

ON THE BENCH

With **BOB HOFFMAN**

SPLINTERS PICKED UP DURING '48-'49

The sports program at Gardner-Webb got off to a Bulldogging start in September and has continued to go at a roaring pace through the year.

The "eleven men and a pigskin" supporters remember the hard-hitting, fast-charging football squad. The team had a few bad breaks, an ended a rather shabby season with 3 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties.

The G.W. Bulldogs, after putting the football toes away for awhile, started the basketball season with a small but fast squad.

After a few shaky games, the Bulldogs really turned on the steam to romp in ahead of all the Western Conference teams except Lees-McRae. The season ended with Lees-McRae ahead of the G.W. boys by just a few percentage points.

In the state tournament at Enka, the Bulldogs won the first game but dropped the next two to end the season 4th in the state.

This brings us up to the present side of the sports picture. Baseball time is here! The G.W. team has shown in the first two games of the year that the rest of the junior college teams are in for a fight in the state championship race.

G.W. took the first two games by a 8-3 and 12-1 margin. Unless something happens to the Bulldogs, they should be perched in the top spot at the end of the season.

Now let's flash back to middle September and see just how our sports calendar looked:

Sept. 18 — G.W. bows to Asheville-Biltmore 7-0 in the first game of the year. This was a nip and tuck affair until the final period, when Asheville hit pay dirt with a pass.

Sept. 25 — G.W. vs Lees-McRae at Banner Elk; this game resulted in a 0-0 tie. Two evenly matched teams mached back and forth for 60 minutes without scoring. This was G.W.'s best game of the year since Lees-McRae turned out to be the state champions.

Oct. 2 — Bulldogs put the pressure on Belmont Abbey's Crusaders to get a 7-0 victory. The G.W. Boys battered a worn out Abbey team into submission.

Oct. 9 — The Pembroke Indians got a good look at G.W.'s offensive

power as they went down in defeat 52-0 before the Baptists. Coach Bradburn used every man on his squad in this game.

Oct. 16 — Baptists vs Baptists, as J.W. journeyed to Mars Hill to engage the Lions. The final gun found the G.W. boys on the short end of a 13-6 score. Lady Luck smiles on Mars Hill as Bulldogs roll up 281 points in 103-6.

Oct. 30 — Gardner-Webb again took to the road, traveling to Brevard where they again went down in a close 14-13 game. Brevard's hard charging line blocked a try for an extra point to clinch the contest. Nov. 6 — The Campbell College "Camele" posted a 25-6 defeat on the Bulldogs at Buies Creek. Camp-oell controlled the ball from start to finish.

Nov. 12 — The P.J.C. "Scotties" put G.W. back in the victory column by going down before them 14-0. "Buddy" Gantt racked up two touchdowns from a fake punt formation.

Nov. 27 — In the final game of the season, Belmont Abbey beat the Bulldogs 7-0 on a wet, muddy field at Gastonia.

Now for a review of the basketball season. Let's all gather at the gym and see what happened on: Dec. 9 — Bulldogs defeated Tryer Motor 81-23 in an impressive preview game. Team looked great for coming season. Moon had 17, Willis 15.

Dec. 11 — Gardner-Webb won their first conference game 40-30 from Mitchell College of Stateville. Willis had 11, Bush and Hulleider 8.

Jan. 5 — In another non-conference game, G.W. defeated the Lowell All-Stars 39-28. Willis had 12, Shook 8.

Jan. 7 — The Bulldogs made it two in a row over Mitchell by downing the Stateville boys 80-51. Hulleider had 19, Willis 17.

Jan. 11 — The G.W. boys made it 4 in a row by knocking off C.C. U.N.C. 57-45. Moon had 22, Willis 18.

Jan. 13 — Mars Hill set Gardner-Webb back 52-43 for their first loss of the year. Shook had 11, Hambrick 19, Willis 17.

Jan. 14 — Asheville-Biltmore gave

Champions of Sportsmanship

President, Student Body
Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, had the honor of visiting your school Thursday, February 3. We would like at this time to thank you and the other students for making our visit so pleasant. Congratulations to your basketball team. We hope to meet them again in the state tournament. If both of our respective teams are lucky, this may be possible. We would especially like to commend your Captain Willis, a very good sport. You of Gardner-Webb may well be proud of him.

Also we would like to thank your students for inviting us in for your Vesper Service. It was the best we have ever heard held by college students, either of junior or senior colleges. The speaker was simply grand, and we only wish that we had some like him. If we did, I'm sure attendance at our Vesper Services would pick up. We would like for you to tell this boy how much we enjoyed his talk, since we did not get a chance to before the game and did not know his name or whereabouts. Here's hoping your team enjoyed their visit to our school as much as we did ours to yours. Thank you all again for a wonderful time.

Sincerely yours,

Wallace Nelson Jack Duncan
Floyd Yellton Ben Frazier
Charles Bullion Roy Hoover

Printed above is a letter received last February from the leading members of the Lees-McRae basketball team. The spirit and the tribute of the letter speak for themselves.

G.W. their second trouncing of the year 54-49. Moon had 13, Willis 13.
Jan. 15 — Gardner-Webb knocked off Brevard 65-35 to get back on their feet. Hulleider had 18, Willis 13.
Jan. 20 — Spartanburg romped on G.W. for their third defeat of the year 61-41. Hulleider had 12, Moon and Willis 9.
Jan. 21 — Appalachian's "B" team downed the Bulldogs 63-50 in a non-conference game. Willis had 13, Moon 8.
Jan. 22 — Again the Bulldogs were defeated, this time by Lees-McRae 43-32. Willis had 15, Moon and Hambrick 24.
Jan. 24 — Gardner-Webb got revenge by defeating Spartanburg 53-44. Moon had 22, Hamrick and Willis 9.
Jan. 27 — The Appalachian "B's"

again defeated the Bulldogs. This time it was 77-65. Willis had 19, Cline 17.
Jan. 31 — The Belmont Abbey "Crusaders" defeated the Bulldogs 60-43. Willis had 18, Cline 9.
Feb. 2 — Gardner-Webb knocked off the Gaston All-Stars 72-57. This was an 11 game winning streak for the Bulldogs. Willis had 21, Moon 20.
Feb. 3 — Lees-McRae was the next victim of the Bulldogs, bowing 50-39. Moon had 23, Hulleider 10.
Feb. 5 — The G.W. Baptists knocked off the Mars Hill Baptists 61-47. Willis had 23, Moon 22.
Feb. 7 — Belmont Abbey was the fourth team in a row to go down before the Bulldogs. This time it was 41-36. Willis and Cline both had 17.
Feb. 8 — The Wingate team had the misfortune of being the 5th victim of the Bulldogs. The score was 53-49. Moon had 19, Willis 11.
Feb. 10 — Again Wingate was trounced by the G.W. boys. This time it was 70-54. Willis had 21, Cline 12.
Feb. 12 — Gardner-Webb was the next in line on the list of defeated foes. The Bulldogs beat them 57-48. Willis had 22, Moon 17.
Feb. 17 — Gardner-Webb ended the regular conference play by knocking off Asheville-Biltmore 63-48. This gave them a 11-5 record. Moon and Willis had 17.
Games at Enka for State Championship:
Feb. 21 — Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs eliminated Wingate by beating them 51-31. It was the third time G.W. had defeated Wingate this year. Moon had 18, Willis 14.
Feb. 23 — Gardner-Webb was eliminated by Campbell College 61-41. Cline had 14, Willis 11.
Feb. 23 — In the consolation game, G.W. was defeated by Lees-McRae 66-53. Moon had 17, Cline 10.
This brings us up-to-date on the sports at Gardner-Webb.

Freedom has been defined as man's voluntary loyalty to the highest ideals of life.

NO SMOKING



Here are Gardner-Webb's battling basketekers, who made a name for themselves and for the school by their spirit of good sportsmanship. The Bulldogs, left to right are: Tom Key, Ervin Shook, James Moon, Ervin Willis — Captains Jim Hulleider, Pric Bush, Jim Whittington. Back row: Scott Uzzel — Manager, George McSwain, David Peeler, Reeves (Chick) Wallace, Joe Hamrick, H. L. Cline, Leonard Keever, and Coach Wayne Bradburn.