical training and equally strict mental training. You have to practice every day - on hot days as well as when the weather is cool. And when you're a champion

Graham Leads League Scorers

Larry Graham of Catawba finished his regular season as the North State Conference's No. 1 scorer. Graham, a Junior forward from Ulla, compiled a 13.34 average for 23 games.

Ed Sueta of High Point forced to sit out three games because of a severe Charley horse was second at 14.35 with two other High Pointers trailing, Bill Waiz at 14.27 and Leonard Hunt at 14.25. Tony Sellari broke the Panther string for fifth place at 13.52. Jessa Joyce of High Point came back for sixth at 13.52.

Hunt also led total scoring with 356 points, including 79 in three games during the past week.

player, you train for at least four months, playing every day, before that important match.

Miss Marble, who no longer plays competitive tennis, is one of the popular stars of exhibition matches in this country and abroad. Last year she went to England and Sweden with Don Budge and Bobby Riggs to play exhibition matches in both countries. The King of Sweden asked her to come to his country in order to revive interest in post-war tennis. The King, royalty's most ardent tennis player and fan, is "very keen" to help youngsters in his own country. Miss Marble says, and she spent months teaching "young hopefuls" the fundamentals of American tennis.

England has more good tennis players than we have in the United States, Miss Marble says, but fewer great "stars" of the court. It was to help and develop "star material" that Miss Marble went to England last year.



Major Roy Carlson, U. of Iowa, Training Executive, U.S. Air Force!



Born in Red Oak, Iowa, Roy graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School at Council Bluffs. He was ready to enter the University when war changed his mind.



He went to work at Consolidated Vultee in San Diego, building PBY's and B-24's. But it wasn't long until he had put in his application for Aviation Cadet training.



Cadet Carlson won his wings in April, 1943, was assigned to P-47 "Thunderbolts" with the 368th Fighter Group in England, to break ground for the Normandy invasion.



Roy completed 125 combat missions, leading many of them, supporting the invasion and the advances into Germany. Won Air Medal, D.F.C., many other decorations. Promoted to Captain, then to Major.



Back home, he married the lovely Army nurse from Lowell, Massachusetts, whom he had met at Cannes, France. After the honeymoon, he returned to finish his studies at the University of Iowa.



Major Carlson is now Chief of Operations, 2471st Air Force Reserve Training Center, at O'Hare International Airport, near Chicago. Has two husky sons, a fine job, a great career still ahead of him!

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