

Sports Chatter

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Spring Sports Begin

With the coming of warm and sunny weather the spring sports program has gotten under way. All of the athletic teams have been hampered by the rainy weather which has prevailed during the first weeks of spring. Coach Henderson's baseballers were forced to open the season with only three days of practice out of doors, the track team only had about five days to practice in for their first meet. In view of this, all of the athletic teams have shown much promise for the remainder of the season as they have compiled a good record despite the lack of practice.

Coach Henderson's squad has six men returning from last season, including three lettermen. The returnees are letterman pitcher Fick Guin, and pitchers Charles Boone and Charles Ramsey, lettermen infielders Bob Walker and Ed Morton, and outfielder Harry Caddell. Freshman help and how several sophomores come through will be the key to a good season for the squad.

One of the bright spots on the team has been catcher Gene Lewis of Marion, just out of the Army. While in high school Lewis caught Billy Joe Davidson, who received a \$125,000 bonus for signing with the Cleveland Indians several years back. Lewis is an excellent handler of pitchers and is one of the leading hitters on the squad. At first base, sophomore Wakefield Bryson of Asheville has shown that he is a good fielder and can also hit with consistency. At second base is Morton who teams with Walker to form a letterman keystone combination. Walker, who played third base last season, has been switched to short. At the hot corner is another sophomore, Larry Fox. Fox is a good fielder and is a long ball hitter.

Outer Garden Is Strong

The outfield is strong both offensively and defensively, with freshmen Jay Wallin in left, Mac Thacker in center and soph Harry Caddell in right. Caddell has been the leading hitter on the squad throughout the first two games as he maintains a .400 average. He makes this one of the strongest spots on the team as he is a good defensive player. Thacker, who hit over .500 in high school, should prove one of the hitting threats of the team before the season is over. Wallin has proved his prowess in the first two games with his long ball hitting.

The pitchers have been hurt the most by the lack of practice. Charles Boone, however, has already turned in a fine one-hitter in the first game of the season. Guin and Ramsey along with lefthander Jack Beach and righthander Doug Hardin will be the workhorses of the staff.

Although the track team has gotten in a little more practice than have the baseballers, they still have not had ample time to round into top flight shape. The top distance runners thus far this year have been Dave Tennant in the mile and two mile and Jim Morris in the mile and Russ Bowman and Johnny Brown in the 880. In the dashes the top runners have been Ronald Singleton in the 440 and 220 and Bill Suddreth in the 220 and 100. Letterman Jack Chalmers has been the big man in the hurdles as he and Tommy Clayton run both the 220 low hurdles and 120 high hurdles. Ross Knowlton is expected to help out in the low hurdles when he rounds into shape.

Field Stars Return

In the field events letterman Pete Evans and Chalmers have been the top javelin throwers while Cliff McClure has been the top man with the discus and shot put. Charlie Putman has taken top honors in the high jump in the first two meets. In the pole vault lettermen Glenn Cornwell and Jim Harris are the leaders with Suddreth and Singleton being the top men in the broad jump.

The tennis team brought a long line of wins into the present season and thus far they remain undefeated with wins over Milligan and Brevard. The team is composed of former high school standout Davis Bowen in the number one slot. The only letterman on the team, Allen Rappaport, is the number two man. Sophomore Sonny Bell, the former Aulander ace, is the number three man. Number four is another sophomore Howard Shook. The fifth and sixth positions are filled by freshmen Rod Kirkpatrick and R. P. Hammers.

On the golf team the two top men are Bill Brinkley and Jack Merrill. The linksters captured their only match thus far this season from Brevard, 20 1/2-3 1/2.

Everyone is urged to come on out in the afternoons to watch the team in action. Give your support to the teams and in the bargain you can get a suntan while watching the game.

This Week's Results

The Mars Hill baseball and tennis teams split in two games at Gardner Webb last Tuesday. The baseball squad lost 4-0 in a two-hit pitching performance by the Gardner Webb hurler. Harry Caddell and Jay Wallen collected the only two hits for the losers. Jack Beach was the losing pitcher. The tennis team kept its slate clean as it won with ease by a score of 7-0 over the Bulldog netmen.

Local Teams Cindermen Open Slate Set Schedule With Win Off, L-M, N-G For Season

Coach Henderson has announced the spring sports schedule for the baseball, tennis and track teams.

This week end the track team will be in Greenville, S. C., for the News-Piedmont relays, which are composed of around 40 high schools and 15 junior colleges. The relays will be run on the new track at the Furman University campus. The track is rated as one of the best and most modern in the South. Meanwhile, the baseball team will be at Wingate on Thursday and will go on to Spartanburg on Friday for a game there.

Tuesday will be the first home game for the baseballers as they entertain Milligan. On Wednesday the Brevard baseballers will come here for their second meeting of the season.

The schedule for the remainder of the season follows:

- Apr. 12—Baseball—Mars Hill 9, Milligan 0.
- Apr. 13—Tennis—Mars Hill 5, Milligan 4.
- Apr. 17—Baseball—Brevard 9, Mars Hill 8.
- Apr. 18—Tennis—Mars Hill 7, Brevard 0.
- Apr. 19—Track—Mars Hill 70 1/2, Lees McRae 65 1/2, N. Greenville 28.
- Apr. 20—Golf—Mars Hill 20 1-3, Brevard 3 1-3.
- Apr. 18—Milligan 81 2-3, Mars Hill 46 1-3.
- Apr. 21—Baseball—M. Hill, Gardner Webb.
- Apr. 22—Track—M. Hill, Gardner Webb.
- Apr. 24—Baseball—Wingate—There
- Apr. 25—Tennis—Spartanburg—There
- Apr. 29—Baseball—Brevard—Here
- Apr. 30—Tennis—Brevard—Here
- Apr. 30—Baseball—Milligan—Here
- May 1—Track—North Greenville—There
- May 2—Baseball—Lees McRae—There
- May 2—Baseball—Gardner-Webb—Here
- May 6—Baseball—Spartanburg—Here
- May 6—Tennis—Spartanburg—There
- May 8—Baseball—N. Greenville—There
- May 10—Track—CONFERENCE MEET—Lees McRae
- May 12—Golf—CONFERENCE MEET—Beaver Lake Course, Asheville
- May 14—Baseball—Lees McRae—There
- May 16—Baseball—Wingate—Here
- May 16—Tennis—Wingate—Here
- May 19—Baseball—Asheville-Biltmore—There
- May 19—Tennis—Asheville-Biltmore—There
- May 21—Baseball—Asheville-Biltmore—Here
- May 21—Tennis—Asheville-Biltmore—Here

Gal - Events

"Symphony in EAT Major," the banquet of the Women's Athletic Association, was the official installation of the new officers and the retiring of the present officers on Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Ann Carmichael gave a welcome to the girls present; Jo Ann Hamilton presented a toast to the incoming officers, and Priscilla DeLoach, newly elected WAA president for 1958-59, gave the response.

Other retiring officers are: Cecil Dobson, vice - president; Nona Justice, secretary; Betty Jo Rutherfordon, treasurer; and Nora Thomas, recorder. The officers for 1958-59, Frankie Stewart, vice president; Karen Hopkins, secretary; Mildred Ketner, secretary, and Kathleen Satterfield, recorder, were initiated by a candle-lighting service.

Mrs. Robert Holt highlighted the evening with a talk on "Life Symphony."

The retiring president, Sandra Creasman, served as Mistress of Ceremonies and recognized the achievements made in WAA's, both individually and as dorm teams.

Coach Edwards' cindermen opened their season last Thursday with a victory over Lees McRae and North Greenville in a triangular meet on the home track. The Lions scored 70 1/2 to Lees McRae's 65 1/2 and North Greenville's 28.

Jack Chalmers was the top scorer for the Lions with 12 points including two firsts and a second place. Ronald Singleton was next with 11 1/4 points. Mars Hill took seven first places, to Lees McRae's six and North Greenville's two.

Milligan Dips MH Thinclads

7—Last Friday, Mars Hill's thinclads lost their first decision of the season to a strong Milligan squad by a score of 81 2/3 to 46 1/3.

The summary: Two Mile—1, Holland (M); 2, Tennent (MH); 3, Hough (MH). T—11:17.3.

Pole Vault—1, Sizemore (M); 2, (Tie) Cornwell (MH), Murphy (M), Harris (MH). H—9' 6".

Shot Put—1, Jones (M); 2, Murphy (M); 3, Alexander (M). D—35' 8".

Javelin—1, Evans (MH); 2, Smith (M); 3, Murphy (M). D—160' 9".

High Jump—(Tie): Pntnam (MH), Sizemore (M), Murphy (M). H—5' 6".

Broad Jump—1, Sizemore (M); 2, Smith (M); 3, Williams (M). D—20' 6 1/2".

100 Yd.—1, Suddreth (MH); 2, Smith (M); 3, Williams (M). T—10:4.

220 Yd.—1, Smith (M); 2, Simmerly (M); 3, Suddreth (MH). T—24:2.

440 Yd.—1, Worrell (M); 2, Singleton (MH); 3, Alexander (M). T—52:6.

880 Yd.—1, Bowman (MH); 2, Bowyer (M); 3, Brown (MH). T—2:11.5.

Mile—1, Holland (MH); 2, Tennent (MH); 3, Morris (MH). T—4:57.4.

120 Yd. High Hurdles—1, Sizemore (M); 2, Chalmers (MH); 3, Smith (M). T—16:1.

220 Yd. Low Hurdles—1, Sizemore (M); 2, Chalmers (MH); 3, Smith (M). T—26:9.

Discus—1, McClure (MH); 2, Jones (M); 3, Harris (MH). D—116' 7".

Mile Relay—Milligan. T—3:40.3.

Baseballers Split Two Games, 9-0, 8-9

Mars Hill's Lions got a one-hit pitching performance from Charles Boone, rapped out eleven hits, and clubbed Milligan 9-0 in the season opener for the local diamond squad. The game was played at Milligan on April 12. Gene Lewis, Harry Caddell, Wakefield Bryson, and Boone led the batting attack with two hits each.

The Lions countered for two runs in the second, eighth, and ninth innings, and for three in the fourth. Milligan's lone hit came in the eighth inning by right fielder Arnood.

Coach Don Henderson started, in addition to Boone as pitcher, Gene Lewis behind the plate; Wakefield Bryson at first base; Ed Morton at second; Larry Fox at third; Bobby Walker at shortstop; Jay Wellen in left field;

Mac Thacker in center, and Harry Caddell in right.

In the second game of the season, Brevard's Tornados pushed across two runs in the bottom half of the ninth inning to nip the Mars Hill Lions 9-8 in a contest played at Brevard on April 17. The home club gave the Lions an early lead but shelled visiting hurler Fick Guin out of the box with a three-run onslaught in the fourth. Charles Ramsey took over and was charged with the defeat.

Brevard outhit the Lions 12-9. Bobby Walker, Jay Wallen, Gene Lewis, and Harry Caddell collected two hits apiece for Mars Hill. Mask of Brevard banged out three singles for the Tornado cause.