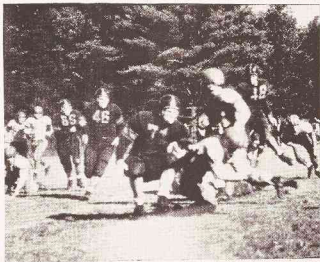


Bobcats Scratch Bulldogs



LEES-McRAE ADVANCES — The Lees-McRae Bobcats are shown above gaining against the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs. G-W players visible in dark jerseys are Upton (71), Thomas (48), Burns (46), Phillips (69), Gardner-Webb lost 12-6.

— Sports Feature —
BULLDOG CAPTAIN

To the Sophomores who were here last year Ernie Byerly needs no introduction. They remember from last year his ability and versatility in the field of sports. They remember the great job he did as defensive line-backer during the early part of the football season last year, and they remember the running ability he displayed during the latter part of the year. It was this combined ability that gained him a place on the Junior College All-State Team last year and made it possible for him to be appointed Captain of this year's team.

For the benefit of the Freshmen who may not know Ernie for some reason or other, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Byerly of Thomasville, North Carolina.

He attended school in Thomasville, where he played three years of high school ball before entering service during his Junior year.

While in service, Ernie finished his high school education and played service ball for two years. The first year he played service ball he played for the 7th Airborne Ranger Company at Fort Benning, Ga., and the following year while stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he played with the 82nd Airborne Division team.

As for other sports, Ernie is also well versed in basketball and baseball. Last year he was the starting left fielder for the strong Gardner-Webb baseball team.

This year after making a good showing in Chowan, Ernie had his shoulder injured in the Asheville-Biltmore game, and hasn't been able thus far to get back to full strength, although he is expected to do so within the next week or so.

Ernie hasn't quite made up his mind as to exactly what he plans to do after he finishes Gardner-Webb, but as far as he knows at present, he is going on to Catawba next year.

PEARSON VIEWS SPORTS

FOOTBALL

The grid fortunes of Gardner-Webb this year have been hampered by player shortages and injuries. Lost from last year's team, which won the Golden Isle Bowl game in Georgia, were five All-State players and practically all the regulars. Only ten men return from last year's fine team. Ernie Byerly, Richard Yearwood, "Bunny" Price and Gotthard Overcash head the list of returnees which includes but five lettermen. Injuries to key players have also hurt tremendously.

Another thing that has hurt somewhat is this year's pitiless football. The players, as yet, haven't been able to adjust themselves to playing sixty minute ball. Now, after going one and losing two, the boys appear to be rounding into shape. Coach Harris believes that after gaining self-confidence in their moral victory over Lees-McRae the team will come alive and begin winning. More power to them!

Of all the remaining games, the big one for the students will be the November 7th Homecoming Game.

BASKETBALL

Here also Coach Harris faces a task of rebuilding. Only three starters, "Squirrel" Thomas, Bob Estes, and "Bunny" Price, return from last year's aggregation. He will have to pick from the cluster of Freshmen hopefuls the biggest part of his team. This column wishes him the best of luck in his arduous task.

Of much interest to the students, especially the boys, during this season will be the intramural contests. This consists of a short schedule of games between dormitory teams and a series of playoff games to determine the champion of the dorm.

BASEBALL

Here is where Coach Harris will meet his greatest problem. He must replace one of the best teams in the state. This task will be the hardest because, of all the school sports, baseball was hardest hit by graduation. Gone are the 400 hitters; gone are the smooth fielding infielders and the strong armed outfielders. Who will be able to replace these mighty "Bulldogs" of the diamond? The "biggest shoe," Coach Harris will have to refill will be those of Ken Queen, winner of ten games without a loss last year. He was Coach's "stopper" last year. When we needed a game, Ken won it.

Replacing this team will be a big problem because only one starter returns from the "Champs" of 1953.

FIELD DAY

This is the climax of the annual struggle between the highly esteemed sophomores and the lowly freshmen for the official athletic supremacy of the campus. To cap off this gala day there is a varsity baseball game in the gymnasium and the Freshman-Sophomore Banquet that night.

GARDNER-WEBB'S REMAINING FOOTBALL GAMES

Oct. 24 — Lees-McRae	Marion
Oct. 30 — Open Date	Home
Nov. 7 — Mars Hill	Home
Nov. 14 — Asheville-Biltmore	There

"Hey Teague, you pulling a Fitz?"

FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB

The Gardner-Webb Chapter of the Future Teachers of America Club held a short meeting Monday night, October 12, 1953, at 8:30 P.M. At this meeting the officers for the coming year were elected. They are: president—Katherine Hazlett, vice-president—Bobbie Oxford; secretary and treasurer—Nada Hester; Reporter—Helen Stensin; and publicity chairman—Phyllis Smith.

The guest speaker was Mr. J. H. Grigg, Superintendent of Cleveland County Schools. His subject was "The Possibilities, Advantages, and Disadvantages of the Teaching Profession." He said that there is a great demand for teachers today. He also pointed out that the advantages of teaching outnumbered the disadvantages.