

# BULLDOGS BATTLE OAK RIDGE

## Paul Eller's Sports Views

## Locals Seek Revenge Over Strong Cadets

### Boxing

This week brings to a close the greatest fights of the year, The Annual Carolina Golden Gloves. Competition from all over North and South Carolina meet to battle for a trip to New York where the slam bang fighters can get their crack at National Honors.

But, as usual the road to fame is rough and rocky. Not all boys find fame and fortune, such was the discovery of the two G. W. Fighters: Glen Henson and Blair Little. Both boys met very good opposition and put up game resistance. Blair tried for the second time to beat the North Carolina champion David Mills, but as in the first smother fight, the semi-final bout was stopped in the first heat (round). Little packed a fist full of dynamite in his right mitt, but Mills weathered the storm and finally found shelter in the referee's arms as Little bicycled quickly away from the more experienced champ.

Glen Henson found too much speed and aggressiveness in his able competition from Greenville, S. C. Henson tried gamely to give his lethal punch to the milling, slamming Heavy Weight but was pushed into the ropes and tied up before he could accomplish his mission. In the early part of the second round the two years from the fight game conquered Henson and under a barrage of left and right hooks he fell for the dreaded toll of ten.

Little has informed me that he is willing to try again. He hopes

to meet Mills in Greenville this week. This will be Little's third try at Mills and he thinks he has a secret that will chill the champ. Let's hope so.

Turning to the professional world of Boxing, we see Chuck Davey, the popular TV star of the Welter-weight division tangle with the Cuban Hawk. The bout turned out as most scholars of the fight circle expected. Give Chuck another year and maybe then. Who knows?

### Wrestling

College wrestling has taken a slump in the last few years professional reached its peak. (TV) and amateur is holding his own.

As the pro ranks Hans Snobble and Professor Moto are the few weeks or at least in the boys dorm. Every Saturday nite the fans of GW are watching to see if they can pick up a few friends or presses to use on the girl high on Sunday nite after Church, E. D. said. Just wait until JEAN sees this. (Rattlesnake) Tanager is also grunting and groaning wanting the villain to win, while the Kat (Oat) Watson just grunts and yawns. After TV on Saturday nite all late fans read and toss to try to stay in bed Sunday morning, but as all good wrestlers they must get up early for that nutritious and wholesome breakfast.

If any of the girls of GW are interested in learning to wrestle just try dating Jackie W. or Levi Turner. Brother, or I should say sister, you will sure learn fast.

## Intramural Program On Teams Hold Tourney

Despite the attempts for everyone to get at least one foot into one gym at one time, the intramural basketball program has survived among Decker Hall participants in this year. Six teams have played five games each, and are currently engaged in a double elimination tourney in which one tilt has been played.

The intramural program, as a matter of explanation, is composed of five teams from Decker Hall and a group from the Monastery. The Western Division of Decker seems to over balance the Eastern segment. Since the Second West is winning and the Basement wound up with four wins against only one loss apiece in the five-game spree, and deadlocked for first place.

Second west, sparked by Bill Bates, a varsity man himself who was unable to engage this year, Elmer Stone, Elmer Reynolds, and Wallace, and Darrell Wilson, ran roughshod over the field until Ernie Byerly's First East boys punched out a stirring 54-53 triumph for their only loss.

Basement forces, known as the Cellar Dwellers, also lost to the up-minded First East. The winning which ended the season with a 92-won-loss mark, tied with the First West, piloted by Dempsey Fritts. Later, the Basement, downed the First East in a rip snorter, 56-48.

### FAILED TO WIN

Boys from the Monastery failed to ride the winning bandwagon in

regular play, losing all five games, while Second East upset the First West for their only triumph.

Nevertheless, it is expected to be a different story in the tourney since the Monastery added a couple players, Bobby Bush and Jerry Johnson. Bush, who finds time for cage action in family chores, tossed in 38 points in two games, pacing the team to their first win in the tourney. The Monastery was placed the sixth seat in tourney seedings.

### PLAY OFF

It was necessary to play-off the first place tie between the Basement and Second West in order to get a first place seeding. In this bout, the Second West eked out a 55-53 victory.

With Second West number 1, Basement number 2; the teams stack up accordingly: First East, no. 3; Second West, no. 4; Second East, no. 5; and the Monastery, no. 6.

### TAKES FIRST

The Monastery overpowered Harold Pearson's Second East outfit in the first game of the tourney last week, 91-45. No other games have been played at this writing.

Basement and Second West teams drew lots in the final elimination affair, while the First East and the First West are set to tangle in the only other game of the first round. After this match, the Monastery encounters the Basement in the curtain-raiser of the second round.

As the current cage season wanes, about the most important coming up before Coach Norman Harris' Bulldogs is Saturday night, February 21 when Oak Ridge invades for a loop scrap. Sweet revenge is in the minds of the locals, who dropped a thrilling 88-85 scramble to Tee Frye's boys in an earlier meeting.

The Central Carolinas conference race is raging like a house afire. The situation has changed so many times that the official statisticians are somewhat baffled himself. Oak Ridge has rode the bandwagon for several weeks, but a recent 100-90 loking handed them by Wingate placed Wilmington, another leading power, atop the circuit.

Wingate, tied with Chowan for third place before beating Gardner-Webb and Oak Ridge, is pushing the top teams for a first or second place spot.

### NEED WIN

Gardner-Webb needs the Saturday night bout in order to gain a hold on fifth place, a very satisfactory spot as far as the state tourney is concerned. A new system of pairings this year would pit the locals against the number 4 team should they wind up in the present slot. However, the invading Cadets' need it much more extremely than G-W. A win would definitely eliminate Tee Frye's tall, well-balanced aggregation from the pinnacle. It is the final conference outing for G-W.

At this writing, the Bulldogs checked in with a record of 11 wins against seven losses, and sporting a 6-4 conference mark. Oak Ridge owns a circuit mark of 8 wins as compared with two losses.

### FIRST ONE HOT

The first battle was a rip-snorter all the way. G-W got off to a slow start, but roared back in three quarters strutting action that kept the Cadets scared. An avalanche of free throws and a couple of baskets put the Military crew ahead as the clock blushed.

Saturday's game stacks up as one of the hottest in the state. G-W has

been rather hard to handle amid the confines of the Boiling Springs gym this season, losing only two games here. They emphatically triumphed over Wingate for the latter's second loss of the year is proof enough that the Cadets will have a run for their money in the outing. But it was a different story when the Baptists traveled to Wingate last week and came back suffering from shock. Wingate poured it on — the results — 110-66.

### COUNT ON BIG BOYS

Frye will be counting on big Jimmy Gilely, high-scoring freshman center whose six feet five inches have played a tremendous part in the team's success thus far. Charles Cooks, Bill Atkins, Waverly Atkins and Ronald Hodge are also big scoring powers. The starting five averages near the 63' mark and has plenty of scoring potential.

### TWO NON-LOOPERS

On the home front, the Bulldogs have two non-loop tilts on tap at this writing: before engaging the Cadets in the all-important affair Saturday, Monday, Feb. 16, G-W goes to the hills to battle Lees-McRae and travels to Belmont; the following Wednesday. Both opponents downed the locals in previous encounters. These tilts have no bearings on the final conference record or the tourney seats.

Harris is counting on Don Bailey, currently leading the team in scoring with a 17 point average; James Garrison, Gayle Thomas, Henry Smith, Ernie Beheeler, Bob Estes, and Tom Beard to carry the lead Saturday. Bailey's scoring feats and rebounding play have paced the team all season.

Miller Branton, big 65' center has also come through in the past three weeks after riding the bench earlier. Brantim's height should be a key factor in the Oak Ridge tilt. Ted Garrison, a top notch rebounder for his mediocre size; Smith, Thomas, and Beheeler are reliable point-getters.

## Baseballers Open Drills March 2nd

By WRAY HILL

March 2, 1953, is the date for all baseball hurriers to have their arms in shape and all catchers to warm up their mitts according to Coach Norman Harris. About two weeks later, practice will begin for the whole squad. Since they were co-champions with Oak Ridge last season with a record of eight wins and two losses in the conference, the Bulldogs are expecting a successful season this year.

Eight veterans of last season are expected to report: pitchers, Myers and Queens, catcher Morrisett, 1st sacker, Beheler, 2nd sacker Bates, and fielders, Diaz, Wallace and Wilson. At this time no position is assured because new blood will be added to the squad from the freshmen.

All students having baseball ability are urged to report for the first squad meeting.

## New Co-Captains

Ernest Byerly, 156-pound offensive halfback and defensive linebacker from Thomsville, and Boiling Springs' Steve Morrisett, 170-pound offensive guard, have been elected to co-captain the 1953 football team. The announcement was made public at a recent Chapel exercise conducted by the Monogram club.

Both boys were first stringers this season as the locals climaxed a successful campaign with a 14-0 triumph over Georgia Military College in the Third Annual Golden Isles Bowl at Brunswick, Ga.

Byerly is a freshman who wrote sports history at Thomsville High school. Morrisett, who graduated from high school here, was a member of the team in 1951-52.