

Top left: Coach Al Hooks gives last minute, pre-game instructions. Top right: The ball flies free on the starting tip-off. Bottom left: "And the score goes up another

notch." Bottom right: Burlington fights for possession of loose ball as the half ends.

WHS Bulldogs Shock AAA Conference

W. H. S. cagers have shown their strength in the Western AAA Conference, coming from a 1-5 pre-season record. Then the Greensboro Whirlies with a fine team, both on offense and defense, out-classed the Bulldogs in a 33-29 victory. This was the Bulldogs' first conference loss.

FIRST LEAGUE WIN

The Bulldogs opened league play by playing host to the Green Wave of Gastonia. At the final horn the game was tied and it went into an overtime period. In this overtime Ken Rhodes connected with a free throw to make it 50 to 49. Then Bowes and Oakley made shots from the floor and Stewart stripped the net with a free throw to make the final score 54-50 in favor of the Bulldogs.

BEAT DEFENDING CHAMPS

With fine ball handling and a high shooting percentage, the Bulldogs defeated Salisbury, the defending Western AAA champs. With a 53-45 score, Benny Bowes was high scorer with 19 followed by George Oakley with 12. Sparking the Salisbury attack was Eddie Kessler, left forward, with 13 points.

BULLDOGS WHIP ASHEVILLE

The Bulldogs came out on top again with fine team work and the hook shot Bowes has worked so well this year. The key to the game was the fine ball handling by the guards, Truitt and Stewart, and the good percentage at the free throw line by the Bulldogs. The final score was 53 for Bulldogs and 51 for Asheville.

DOWN HIGH POINT

With victory in mind, the W. H. S. cagers entered the new High Point gym. The High Pointers had a 4-0 record until the quintet from Burlington put a black mark on it to give them a 4-1 record and to give the Bulldogs a 4-0 record. Oakley had the combination to score at the free throw line, hitting 13 out of 15 tries. While Truitt from the outside kept the net warm with 17 points.

WILDCATS INVADE GYM

Back at home the W. H. S. cagers played host to the Charlotte Wild-

cats. The Wildcats had and kept the lead until the fourth period. Then the Bulldogs applied the pressure in the right places and came out on top again with a 47-36 victory over the hard fighting cagers from Charlotte.

FIFTH IN ROW

The question, when the Bulldogs played host to Winston-Salem, was how good would they be able to play under height. This was concerning the center, Fred Fowler, 6 foot 9. But this was answered very quickly by the fine defense and offense of the Bulldogs. Bowes was high scorer for W. H. S. with 29 followed by Jerry Evans and Fred Fowler from Winston with 12 each.

BULLDOGS HALTED

The 6-0 winning streak was cut off by Greensboro with a 33-29 defeat. At times, the Whirlies had four men guarding Bowes, the Bulldogs center. This cut his score to 6 points. The strategy of the Bulldogs could not come up to the strategy used by Greensboro that night. The high scorer was Edgar Sockwell from Greensboro with 12 points and close at his heels was Billy Stewart with 10.

SHOW VICTORY SPIRIT

Bulldogs stayed in the background until the fourth quarter, then at the final horn the game was tied at 44 all. In the overtime White made 4 points for Gastonia and for the Bulldogs Oakley made 4 and Bowes and Stewart added 3 together making it a 51-48 victory for the Williams team.

BULLDOGS FALL SHORT

The W. H. S. cagers fell short in the first half having scored 2 points, which were free throws made by Oakley and Bowes, compared with 15 points of Salisbury. In the third and fourth periods, the Bulldogs started applying the pressure, but it was too late. Salisbury gave Burlington its second conference defeat with a 33-28 score.

AAA STANDINGS (As of Feb. 4)

| Standings | Won | Lost |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Greensboro | 7 | 1 |
| Burlington | 7 | 2 |
| W-S Reynolds | 6 | 3 |
| Gastonia | 5 | 4 |
| High Point | 4 | 4 |
| Salisbury | 4 | 5 |
| Asheville | 2 | 7 |
| Charlotte Central | 0 | 9 |

Bulldogs Upset Asheboro; Host To State Tournament

The W. H. S. grapplers snapped back after a 19-18 defeat at the hands of Greensboro to upset the high riding Blue Comets of Asheboro 22-15 to hand them their second defeat of the season.

The Asheboro wrestlers who have been beaten this year only by the state champions of Boone were surprised as they went down to defeat, as the Bulldogs won their fourth match against two losses.

As the match began it looked to be a long night for the home boys, but Tripp May started the ball rolling in the 120 lb. class with an easy decision over Britt of Asheboro. Doyle Hayes, Bill Newsome and Mike Lassiter came through with victories and after a loss in the 145 lb di-

vision, Jerry Hollifield and Harold Kimball gained decisions.

In the heavyweight event Larry Hulin of Asheboro pinned Williams' Richard Tate, but the margin was too great to close as the score stood and the match ended 22-15.

State Mat Tournament

The Burlington grapplers will again be host to the state mat tournament Feb. 20 and 21. The event will be held in the Williams Gym.

Meeting the challenge will be Jerry Hollifield, undefeated for two years and state champ; Mike Lassiter also undefeated for two seasons and Doyle Hayes undefeated thus far in the '58 campaign. Coach H. L. (Doc) Perdue is also counting heavily on Tripp May and Bill Newsome, outstanding in the

Sluggers, Cindermen Feature Spring Sports

BASEBALL

Practice will open the first of March for the 1958 W. H. S. baseballers. Coach Fred Miller stated, "I'm looking forward to a good season this year. Last year we finished the season in second place and lost only one man from the starting nine. This should give us a very good chance of winning the title this year."

For the Western Conference title the winner between Burlington, High Point, Greensboro and Winston-Salem will play the winner of Salisbury, Charlotte, Gastonia and Asheville in a two out of three game series. Western Conference winner will play the Eastern Conference winner for the state title.

Returning this year from last year's varsity squad will be Tommy Truitt, Jerry Hollifield, Nicky Sessoms, Fred Neal, Harold Kimball, Ken Marley, Benny Bowes, George Oakley and Billy Stewart. There are several players coming up from last year's J. V. expected to strengthen the team.

1958 Baseball Schedule

March 25—Pleasant Grove, here
 March 28—Pleasant Grove, there
 April 1—Greensboro, here
 April 3—Reynolds, there
 April 8—High Point, here
 April 11—Greensboro, there
 April 15—Reynolds, here
 April 18—High Point, there
 April 22—Greensboro, here
 April 25—Reynolds, there
 April 29—High Point, here
 May 2—Greensboro, there
 May 6—Reynolds, here
 May 9—High Point, there

Game time: 4 p. m.; 7 innings.

TENNIS

Perfection is the keynote of the 1958 W. H. S. tennis team. The team will be composed of a roster filled with returning lettermen. These same boys posted an excellent 6-4 record last year.

Senior swatters returning to this year's team are Gene Ward, Miles Hadley, and Bill Harriss. Bob Andrews, a junior, is expected to assume the first position on the squad with Bryant Thompson, Dan Williamson, and Frank Biggerstaff gaining experience in the lower brackets. Coach Swanner stated that the swatters could begin practice on February 24. Twelve matches have been scheduled

120 lb. and 133 lb. classes respectively.

The wrestlers, along with Coach Perdue, credit their success to hard practice, but the wrestlers also credit their coach for their successful season.

The wrestlers have only four more matches before they begin work for the tournament.

so far. Two matches will be played with each of the following: Greensboro, High Point, Durham, Henderson, Winston-Salem and Asheboro.

TRACK

Track Coach Bill England is looking forward to a successful track season this year from the W. H. S. cindermen.

After a successful season last year, the returning lettermen should serve to strengthen the Bulldog assault on various conference tracks again this year.

John Harden on the broad jump and short sprints, Paul Terrell pole vaulting, Ralph Montgomery running middle distance, and Phil Deaton, Jim Mitchell, and Reid Allen running distance, are picked as pre-season hopefuls.

Boys who place in the Sectional meet at Burlington, May 9, are eligible to compete in the state meet in Chapel Hill on May 16.

Striders will begin the long, grueling climb to get in running condition sometime shortly after basketball season is over.

An all county meet, planned for Wednesday April 16, is a new feature of the 1958 edition of the trackster's schedule. This meet will consist of track teams from all Alamance county schools and will be run on the form of a championship meet.

Burlington track schedule for 1958:
 March 26—Durham at Burlington
 April 2—Winston-Salem at Burlington
 April 9—High Point, there
 April 16—County meet at Burlington
 April 23—Greensboro, there
 May 2—Conference meet at High Pt.
 May 9—Sectional meet, Burlington
 May 16—State meet, Chapel Hill

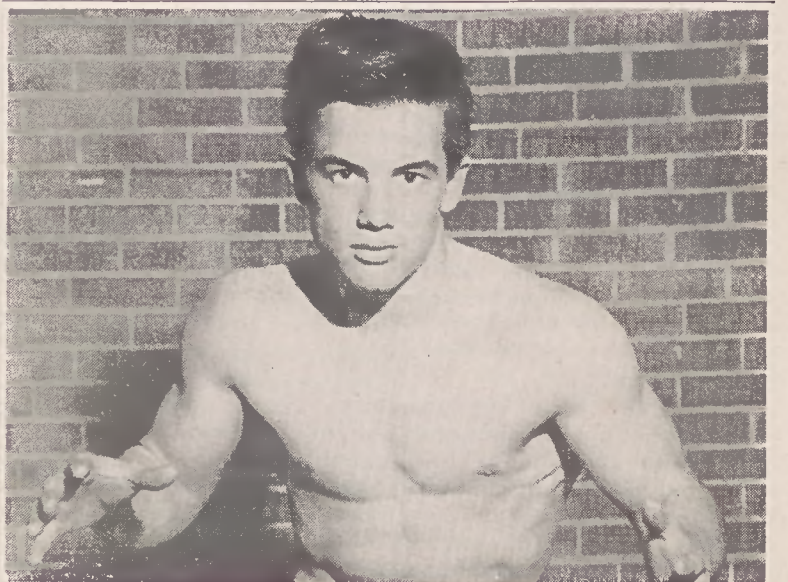
GOLF

The W. H. S. golf team started practice last week at the Alamance Country Club. Matches are scheduled to begin in the latter part of March.

Five lettermen will return from last year's squad. They are Jim Copland, R. B. Jennings, Jim Gerow, Tommy Neal and Bill Smith. Don Newlin, letterman in his freshman and sophomore year, will be back with the team this year. Les Swanner coach, states that the addition of Newlin and Jerry Thomas, freshman, should strengthen the team.

W. A. Poovey will coach the newly added Junior Varsity team this year. Bick Long, Pat Harmon, David Gerow, and Gene Wrenn are expected to lead the J. V. team.

Matches this year will be with Greensboro, Durham, Henderson, Asheboro, High Point, and Winston-Salem. The J. V. team will participate in the Henderson match.



Shown above is Mike Lassiter, co-captain of Williams High wrestling team, who received his first defeat in two years in the last match with Greensboro.