

Rambling

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This is really a banner time of the year for sports enthusiasts of every variety. Basketball is at its championship height, off season football is in full swing, and baseball and tennis are just around the well known corner. Everyone is well acquainted with the goings on on the hardwood. A victory tonight over High Point will just about sew up the pennant for the cannonade, but a loss will see the bunting flying over the Panther institution.

Captain Ike Fesmire really set us right last Monday on that Appalachian affair, and we're hoping he'll do the same in the all important tilt tonight. We're going to string along with Ike and pick the Christians for many reasons: First of all, the boys are really clicking now. The Appalachian game was proof enough. With all that young blood on the outfit it wasn't a cinch to work out plays and get real team work in the beginning of the season. Second, these young bloods have gained much valuable experience, and are playing in a much cooler manner of late. Third, the boys will be playing on the home court which will mean a lot. At High Point there was a definitely partisan crowd due to the "prosperity" admission charge. Then too, there were the glass backboards with which the boys weren't familiar. Yes sir, this second game will be very much different from the first in many ways besides the score.

Link Manzi turned in a remarkable performance against Appalachian despite his twisted knee. Hobson really put on some bursts of speed that had us all gaping. Ike Fesmire, besides playing a fine all around game, was the steady influence. John Pearce was as usual brilliant in grabbing those re-bounds. Max Zivith and Jack Gardner continue to be the main scoring threats, and are doing mighty well in their particular line.

From the football front there isn't much sensational news. The fundamentals of the game are being stressed mainly, with a special emphasis being placed on blocking. There is a possibility that a scrimmage game will be arranged with one of the big five teams. If such an affair works out, the game will most likely be played the latter part of this month or the first week in March.

College Gym The Scene Of Valentine Party Thursday Night

Presented By Freshman Class

Hearts and throbs were seen in the college gym on Thursday night.

This was the supposed Valentine party which happened to be a little late. That was all right because it was a great affair. The gym was decorated in appropriate trimmings of all sorts. This was the best sight we've seen this year done by the decorating committees. We extend our congratulations to those hard working freshmen. The committees that were

responsible for the success of this affair were made up of "Shorty" Corey, Decoration leader; Angie Henry, refreshments. Games were taken care of by Catherine Evans, and finances by Jack Boone. Nice going, boys and gals, because you all sure know how to put something on. Let's hope that the rest of the students take notice of this happening.

Both classes had a wonderful time and they were all dressed in their best clothes even if they had to go and borrow a shirt or two.

Music was furnished by that evergoing Charlie Hamrick and his Swingsters who put forth all their ability to shake the jitterbugs loose.

CHRISTIAN SPORTS

PANTHERS TO BE MET TONIGHT

Spring Football Shows Some Possible Fillers For Squad Vacancies

Many New Faces Appear As Result of Practice.

Run! Block! Tackle. Come on, you're loafing. All these familiar phrases are heard from one end of the gridiron to the other.

Coaches Hendrickson and Powers are doing their best to find a bunch of boys to fill in the vacancies left open by the graduation of Hurst at tackle; Brannon at guard; Israel at center; Shelton at blocking back; Kazlow at full-back; West as a reserve. These vacancies have to be filled. By whom? Well that is what we are waiting to see. Let's wait and see what will happen.

Practice has rounded into the third week and we found many new faces and future stars in the "new-grounders" as we call them. Such names as Askin, Carter, Leatherwood, Bradley, Goodes, Hayes, Mullenax, Stokes, Melvin, Fuller, Carull, Windgard, Austin, Looney, and Castura. These are some names that are unfamiliar to us as yet but not for long because some of them have shown some sparks that are already burning. Luck to you, boys, and as for the rest — well, we hope to find you in the limelight soon.

It was announced by Coach Hendrickson that a possible intersquad game will be played as soon as we have some suitable weather. We hope that it will be soon because we want to see the future stars of "The Cannonading Christians" in their various roles doing their best for their Alma Mater.

Helping with the drills are ex-Capt. Israel, Hurst and Shelton. Joe Brunansky, former Duke star, is also telling the boys how to play that line.

Girls Basketball Tournament Going In Full Swing

Stephens Team Leading With Four Wins

For the past two weeks the girls have really been practicing and playing basketball. Some of them took advantage of this sport in high school, while the others gave, what is essential to every winning team, their cheering support. Now, all of them are participating in the two combined.

Mrs. Hendrickson selected four captains from her classes, and then gave these girls the opportunity of choosing their own players from the group. From the 2:30 to 3:30 class she appointed June Murphy and Lila Budd Stephens, and from the 3:30 to 4:30 class, Mary Ruth McDade and Ruth Anderson. There are to be eleven games and the team winning the first six is the champion of that class. The two teams to reach the limit of six games will then play each other. So far four games have been played. Stephens' team has won all four games. Murphy keeps the spirit of her group going by saying, "That's all right, girls. We'll 'whup' 'em next time".

Anderson's team won the first game against McDade's by a mere one point. But Mary Ruth hasn't let it happen again. She kept pushing her girls and has come out victorious from the other three. The next games will be Tuesday at 2:30 and 3:30.

The Elon High School has issued a challenge for a game with the girls. As you all know, they beat the girls last year, at Elon, and feel very proud of it. They have also won every game they've played this season. So we have good competition. Their principal is anxiously waiting for the game to take place, and to see if there's any improvement either way. So Mrs. Hendrickson has arranged for Elon to play them next week. The six girls to go in as "first-string" have not, as yet, been selected.

Evelyn Holmes will referee the game. She has refereed several of the games at the High School and also the contestant games. She knows her basketball very well, and we know she will call a clean game.

Tennis Team Getting In Shape For Tough Spring Competition

With Spring just around the corner, the tennis team is getting up its schedule for the 1939 season.

Pittman, Flory and Malbon are three mainstays from last year. These boys are going to fight it out for the 1, 2, 3, positions. One freshman who is trying out for a position is Jimmie Lightbourne. He is supposed to be a pretty good player, so here's to you, Jimmie, hoping that you can get in there somewhere. Others who would like to show their tennis ability should see Charlie Pittman or Bruce Flory.

Plus the new faces on our team, we shall see better teams on our courts this year. We have scheduled matches with the following teams: American University, University of Newark, Colby College, Albright College, and Wake Forest College. With these big schools on the roster it looks as if our sports program is gradually expanding in every department. Get ready to support the boys when they have a home game.

The schedule is not as yet completed but it is to be published in the near future. There are a possible 25 matches on the bill, so you see the tennis team is expecting to do big things this year. Go to it, boys, and we hope that you all have a successful season.

Game May Decide Championship

Both Teams Have Bowed To Appalachian But Are Still Top Contenders

The basketball charges of Elon College today anxiously awaited the "play ball" whistle of the referee which will carry them into battle against the high-riding Purple Panthers of High Point College in the Elon gym tonight at eight o'clock.

The Christians met the Panthers on one previous occasion this season and were beaten by a score of 47-34, but since that time the Christian aggregation has added more experience to their freshman members and should produce a far better game against the Panthers.

This important North State conference game will play a big part in determining the conference champion this season. Although the Yow-coached Pointers will enter the battle as slight favorites, anything can happen when these rivals hook up.

Coach Horace Hendrickson, of the Christians, has been working his charges hard this week in preparation for the important conference tilt, and he plans to put a scrapping combination on the floor tonight. With the loss of Lloyd Whitley, who always played his best games against the Pointers in previous seasons, Coach Hendrickson will in all probability rely upon the services of Captain Ike Fesmire and Jack Gardner to take over the forward posts; John Henry Pearce to handle the center spot, and Lincoln Manzi and Max Zivith to start at the guard assignments.

Leading the Panthers into the skirmish will be Captain Red Towery who for the eighth time in his career lines up against the Christians. Hugh Hampton, giant six feet, six inch pivotman, is a definite offensive threat, as is the fast tricky Morton Samet.

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