

SPORTS DIGEST

Ronnie Frieze Breaks Gardner-Webb Track Records

BOILING SPRINGS — Ronnie Frieze of Gastonia is rapidly developing into one of the best, if not the best, distance runners in the Western Carolinas Junior College Athletic Conference. To date, the Gardner-Webb squad has participated in two meets. Although the team as a group has not showed well, Ronnie has been a standout in both meets, winning all four races that he has entered.

At a triangular meet held at Brevard College, Ronnie defeated runners from Wofford College and Brevard College in both the mile and 2 mile races. Two days later, Ronnie again won the mile and 2 mile races in dual meet at Wingate College.

Ronnie's winning times at Wingate of 4:40 in the mile and 10:44 in the 2 mile were both Gardner-Webb track records.

The WCJAC record for the mile is 4:33. The record for the 2 mile is 10:37.1. With the season still young, Ronnie has an excellent chance of equaling or bettering these times.

When asked about Ronnie, Coach Spencer of G-W said, "Ronnie is a dedicated boy who is willing to pay the price for victory. As yet, Ronnie hasn't really been pushed. With each race, he seems to improve. If he continues to improve, at his present rate, he should definitely be a threat to the conference mile and 2 mile records."

We Have A Golf Team, Too!

This year Gardner-Webb has, for the first time, placed a golf team into conference competition. Part of an expanding G-W athletic program, the team is coached by Mr. Garland Allen.

Though the team suffered a defeat by a fine Wingate team in its initial outing, its over-all chances for success seem promising. The squad is anchored by a trio of freshman golfers who should be able to gain vastly needed experience this season.

Sophomores listed on the roster are: Frank Shytles, Lynn Featherstone, and Tommy Bowen.

Freshmen included are: Bobby Rice, Bill Blackburn, and Jimmy Lyda.



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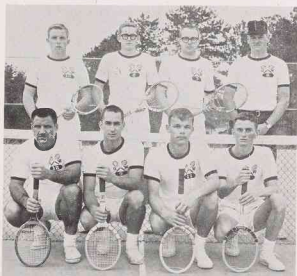
The tennis team opened its season on a winning note by crushing Shelby High School, 8-1. The Shelby team, though boasting a high ranking in high school circles, were totally unable to cope with the might of the G-W squad. They finally finished the afternoon having won only one of the nine matches played.

If, however, the G-W team was only slightly put out by their win over their first competition, in their next outing they were pushed to the limit. Facing a state-ranked adult team from the Shelby Country Club, the Bulldogs were able to capture only one match out of five—Jack Spainhour in the number three team position.

The next week, though, the club rebounded to trounce Asheville-Biltmore, 5-0.

According to student-coach, George Ferrell, the team's outstanding players have been: Frank Biggerstaff and Kelly Wells in the No. 1 and 2 positions, Jack Spainhour and Larry Barklett in the 3 and 4 positions, and Ben Harding and Arthur Crocker in the 5 and 6 positions. The seventh team player is Henry Stroker who teams with Crocker in the No. 3 double position.

Manager of the team is George Clemmer.



GARDNER-WEBB TENNIS TEAM



GARDNER-WEBB BASEBALL TEAM