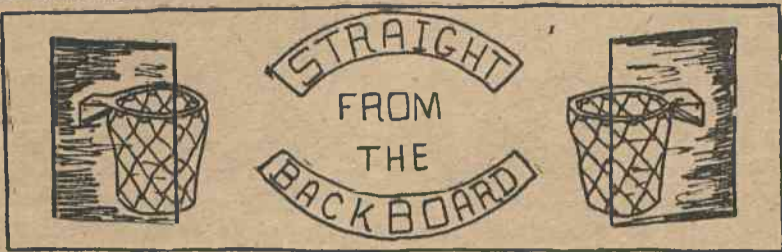


Birds Must Take Bulldogs To Rate Tie



Time is once again drawing near for the Southern Conference finals which are to be played at the William Neal Reynolds Memorial gymnasium. As for Carolina and Wake Forest, the chances are definitely out. The probably six contestants will be West Virginia, State, Clemson, Duke, South Carolina, and Maryland with the winner going to the N.C.A.A. quarter finals.

At the present time Coach Bill Lundy's basketball quintet has a 5-6 loop average. Tonight's game with Fayetteville will be the last one of the year for four of the Rocky Mount players. They are Billy Overton, C. C. Daughtridge, Dudley Whitley and Ed Bandy. Good luck tonight boys, and at the same time, goodby.

The Babybirds seem to be keeping up with the varsity pretty well. They, too, have a 5-6 loop record and only one remaining game. Considering the size of RMHS in comparison with their competitor they are to be commended for their outstanding playing.

The Wake Forest Demon Deacons began their spring football practice last week under the head-

ing of Coach Tom Rogers. Rogers has 22 lettermen to work without of the 50 reported for duty. Under the limitation imposed by the N.C.A.A., the practice session will last only 20 days. Rogers' chief concern is securing good material for the backfield.

Three of the 12 teams to compete in the N. I. T. games have already been picked. They include Duquesne, St. John's and St. Bonaventure. From the Southern Conference those teams being considered are Duke and West Virginia. N. C. State was included in a second group picking.

Cycs Withstand Rally To Drop Blackbirds

The Rocky Mount Blackbirds lost a hard fought basketball game by a score of 45-41 to the Wilson Cyclones in the rival city last Tuesday night.

The game which was very evenly matched, proved to be a real thriller the entire length of the ball game. C. C. Daughtridge was high scorer for the Birds with 16 points and also turned in a fine defensive game.

The locals now have a 5-6 loop record but have a chance to raise it tonight when they play the Fayetteville Bulldogs in Fayetteville.



Eddie Pennington Excels In Three Sports; Has Another Year To Keep Up Good Work

On the diamond, on the griddion, or on the court! You've seen his outstanding play in all three sports! Needless to say, the popular young athlete pictured above needs no formal introduction, for he is Rocky Mount's own Eddie Pennington.

Eddie, who is only in his sophomore year, has already been on the varsity football and basketball teams for two years. Eddie was also a first string catcher on the baseball team last year.

Due to regulations passed by AAA Conference officials, no high school student over the age of 18

will be allowed to participate in any high school athletic contest. For this reason, Pennington has only one more year in which to serve his school.

When asked what his ambition was for the future, Eddie replied, "Attend Duke if I ever pass this biology!"

Old Rivals May Meet To Decide Standings

Could the last game of the season be the climax of the year for the Blackbirds? Well, this year it will either finish the season if they lose or carry them into a play-off game with their old rivals, the Wilson Cyclones.

The Cycs have a record of five wins and seven defeats after dropping a game to Durham last Friday night, 67-60. Rocky Mount now has a record of four wins and seven defeats, and if they can drop the Fayetteville Bulldogs tonight, there will be a tie for the fourth place in the Eastern AAA Conference.

This position is important because they will meet the Greensboro Whirlies in the first game in Durham at the North Carolina Triple A Conference Tournament, March 13, 14, and 15.

There is also another possibility for a tie if Raleigh beats Durham. This would put Durham and Wilmington in a tie for third place, and they might have to have a play-off game, although they are assured of a tourney berth.

The Richmond (Va.) News Leader which printed a crossword puzzle asking for the name of a Confederate general in five letters, got a mess of complaints from disgusted Southerners when the answer worked out to be G R A N T.

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