

G-W Diamond Action To Begin March 30



Spring Workout Begins

By WRAY HILL

At the first meeting of the Gardner-Webb baseball squad, 30 candidates reported for action. The 30 were divided as follows: five pitchers, three catchers, eleven infielders, and eleven outfielders. Eight of the 30 candidates were lettermen of last season and the other 22 are newcomers to the squad.

The pitching staff is composed of Ken Queen, Bob Myers, Roger Kendrick, Richard Bass, and Talmadge Hall. Queen was Gardner-Webb's ace hurler of last season with a record of five wins and two losses. Myers had two conference wins to his credit. Kendrick is a southpaw hurler from Gastonia who has chalked up quite a record for himself in high school and American Legion ball. Last season he was a hurler for N. C. State but saw little action. Bass has had experience in high school games. Hall worked with semi-pro clubs before coming to Gardner-Webb.

The catchers are the smallest group of the squad. Leading contenders are Steve Morrisett, veteran catcher of last season; T. O. Harmon, star of Fredell Central; and Dempsey Prittis, former Thomaxville star. Prittis will probably be lost this season to Uncle Sam. To make up for the weakness and loss, two infield prospects, George Grogan and Grady Thomas are warming up for catchers.

The infielders will be led by veterans Ernie Beheler, last season's first baseman; Bill Bates, second sacker; Darrell Wilson, Bill Wallace, and Ernie Diaz. Other leading prospects are Ronald Henry, Bobby Leach, Joe Long, Gene Huss, Phil Thomas, and Jerry Lutz. From this group Coach Norman Harris will build his close-in defense.

The outfield prospects are Ernie Byerly, Harvey Cannon, Don Bailey, Bill Fitzpatrick, Richard Harrill, Richard Yearwood, Phil Elliott, Roberts Foster, and Henry Smith.

In spite of rain, mud, and wind Coach Harris has begun his training program. The pitchers and catchers are working up their sweat

for the first two weeks. The baseball coach's task is two-fold. First, to get a team in shape and then to get them to click on the field.

The baseball diamond also is being conditioned. The infield has had some face lifting and a new mound has been constructed. The field should be in good condition when play begins on March 30.

The Bulldogs have a total of sixteen games this season. There are ten conference contests scheduled and six non-conference games on the slate.

Baseball Schedule

March 30—Belmont Abbey—Home

April 1—Spartanburg—There

April 7—P. J. C. There*

April 8—P. J. C.—There*

April 10—Spartanburg—Home

April 16—Belmont—There

April 18—Oak Ridge—Home*

April 21—Wingate—Home*

April 24—E. M. I.—Home*

April 25—E. M. I.—Home*

April 28—Pheiffer—There*

April 29—Mars Hill—There

May 1—Pheiffer—Home*

May 5—Mars Hill—Home

May 8—Oak Ridge—There*

May 13—Wingate—There*

* Conference Games.

"Increased doses of family altars might cure the prevailing epidemic of altercal families."

"Following the line of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked."

"Life is a measure to be filled—not a cup to be drained."

"Nobody ever drifts into manhood."

Paul Eller's Sports Roundup Boxing

The flats have been swinging mildly and the toll's heavy, but the competition is still stiff and so is the leather. Florida has suffered two of the most unprepared defeats of the year. Brotha, take 'em from me the boys from there are going to go home to see just what has happened. BOBBY DYKES, the seventh contender for the middle weight crown dropped a very sad but well deserved decision to the wild slam banger JOE MICELL, tenth contender for the welterweight crown now held by the hishly held champion of all the welters, THE CUBAN HAWK KID GAVILAN. Just two weeks later the Boy with the sock proved to all TV viewers that punch doesn't mean a win. The powerful DANNY NARDICO of Tampa, Florida, lost to the seasoned veteran ex-champion of the Light-Heavy-weight division JOEY MAXIM. Nardico was trailing way behind on points and then out of a clear blue sky a solid right hand found its mark and the favored Maxim dropped for an eight count. It seemed at this point the heavy puncher was to win the bout but Maxim weathered the storm and came back strongly to prove the age-old theory of fighting as a skill. Maxim won the decision fairly and squarely.

All of Charlotte is busting about the scrappy little 118-pounder who just five years ago was just another kid pretty good with the fist for his size. This little guy is Henry (Pappy) Gault who is now the second contender for the WORLD Bantamweight Crown.

Mat News

Saturday night, the seventh of March, there was mayhem from the Hollywood arena when the four most widely publicized wrestlers in the U. S. tangled. Prof. Hans Snobbie as usual was there with his rough slam bang partner. The opposing team was the Hero's of the play. Hans as usual tried his sneaky punches and gouging but even the referee was in the act as a matter of fact both referees. From one minute to the next it was difficult to see who was wrestler and who was referee. The climax came when Snobbie was hit by his own partner and from that time on it was murder. Hans retired and as the opposing team ganged up on the one man mayhem set in and in wrestling that is about as bad as rigor mortis.

Horse Play

They are off at G.W. downes, it's Bill Byrd by a length with Mr. Troutman coming up close behind, as they round 'em far turn it's Mr. Dedmon by a length and Dennis Whitesides is still in the race, or game, I should say. This time they removed the horses, yes it is Horse-shoes and as I see it the two faculty members are going to have to stick to teaching or get a Radar set to find those stakes. Well they say Practice makes Perfect. How about that?

All Mixed Up

Things were really popping on a certain Saturday afternoon the Hen-house swatters met the Decker Ball slingers in a sizzling soft ball game. I don't know about soft ball rules but I do think some of the boys got to first base, with the girls anyway. I think this is a great idea for good clean social life and may be the best man win, what I mean is may be the best team win.

Well, that takes it the way I see it. If you like it let me see more and I will try to give the summaries you like to see.

(Keep Slugging)