

Freshmen Sweep Double-Header



LONGSHOTS
AND
FLEM-FLAMS

Spring Football began Monday, Feb. 27. A big aggregation of boys turned out for the pre-season drills. Coach Harris is expecting big things come football season next fall. With these pre-season drills, consisting of only freshmen, Coach Harris can look for the future potential greats that will return this fall. In these freshmen, the coach is looking for speed as well as size, and from what has been seen there will be some big men on the line next fall. Practice was held for two and a half weeks, 2 hours each day.

BASEBALL

With the smoke of leather, the sting of March wind, and the yell of "come on Babe", baseball enters the sports world once again at G. W. The field for new material is wide open. We have five lettermen returning from last year's team, but to quote Coach Harris, "No spot is filled, except by the best man." This should give some of you boys, who have been worrying about the returning lettermen having their old job, some big hopes. At G. W. it's the best qualified man that holds down first position.

Last year was a good year in Baseball for G. W., with nine wins and one loss in conference play. But this year should be even greater. Last year G. W. was the Western Carolina Junior College Champs and this year should be a repeat.

Jerry Hawkins, Ed Scruggs, J. T. Davis, Bob Traywick, and Ralph Presslar are the returning lettermen from last year's champion team. Hawkins held down the catcher's spot, Scruggs was in the outfield, while Davis, Traywick and Presslar were the mound boys. Davis also alternated in the infield. Bob Traywick, the only lefthander, was a smooth working capable man and this year should be his greatest. He had a little trouble settling down at first but that was probably due to his getting situated from service life. Davis was the fireball and Presslar the curve ball specialist.

On February 27, pitchers and catchers began their workouts and two weeks later the call for infielders and outfielders was heard.

Here's a by-line from your Ole Dad Flem, to all you guys and gals. When Baseball season comes into full swing and the home games start, how about all of you backing our club with attendance. Every game, our boys go into it wholeheartedly and they need your support. It's bad enough, when they play at home and only a few of their classmates support them, somewhere deep inside of those boys there is a disappointed feeling. Think of the times that you needed support, and then think of those boys who will be playing their hearts out for G. W.; for you. When you hear someone say, "There's a home-game today," make plans to be there. Support our boys with attendance. Thanks.



Shelby's Ed Peeler and Jerry Hawkins seem to be ready for action against any opponent pitcher who might take the mound against G. W.

Day-Students Cagers Claim Intramural Honors

The Day Student team, under the competent hand of Coach Al Proctor, day student president, took on all comers in succession and lost only one game as they took the team trophy in intra-mural activity. The one game loss came at the hands of the 1st East team from Decker Hall. Sharing scoring honors all season were team men Joe Hamrick and Donald Jackson. Other members of the team include: Bob Traywick, Al Proctor, Bob Tobin, Harold Lonz, Ed White and Johnny Putman.

The playoff was in the form of a double elimination. The first loss to 1st East proved to be a thriller, with 1st East coming from behind to tie the score and make an overtime period necessary. In the second and final game of the tournament the day students walked away never to be overtaken. Standouts for the 1st East team were "Meatball" Brendle, Montgomery, Walker and Sides.

TRIBUTE TO "OLD JOE"

The first Spring day,
And there's something hits a bell,
It's the fever of a baseball fan,
For the game he loves so well.
Shades of Rogers Hornsby, Bill Terry,

And all the rest.
Even memories of earlier years
When he tried his hand in left.
Some will say, now at the plate—
"Ole" Ted was great.
But in the field his start was late.
Grandpa will tune in with how
"Ole Babe" could hit.
And maybe say that Cobb was it.
The teenage race to save their face,
Will tell how Kalline set a terrible pace.
But when down the Hall of Fame
We march to see our baseball king,
You'll need a Yankee passport lads
Because here's where Joe DiMaggio
Reigns.

—By Ed Scruggs

Some things we are likely to forget:
The value of preparation. That
personal charm can be cultivated.
The virtue of controlled temper.
Propriety begins with economy. The
value of a good name.

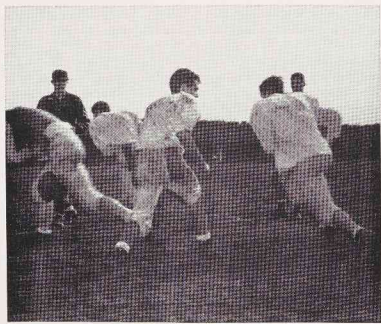


TROPHIES

This impressive array of trophies adorn the office of President Elliott in the Huggins-Curtis building. This history of Gardner-Webb past includes the following from left to right: Basketball—2nd Annual Golden Isles Bowl—Annual Field Day Award—3rd Annual Golden Isles Bowl 1952—Western Carolinas—Junior College Champions (Baseball) 1951, 1952, 1953. Baseball and Gardner-Webb are synonymous around Junior College circles in North Carolina. During the past five years Bulldog teams have earned four of the five championship trophies. All this figures up to a batting average of .800.

One of the real needs for the college is a trophy case where the laurels might be displayed to the best advantage. The effort put forth by the athletes certainly merits a suitable place of display for the trophies to be seen by the students and general public.

We're looking forward to another profitable year from the current Bulldog nine. The past challenges the future!



OOP! "Slips Coach" says Quarter-back Robert Webb as he hands off to Fullback Gary Cannon who seems to be having a hard time hanging on to the pig-skin.

A rousing, rocking, wrangling crowd of antagonistic fans saw the freshmen take 20 points toward Field Day honors on Tuesday night, February 28. Mrs. Haynes said of the girl's game. "I believe this is the best overall game we have played this year."

Overwhelming height by forwards Greene and Fagan led the freshman girls to a decisive victory. The Sophomores never gave up the fight, however, and just before the last whistle blew there was a minor catastrophe as guard Ann Wheeler was overcome by the excitement.

Sommons remarked that the boys' game was the best they had ever seen played in the local gym. Fever was at a high pitch. The nerve-racking score stood at 40-all at the half. In the final two quarters there was a 5 point lead at one time. This was whittled away and as the final whistle blew the score was all tied up with a double foul to be reckoned with. Isaac, for the freshmen, made his. The crowd held their breath, then went wild as Don McCarson sank his. Overtime saw the freshmen pull ahead never to be overtaken.

Freshmen- Sophomore Events To Come

The battle is on between the Freshmen and Sophomores for Field Day honors. Climax to the events is the award being presented to the winner on Field Day which this year falls on April 27. The award (which is pictured along with other trophies on this page) contains signatures of three previous sophomore teams and a lone freshman team. Just now the freshmen have a slight edge, having taken both basketball games and the girls' division of the volleyball contest. The sophomore victory came in the football event. During the following weeks before the climatic day are to be the following events:

- Softball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Ping Pong
- Horse Shoes
- Tennis

The sophomores are fighting mad because of the showing in the basket, ball division and you may be sure they will be racing back to avenge themselves on the young upstarts who challenge their elders.

There are individual trophies for the top male and female participant in each of the classes. Points are awarded on the basis of team participation and individual activity on the big day. Last year's winners for the freshman team were Sheila Mayberry and Don McCarson.