

Bulldogs Have Successful Season

In keeping in touch with former students of Gardner-Webb College, there is no better way, it seems, than to keep these people informed of the activities in the various sports programs.

So, we are endeavoring to bring up to date our sports calendar by enlightening these old grads regarding our football, basketball and baseball teams and their respective records.

FOOTBALL

Following is a resume of Gardner-Webb's 1947 football season.

G-W 0	Biltmore	13
G-W 7	Lees McCrae	0
G-W 0	Belmont Abbey	19
G-W 13	Blue Ridge	0
G-W 33	Brevard	2
G-W 27	Mars Hill	13
G-W 13	E. M. I.	6
G-W 13	P. J. C.	13

On September 20, the date of our initial encounter, we journeyed to Asheville to engage Biltmore Junior College under the lights. (Our two losses were under the arcs.) We lost the game, but we discovered some talent that started Coaches Bradburn and Frye smiling. The talent discovered was in the person of John Arndt—a shifting, spinning, hard-running back from Mt. Holly. Arndt is a quiet boy—easy to handle. He is a very hard worker. His runback of punts is quite a nice operation to watch. Arndt stood out in the Biltmore game by virtue of scoring on a long run which started by the pass route. However, the touchdown was called back because of a Gardner-Webb penalty.

The Lees-McCrae game was the contest which the dopesters figured we would win. But even the dopesters gave us only a slight chance of winning more than one contest over the entire season. In the Lees-McCrae contest the struggle see-sawed up and down the field all afternoon. But on one of "Bobcats" punts, Arndt took possession and went from midfield for the only touchdown of the game—Sherrill converted and the game ended 7-0 in our favor. Outstanding defensively was John Pettigrew, our center who hails from Charlotte, N. C., Joe Swing from Cliffside, and Clyde Rudisell from Maiden, N. C., Max Fish and Leonard Keever from Groves Thread in Gastonia.

We lost, under the lights at Belmont to the Abbey Crusaders. That was the game which we should have won decisively, but our offense just didn't get going, so we finished on the short end of a 19-6 score in a game that saw our team, well into the third quarter, ahead by the score of 6-9. Maynard Austell, Humphrey, Parker and Clyde Jenkins, big tackle from Polkville, stood out, along with Gene Shell, Forest City boy.

On October 11, we took the measure of Blue Ridge by 13-0, in Hendersonville. In that game, Irvin Greene, a Cliffside boy, played good ball, as did Raines, Arndt

and Humphrey. Bib Gribb, Max Fish, and Leonard Keever, all Gastonia boys, along with Ty Kiser, Bessemer City lad, all showed up exceptionally well.

The Edwards Military Institute game was the most exciting contest of the entire season. The Cadets, who had been pushed around all year, suddenly came to life in their game with us and they played ball as they had never played before to hold the score to 6-6 until the last 15 seconds of the game.

The Brevard game was the contest we really pointed for. The big blue team from Transylvania dealt us our most disastrous defeat last year at Brevard, and our boys still had the taste in their mouths. Raines, Humphrey, Arndt, Austell, Sherrill, Greene, Black, Bolick, Norton, Webb and Rudisell gave a remarkable demonstration of team football against a larger, more experienced team. The result was a lop-sided victory for the G-W Bulldogs.

To speak of the Mars-Hill game brings a sort of feeling of well-being to the entire team. And rightly so—for never in the annals of football at Gardner-Webb had we handed the Lions a defeat. The Shelby Jaycees got behind us on this one and a crowd of 3,000 was on hand to see the ball game. When the final whistle blew, we were ahead 27-13. Raines, Arndt, Pettigrew, Bolick, Austell, Parker, and Rudisell played excellent ball, as did Keever and Shell.

After winning over E.M.I., Brevard, and Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb ruled heavily over P. J. C. in the statistics department. The second time we came into possession of the ball in the first period, we banged into "pay-dirt". Quarter-back Smith passed to Sherrill for 40 yards to the 10-yard stripe. Smith made three through the middle, and John Arndt went over on a hand off from Raines. A few minutes later, P. J. C. Fullback Knox gathered in the leather and galloped 85 yards for a touchdown. With 5 minutes remaining in the third, the Scotties mustered their first real power of the afternoon to punch out 57 yards in short line bursts, Knox going over from the two.

With the ball on our 47, we went to touchdown territory after Raines went for 3 and 25. Arndt picked up five. It was then that Raines passed into the end zone to Austell for the tie.

In total offense, G-W was second only to Campbell College. Campbell score 112 points. G-W ran them a close second with 106.

BASKETBALL

In basketball, the Bulldogs got off to a slow start. We lost the first two conference tilts, but the boys gained momentum, and by mid-season, had acquired considerable skill on the hardwood floor. The boys developed into a finished quint by the season's end, and when the referee blew the last whistle, the Bulldogs were pushing Lees McCrae for second place in the western division standing.

In tournament play, the boys brought home a