



# Sport Spins

with  
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Well, fans, we have written a lot of things called columns but we never really knew what it would be like writing the last one for dear old High Life. With this edition we end two and a half years service as a staff member.

First on the docket today, we would like to say something about the baseball Whirlies. They have played good ball all year, but some real tough breaks and some pretty good playing on the part of some other teams dethroned the Whirlwind from its position as Western class A conference champs.

Going into the last week before the conference tourney, Greensboro was rated as having a better-than-average chance to retain the loop title, but in the last tuneup game of the season Jase Ralls, who was being depended upon to do most of the tournament catching as well as pitch in at least one game, was hit on the pitching hand and suffered a broken knuckle, thus making it impossible for him to participate in the games. And shortly before, Jack Elkins, promising catcher who was one of the main cogs in the local baseball machine, was ruled scholastically ineligible.

But with all these things staring them in the face the Whirlies went into battle, and although they played

a hard game and fought to the last inning, High Point high's Black Bison upset the Jamieson-tutored lads in a first round game.

Anyway, however the outcome was, we can say our Whirlies tried. Maybe it just wasn't our year. They did good work and were coached well by Coach Bob Jamieson. Nice going, Whirlwind!

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Before we get off the subject of baseball, we would like to mention one "Big Jim" Stator. Stator is probably more well known as a tackle on the Whirlie gridgers, but his ability doesn't stop there. He has pitched for Coach Jamieson in a couple of non-loop games this year, and he is slated to be one of the top Greensboro hurlers in Legion ball this summer. His last attempt on the mound was against the 65th mess group from the local ORD, formerly BTC 10. He lost this game through one bad inning, but the soldiers were never able to collect more than five bingles off him.

And Stator's bosson buddie, Bob Apple, played in most of the Greensboro games through the tourney, and

## Lassies Conclude Softball Season

Softball, in the ranks of the girls, returned to Senior high school this year for the first time in several seasons, as Miss Doris Hutchinson's diamond lassies turned in a record of three wins in five starts.

Included among the teams that have fallen before the local girls are Curry, the physical ed majors from Woman's college and the alumni.

Greensboro opened the season with a slaughtering 53-4 triumph over Curry. In the next engagement the Hutchinson squad edged out the phys ed girls from W. C., 12-10, in a hard-fought slugfest affray. The locals beat the alumni, 17-14, for their third win.

Reynolds high, of Winston-Salem, bested Greensboro, 8-3, for its first loss of the season, and again set Senior high back on its heels in the season finale last Monday afternoon there.

Reynolds held only a 8-5 margin going into the sixth frame, but Greensboro blew up and allowed nine runs to cross the plate in the last two stanzas to lose going away.

Sara Gwynn was the leading hurler for the Senior girls, winning two games and losing one, while Gertrude Archer won one. Archer also served as a relief pitcher, as did Alice Wolfe.

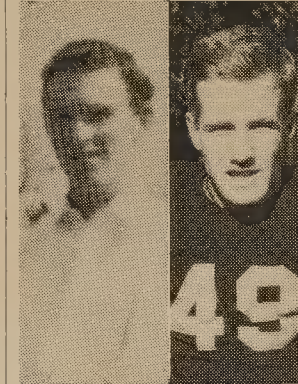
Leading swatters were Gwynn, Wolfe, Archer and Teague.

The first string Whirlettes were Gwynn, pitcher; Pappas, catcher; Glass, first base; Hock, second base; Barry, third base; Thompson, short stop; Wolfe, short field; Archer, left field; Teague, center field; and Harrington, right field.

helped a lot, too. He recorded a batting average of .333 and pitched in two wins.

We have reached "El Fin" now; so, since the Navy has priorities on us come July, we will bid you "adios."

## Whirlie Tracksters Fourth in State Meet As Feeney and Piephoff Star



Bill Piephoff, above left, and Phil Feeney carried Senior high's colors into the state track meet week before last and came back with state titles. Piephoff won the mile run and Feeney the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

Along the cinder track the Purple Whirlwind blew to fourth place in the North Carolina scholastic championship track meet in Chapel Hill, May 13.

Out of a field composed of nine teams, Central high, of Charlotte, copped the event with a margin of 13 points over their nearest rival, Durham high. Central stacked up 43 points, Durham 30, Broughton high of Raleigh 23½, and Greensboro 22.

Phil Feeney, with the speed of a true Whirlwind, ran off with the 100 and 220 dashes. Bill Piephoff, one of the state's outstanding milers, took the mile run for Greensboro with a time of 4:47.

On the heels of Greensboro was Reynolds high (Winston-Salem) in fifth place with 21 points, trailed by Curry (Greensboro) and Fayetteville (Chapel Hill and High Point) were at the bottom of the list with no points.

In the Western class A conference on May 5, the Purple Whirlies finished second behind the same Central high of Charlotte. Feeney scored eight markers for Greensboro and Piephoff five. Winston-Salem's Reynolds high was third and High Point last in the four-team meet.

Charlotte scored 77 points, Greensboro 48.9, Reynolds 18.9, and High Point 9.2.

## Girls Play Softball; Tennis Discontinued

Girls' physical ed classes here at Senior high are now engaged in a hot intra-mural softball tournament, three teams from each class participating.

Tennis among the girls this year had to be given up due to a bad start, since the courts were not in shape, but Miss Doris Hutchinson, girls' athletic director, stated that she hoped to have it next year.

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