

SPORTS DIGEST

By MAC HILL

—BULLDOGS END CAGE WARS—

The local cagers rang down the curtain on their '54-'55 season at Spruce Pine last month by turning back Spartanburg, 102-96, for third place in the conference tournament. The Bulldogs advanced to the tourney semi-final by dropping Asheville-Biltmore, 95-70; however, a 113-96 loss to the power-laden North Greenville club in the next game forced them into the consolation bracket.

Those representing G-W on the hardwood courts for the last time were Co-Captains Billy Boverder and Bill Norris, Carlisle Hostetter, Gene Hux, Mac Hill, and Larry VonCannon. Boverder is the team's leading scorer with a commendable 16.4 per game average. Hostetter, the team's most improved player, finished a close second with a 15 point average. Other regulars and their averages are, Norris, 12.1; Hux, 6.5; Hill, 8.3; Don Poole, 9.2; and Scottie Frizzell, 6.7.

—TRACING THE DOG TRACKS—

The Bulldogs inaugurated their schedule at Cullowhee by losing to the WCTC JV's 75-62. Coach Harris' quint apparently began to gather steam by crushing the Black Mountain and Forest City semi-pro teams in their next two outings by scores of 89-64 and 95-56 respectively. Then North Greenville invaded our Baptists to follow with a team averaging well over six feet tall. Despite this disadvantage the locals made a fight of it, leading all the way down to the waning moments of the game before succumbing 76-64.

During the next 10 games the Bulldogs split even, beating Hiddente, 94-53, Davidson JV's, 45-44, and 48-46, Asheville-Biltmore, 84-65, and WCTC JV's 71-62, while losing to Spartanburg, 69-65, Brevard, 60-58, Mars Hill, 57-51, Catawba JV's, 88-77, and Furman Freshmen, 90-72.

Following this the Bulldogs appeared to be leaning toward the "cold," for they went into a brief tailspin and dropped four consecutive games to Lees MacRae, 104-56, and 97-72, Asheville-Biltmore, 88-81, and Furman Freshmen, 106-75.

At this point the locals experienced what seemed to be a "basketball revolution" for they finished the season with a blazing pace, losing only twice to North Greenville in their final eight games. The locals rambled through Spartanburg, 90-76, and 102-96, Brevard, 92-67, Faulk & Cryme, 102-83, Mars Hill, 98-82, and Asheville-Biltmore, 95-70, to compile an overall mark of 13 wins and 13 setbacks.

The Baptists totaled 1,999 points for an average of 76.9 per game as compared with 1,896 points and a 72.9 average for their opponents. They passed the century mark in two outings and averaged 97.3 in the final eight games. Ironically, however, the team's two lowest scores, 45 and 48, were scored in victories.

—BOVENDER HONORED—

Forward Bill Boverder was named to the Western Carolinas Conference all-star team which was selected by the coaches of the loop. Boverder, co-captain of this year's quint, garnered 409 points in 25 games for an average of 16.4 per game. He was also named to the Charlotte Observer's all-state junior college team.

—BASEBALL—

Coach Harris issued the call for baseball candidates to report for a meeting here last week and was greeted by 26 aspirants. The battery mates continued to work out daily in the gym and they will be joined by the full squad this week. The Bulldogs suffered a severe blow when Dennis Durman and Geddes Swofford, both regulars last year, failed to enroll for the spring semester. However, Harris will have six returning let-termen to form the nucleus of this year's team. Bill Carlton, Bill Kiser, Joe Sanders, Howard Proctor and Jimmy Gamble are returning from last year's squad and Steve Morrisett was a member of the 1953 state championship team.

The schedule:

March 31—Wingate; April 4—at Wingate; 8—Mars Hill (Doubleheader); 12—at Spartanburg; 15—open; 16—open; 19—

Poll of Opinion

By "PHIL" HENDERSON

Attention all you Gardner-Webb males! Perk up your ears and open your eyes! Here comes the question that was put to the females on the Gardner-Webb campus:

"What three characteristics do you most admire in a boy?"

Phyllis Munday: "Nice manners; good personality; one who is just down to earth."

Betty Turner: "One with a good education; good manners; neat appearance."

Nancy Lattimore: "The ability to boss me around; love of fun; and friendliness."

Ann Epley: "Good personality; nice manners; one who is fun to be with."

Joan Nolan: "Honesty; personality; friendliness."

Wilma Moxley: "One who is considerate; sincere; and friendly."

Janet Walker: "A Christian; good character; personality."

Grace Rollins: "Honesty; nice manners; neat appearance."

Mary Calloway: "A good cook; witty; good personality."

Ann Williams: "One who is a lot of fun to be with; is friendly; and sincere."

Nancy Luffman: "Humorous; must be a former Marine (ed. note—"I thought Davenport was in the Navy."); one who is understanding in all matters."

Barbara Wall: "Good sense of humor; sincerity; a very good spirit of forgiveness."

So you see, you guys, it's not who you are, but what you do with yourself that counts with the opposite sex.

at Spartanburg; 22—North Greenville; 26—at Mars Hill; 30—at Brevard (Doubleheader); May 3—North Greenville; 6—at North Greenville; 10—Spartanburg; 13—Brevard.

—FIELD DAY—

Gardner-Webb's fifth annual Field Day will be observed on the athletic field Friday, April 22. This yearly event is an all-morning affair. The baseball team will play host to North Greenville in the afternoon, and the day's activities will be climaxed by the Freshman-Sophomore banquet that evening. The Freshman-Sophomore basketball games, first of the field day events, were played at the high school gym two weeks ago with the Sophomore class winning a doubleheader. The girls score was 46 to 36 and the boys won by a margin of 91 to 55.

Volleyball, softball, baseball, ping-pong, and badminton contests will also be held prior to this date due to limited time. Class officials are urged to appoint managers for the events and begin to organize their teams.

A complete list of events will be listed in the next edition of the PILOT.

—INTRAMURALS—

The Day Students captured the intramural basketball trophy by beating the 2nd East quint in the finals of the double-elimination tournament. Alfred Sloop, Joe Saunders, Bob Newton, and Steve Morrisett were the big guns for the champs, while Bill Jones and Henry Pogle were outstanding for the runner-ups.

The 2nd East teams lead with total points in intramural action having achieved 16. The 1st East and 1st West teams are following with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Softball, the fourth and final intramural sport is scheduled to get under way soon.