

Sports World

AS I SEE IT

By JANE EDWARDS

George Barclay, University of North Carolina assistant football coach, is reportedly the number one candidate to succeed Carl Snavely, who resigned in December. Barclay, a former Tar Heel All-America Lineman has coached at V. M. I., Oberlin, Dartmouth, Maryland and Washington and Lee. He played some professional football and coached Washington and Lee to the 1950 Southern Conference championship.

Although the season is only halfway completed, Wake Forest's current basketball team already has won more games than its predecessor. The 1951-52 quint won only 10 games and lost 19. The present club has rolled up 11 victories against only three setbacks. The Deacs have ten remaining conference games.

Ben Hogan emerged from the sidelines to play in the \$10,000 Thunderbird Country Club Invitational and shot a seven under par 65 to share the lead after the first round. The co-leader was veteran Dutch Harrison.

Dizzy Dean, the last 30-game winner in the majors, and Al Simmons, a 20-year-man with a .344 lifetime batting average, are the 1953 additions to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Joe DiMaggio, believed a sure thing to make the grade in his first year of eligibility, didn't even come close. The retired Yankee Clipper finished eighth, short 81 votes. Election of Dean and Simmons raises the membership to 64 of whom 27 have been picked by the writers.

Rocky Mount's B-squad basketball team has a 1-1 record so far. The Babybirds lost their first game to Durham, 47-44, but came back to take Wilmington, 48-36. It looks as if the B-squad might have a successful season.

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Birds Take Game Over UNC Squad

The Blackbirds got some stiff competition from the Phi Delta Theta fraternity from U. N. C. Although the fraternity team had been organized only a short time they held the Birds win down to a four point win.

The fraternity boys got off to a good start and at the end of the first period they were leading 11-10.

The Birds retaliated in the second period getting 16 points for the tired Phi Delta's three.

The Blackbirds ran into their only real trouble of the game during the third period. They were not able to hit the basket for a single point and their lead dropped to five points.

The Birds opened up in the last period and dropped in seven points to get a 10 point lead. The Phi Delta then came back to cut the lead down to four points. The Birds won 43-39.

Smokey Lancaster was high scorer for the Birds with 10 points.

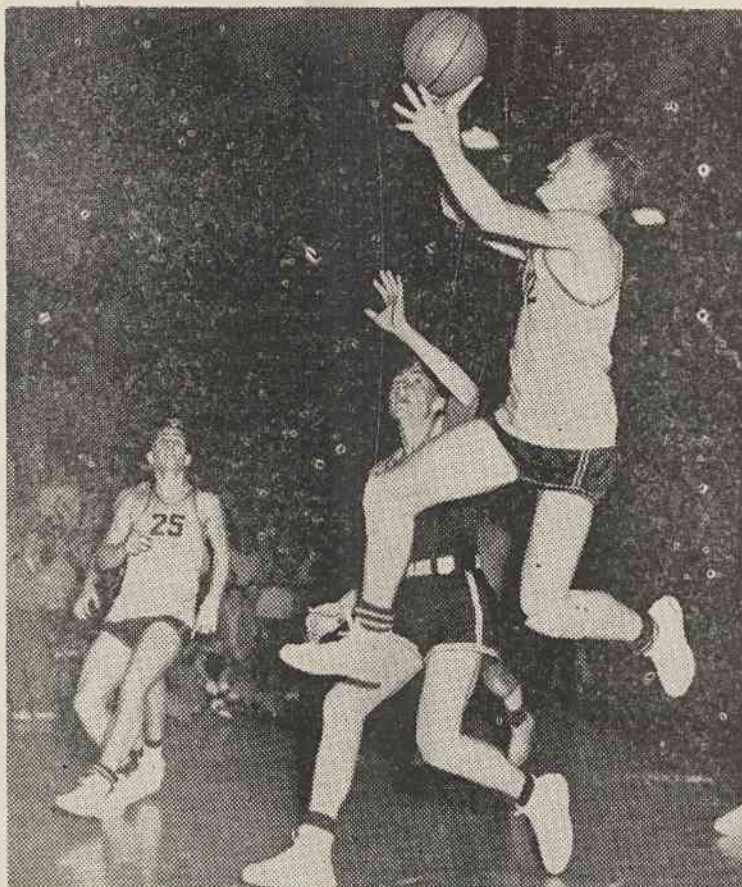
Intramural Results

In intramural basketball homeroom 1 is leading the list for the sophomores. This group has won one game and lost none.

Homeroom 14 has won two games and lost none to lead the junior class.

Senior homeroom 203 leads with a 2-0 standing.

All in all the basketball season, as far as intramurals are concerned, is turning out well. Mr. Lundy is starting a new system in which four games are played each intramural period.



After taking the ball from "Head" Daughtridge, number 25, Stan Still is shown going up over the Wilmington guard to drop in two points for the Blackbirds.

Photo By Barringer

Cats Hand Birds Conference Defeat

Wilmington Wildcats sent the Blackbirds to their first defeat of the season in Rocky Mount. The Wildcats offensive play was led by guard Sonny Jergenson and center Gerdees.

Both teams played hard and fast during the first half but the Birds offense couldn't seem to get started. When the half ended, the Wildcats had a 19 point lead.

A change in the Wilmington lineup and a powerful rally by the Blackbirds cut the margin of points the Wildcats held, but the Birds still could not take the lead. The game ended with the Wildcats on top by a score of 62-49.

Those in the starting lineup for the Birds were Pearce, Patterson, Pennington, Lancaster, and Edwards. High scorers for the Birds were "Weno" Pearce with 13 points, and Smokey Lancaster 11.

RM Upsets 'Dogs' For Eighth Victory

The Rocky Mount Blackbirds dropped Durham in the Durham gym for their eighth straight win of the season and their first conference victory.

The Bulldogs, who had a strong defense were never too far behind the Birds on the scoreboard.

In the first half the Birds, who were led by the tall Bird center Donald Edwards and guard Bobby Patterson, racked up 34 points against the Bulldogs.

Durham came back in the third period and at the start of the fourth period the score was 6 to 38.

The Birds came back in the last quarter and scored 11 points to end the game on the top side of the score with a 57 to 53 victory.

The starting five for Rocky fourth period the score was 46 ton, Edwards, Lancaster and Pearce.

Edwards and Patterson were high scorers with 15 points each.

Birds Play Caps

As this issue of the Blackbird goes to press the Rocky Mount Blackbirds are scheduled to meet one of the strongest teams of the conference, the Raleigh Capitals who have been scoring in the hundred column. The game may turn out to be one of the most important of the season.

Sports Editor Gives Latest Definitions

"The Blackbird" takes pleasure in presenting the following sports terms to the readers of this paper. Any similarity to names of persons, places, and things is purely coincidental and is not to be held against the staff or any sports authority.

Referee: Corresponds to umpire in baseball. Since pop bottles aren't allowed in the bleachers, paper cups and rubber boots will do nicely to throw at him.

Cheerleaders: Pretty girls at which the other team makes eyes and the other girls glare.

Coach: Officially he runs the team unofficially the team runs him-ragged.

Fan: Irratic person who doesn't know the difference between a homerun, a touchdown, and a basket; but he roots anyway.

Players: People who seize the ball and throw it from one end of the court to the other, missing the basket with surprising ease.

Basket: That opening through which the ball is supposed to pass. Supposed to!

Goal: A horrid obstruction upon which the ball gaily rolls round and round and where it stops nobody knows.

Star: Saturday's hero, until he misses a couple of shots and becomes Friday's Schmo.

Whistle: A noisy thing which continually blows, rudely interrupting the game.

Foul: "Moider the referee! He's blind!"

Shot: Normally used in reference to throwing the ball at the basket. Specifically, what fans wish the referee and opposing star players would get.

Murder In Basket

As the Edsonians began play practice of "A Murder Has Been Arranged," a terrible yell came ringing out onto the stage, "It's coming into the room!"

The monstrous gray "It" rushed into the room, sending the cast into a flurry of confusion. The boys armed themselves and manfully tried to protect the girls. The animal scurried from one desk to another. The boys were lashing out with sticks and pieces of furniture trying to back it into a corner. The thing finally felled by a blow from a yard stick and dropped into a waste basket.

A waste basket? Yes! And you know that mouse was just as frightened before he met his untimely demise in such a dramatic way as those would-be stars!



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