



Ready for spring practice but unable to "warm up" because of the snow, two prospective baseball players practice using a snowball as a substitute for a baseball.

"SNOWBALL" TEAM MAY REPLACE BASEBALL

Boiling Springs—The weatherman says "snow," but the calendar says March, so Coach Norman Harris of Gardner-Webb College has started baseball practice with his Bulldogs' nine.

Daily workouts in the gym have been the order for the last week, as snow blankets the field. "It may be another week," he says, "before we can get down to regular practice on the baseball diamond."

Coach Harris began his 11th season with 32 boys reporting. Virtually all are rookies, with only three lettermen in the crowd. The trio of veterans are third baseman Bill Nix, combination outfielder and first baseman Ed Lohr, and Jerry Cluff behind the plate. These sophomores and the 29 newcomers have a man-size reputation to uphold:

measuring up to last year's 15-1 record which tied the Bulldogs for the Western Conference championship. Tracing the record further, his 10 seasons have given Coach Harris eight wins or ties for conference honors, and two third place spots. No other junior college in the Carolinas can claim a similar record.

Seeking the catcher spot are Calcutt of Asheboro, John Keeter, Petersburg, Va.; Gene Swinson, Morganton; Ed Chambers, Asheville; Curt Pace, Hendersonville; Gary Keeter, Bessemer City; and Cyrus Wells, Haw River.

Prospective moundmen are Ronald Withers, Gastonia; Wally Midkiff, Greensboro; Bobby Foster, the fourth baseman, Lenoir; Lawndale; Dal Nisney, Forest City; and Larry Byrd, Cliffeide.

For first base are Ed Lohr, Richmond, Va.; Jerry Dysart, Lincolnton; Jack Brackon, Winston-Salem; Eugene Bramlett, Shelby; and Jerry Dellinger, Hixsonville. Second basemen are Jennings Smith, Gastonia; Jimmy Stuart, Lynchburg, Va.; and John Jennings, Nashville, Va. Bill Nix of Richmond, Va., is lone contender for third base. For shortstop are Paul Brooks, Graham; and Don Bridges, Shelby.

Outfielders are Dale Spangler, Shelby; Bob Lohr, Richmond, Va.; Larry Hoskins, Danville, Va.; William Parton, Gilkey; Lloyd Porter, Old Fort; Jimmy Bulles, Graham; a n d Don Lowe, Belmont.

All games are now scheduled except for four which will be set shortly. All home games will be at 3 p.m. on the college field.

Basketball Team Holds Its Own

The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs turned in a 12-9 season performance in the Western Carolina Junior College Conference, rating them as the fourth place team of the year. The players ripped the nets in the opening games to mark up several wins. As the Christmas holidays approached, the Bulldogs found themselves sharing the first place position with North Greenville and were favored to knock even this team out of the race.

CHOIR DEPARTS ON SPRING TOUR

The Gardner-Webb Touring Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Oldney, leaves tomorrow on a four-day tour. The choir will sing in Mount Holly, Greensboro, Thomasville, and Winston-Salem. Although this is the choir's official tour, they have already presented several programs including one at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte and one in Hickory. In addition to their programs at churches, the choir has also sung at various functions on campus such as the Visitation Day Program on March 22. The highlight of the tour will be Sunday morning, March 27, when the choir will be telecast from Winston-Salem.

Several ensemble groups from the choir have been selected to sing for special occasions such as May Day and also for meetings of campus. Several of these groups will be going to Shelby and Forest City to sing in the near future.

Along with the G-W chorus, the Touring Choir will present Stainer's "Crucifixion" on April 15. The choir is doing an excellent job of understanding, appreciating, and interpreting some of the better and more difficult music written by the greatest composers of all times.

After the holiday season, the team experienced a string of disastrous off-nights, which dropped them to the sixth place position. A five-game winning streak at the end of the season, however, saw the Bulldogs back up to the leader as the fourth contender, along with Lees-McRae, for the championship title in the conference tournament held at Spruce Pine, N. C. The opening night of the tournament saw Gardner-Webb pitted against the Lees-McRae team in a most thrilling game. The Bulldogs dropped to the L-M Bobcats by a two point loss.

The Bulldogs were led to their 12 wins by sophomores Jimmy Summey and Garland Hamrick, and Freshmen Jerry Beane, Lloyd Wall, and Ernie Wall. Backing up the most points for the Gardner-Webb five was Jerry Beane of Lenoir, N. C. with an average of 19 points per game. Lloyd Wall followed this record with 15.5 points per game to his credit. Ernie Wall turned in an average of 13 points and Jimmy Summey chalked up 12 points in the season's statistics.

The leading rebounders for the Bulldogs were Beane, Hamrick, and Ernie Wall. These boys kept the team in the game on several occasions by pulling down rebound after rebound.

But the season of '59-'60 has gone,

dragging in its wake the prospects for Coach Blackburn in the coming years. Next year he is looking forward to win enthusiasm. The Bulldogs couldn't be anything but strong, strong, strong in the conference next year. Blackburn's strong bench, the three remaining starters, and the new material from next year's freshmen can only spell V-I-C-T-O-R-Y for Gardner-Webb.

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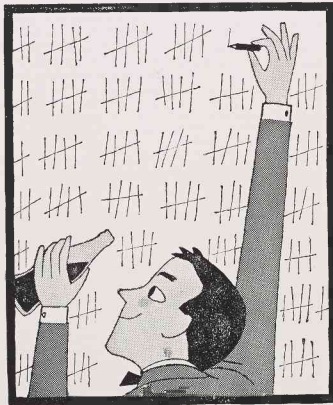
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