

Baseball Records

By Bob Blackburn

Gardner-Webb finished their baseball season with a record of ten wins and five losses. This put the Bulldogs into third place. The team was under the coaching of Norman Harris. The Bulldogs started slow, winning three and losing three. They pepped up to win six straight, and seven of their last nine games. Four of the five they lost were by one-run.

Sam Travis led the Bulldogs in hitting with a .350 average. He was followed by Al Homeseley, .354, Andy Sealy, .340, Tommy Barrow, .320 and Bobby Bush with .308.

Frank Wilson led the pitching staff with a record of seven wins and two defeats. Two of his games were one-hitters, 1 game in which he gave up two hits and three games in which he gave up four hits.

A few of the main spots in the season; the Bulldogs mastery of Mars Hill; taking two "big" games from Sparta; defeating last year's first place team (Oak Ridge) 11-8; gaining revenge on Belmont Abbey; Frank Wilson, two successive one hitters, one against Oak Ridge which was lost and against Mars Hill which was won; Homeseley's base stealing; and the fine shortstoping of Bobby Bush.

Only seven veterans returned to next year's nine. Bobby Bush, Bobby Blackburn, Howard Gamble, Bill Stout, Alex Bromer, Jerry Merrill, and A. M. Kiser.

Gardner-Webb had its six game winning streak broken by Oak Ridge on May 12 by the score of 1-0. Jack Povel pitched a four hitter for the Cadets but this was overshadowed by Frank Wilson's one hit performance. Oak Ridge scored their only run in the eight inning on three errors.

Wingate made their baseball season complete by defeating Gardner-Webb by the score of 3-2. Carlton Longston supplied the batting punch for Wingate with three hits in three trips. Andy Sealy batted in the Bulldog's runs. Hawkins gave up six hits for the winners while Morton and Merrill gave up eight.

In the concluding game of the year Frank Wilson turned in his second one-hitter of the year as the Bulldogs defeated Mars Hill 3-1. Blackburn had two for three and Newton had a home run to lead the G. W. hitters. This win enabled C. W. to finish in third place in the conference.

Summer Work at Fruitland

By Robert Bolick

This summer a number of college students and Christian workers were privileged to do mission work for the State Training Union Board. Included among these were several Gardner-Webb students and Miss Starnes, our Dean of Women. Heading the group was Mr. J. P. Morgan, the Director of the State Training Union.

The training period for the workers was held at Fruitland Baptist Minister's School and summer assembly. There were three days of inspiring Morgan, Miss Starnes, and Miss Betty Brewer, state approved intermediate worker. The social side was not neglected either. The workers were treated to several picnics and a short trip to Ridgecrest.

After the training period the workers hit the road for their first assignment. In all there were about twenty workers, seventeen girls and three boys. Five associations were covered by the workers. Statistics on the results may be seen in the "Biblical Recorder". A free week stay at Fruitland was given to the workers by the State Training Union Board. What an inspirational week it was. There were such speakers as Mr. Nathan Brooks, Mr. M. A. Higgins, and Miss Inabelle Coleman. This week at Fruitland was our first Training Union assembly for the summer.

Many interesting experiences were afforded to the workers during the summer. The highlighting experience of the summer was the closeness with God. His very presence was felt by all of us. Our favorite song together was "Longing For Jesus." Another spiritual uplift was the many Christian workers who were in different churches. Of course there were many comical experiences too. One girl was in a church where they voted her by the weight she was carrying. She was sure just how long she would stay. This writer got lost on a mountain and was very late in getting to a mass meeting of all the churches. The next day the car he was riding in had a flat and he had to change it in the rain. Miss Starnes and three other workers stayed one week at a boarding house where the water was out off for twenty-four hours. These and countless other comical situations kept our humors at a high pitch.

The associations covered were: Macon, Ashe, Eldkin, Carolina and Surry. The Gardner-Webb workers were Miss Starnes, Eleanor Cogdill, Faith Johnson, Roma Cornwell, Marion Lineberger, and Robert Bolick. I feel sure that all the workers tell as I do when I say that our work this summer is part of the high calling of God. It does for your soul what no other kind of work can. It gives you opportunities for preaching, teaching, and witnessing. The primary purpose of our summer work was, of course, to establish Training Unions. But we had a variety of Bible Schools and work thrown in. Pat Withers, a Gardner-Webb student, did Vacation Bible School work this summer. The Lord needs many other young people in his service and I would like to see many of our own Gardner-Webb students do this type of work.

Football Outlook

Returning and the Armed Forces slashed a deep wound in the football resources at Gardner-Webb College this year, thus making the job of rebuilding a much stiffer task for Coaches Wayne Bradburn and Norman Harris.

The Bulldogs, who have been working twice each day here since September 4, got a good taste of conference action on September 24, as a road trip to North Greenville Junior College to play at Greer, South Carolina, opened the slate.

So far the forty-one member squad has been under constant drill—passing exercises, blocking, dummy scrimmage—and the efforts of preparatory work Bradburn thinks the team is shaping up well, but has shown no signs of optimism at this point.

GOOD BACKS

The team may be described in two phrases: an average, aggressive line; a fast, versatile backfield. Only seven lettermen return to the squad, including Bobby Bush, a potent 170-pound sophomore who carried the mail for the locals at halfback in '50. The Summerville, Ga., ace played a leading role in the team's accomplishments—second place in the conference, Lee-McRae finish—1-0 record to grab the crown last year.

Coming along nicely in the backfield are speedsters Bobby Nix and Ernest Diaz. Nix is a halfback flash who lettered in Summerville, Ga., ace played a leading role in the team's accomplishments—second place in the conference, Lee-McRae finish—1-0 record to grab the crown last year.

LINE SMALL

The forward wall will not be decked with weight, however, shiftness and all-around maneuvering ability is abundant. Two big men at the tackles is Bill Morhead, a 190-pounder, and Shelby's Bob Jones, also 190-pounds. Ken Grayson, an end, weighs a hefty 190.

Veteran Hugh Miller and Bill Toney return at center. Miller is a Shelby product, while Toney, a 190-pounder hails from Forest City. Toney is on the injured list at present suffering from a wrenched knee. He's expected to return to action soon. Bill Wallace, a 200-pounder and the largest man on the squad, is a newcomer and is moving in as Toney's and Miller's understudy.

Bob Smith, Jim Mosley, and Ned Digh are in strong contention at the guards. Smith a Chester, Pa., lad is tough to crack. Jim Trantham, a small 145-pounder, is pushing these boys for a spot.

Competition is keen at the ends. Thirteen candidates furnish the material. Cliff Pettijohn, a two-year man, is back at a post and also Bob Pettijohn, two smooth workers from last year.

Looking good at fullback are Alex Browne, Bob Chambliss, and Ken Queen. Bromer, the heaviest of the three, is a hard runner, with Chambliss and Queen possess drive and speed.

The Baptist

Training Union

The Baptist Training Union is, as the name implies, the training agency in our church. The idea of "learning by doing"—developing through exercise—is a Training Union fundamental; individuals are its primary concern. Our aim is "Training in Christian service" and much stress is put on prayer, Bible study, public testimony, soul-winning, scriptural giving and preparation for special service.

At the present our Training Union Department is divided into four unions. On last Sunday evening, September 16, each elected officers as follows: president, first and second vice-presidents, secretary, group captain, missionary leader, and Bible reader's leader. In accordance with the challenge presented in the general assembly, each of these unions with its officers has determined to make this the best year in the history of the Union on our campus.

We are now making plans that in November Pilgrim's Progress shall be taught—not merely to meet the study course requirements set forth by our Convention but that all students, members and non-members, may be spiritually benefited.

There are no prerequisites to membership in the Training Union. If you are enrolled in our college, you are eligible and welcome. Faith Johnson is director and Robert Bolick is associate director.

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