

BOYS BEGIN BASKETBALL BOUNCING

Sports Corner

Well, here we are, right in the middle of that season when the crowds desert the cold, bleak football stadiums for the warmth of the gymnasiums to watch one of the fastest games played, basketball.

The season is here and the Whirlies are showing us some real action. They are undefeated in the prep league and have bowed only to the Elon Jayvees. Here's hoping that they keep up the good work. Let's give them plenty of support.

Basketball is truly the child prodigy of sports. Originally meant to fill in during the winter months when football or soccer could not be played, basketball refused to stay in the backseat and now draws over ninety million fans to the courts per annum, more than any other sport in the nation. That's not too bad, considering that basketball is also one of the youngest major sports also.

Although the ancient Mayas of Mexico played a game like it, it took James Naismith, an athletic instructor at the Young Men's Christian Association College to set the ball rolling. Needing a sport to play indoors, he took a bean basket, and nailed it to the gym wall, divided his class into two teams, and with a soccer ball to complete the picture, the game was born. Mr. Naismith never dreamed what he had started. Every gym in the country is probably centered around the basketball court. An humble beginning, of course, but look what it grew into!

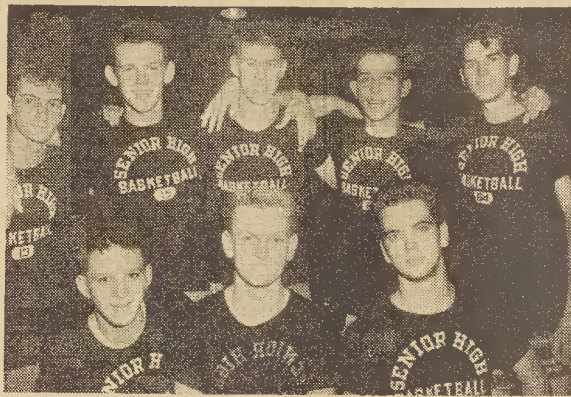
Whirlwinds Win Second Conference Victory

The Whirlie cagers further established their conference strength on Friday, January 12, by overpowering Winston-Salem Reynolds 48-35. The game was won at the foul line as was the Asheville game. The Whirlwinds bucketed 20 out of 32 free throws while Reynolds dropped in 7 out of 17.

In the third quarter the Black Demons came back fighting within two points of tying up the game 33-31. But anticipating Rodney Edwards and Sammy Hudson stole the loose balls and were away on fast breaks to give the Whirlwinds a quick ten-point advantage.

The Whirlies' zone defense kept the Black Demons from driving in for lay-up shots. From having to shoot set shots Winston lost for they hit 14 out of 63 attempts for a 37 percentage.

Rodney Edwards was the main spark in the Whirlwind's offense and defense. Rodney totaled 14 points during the game. Six from the foul line and four field goals.



Shown above is the group of cagers who make up the backbone of the winning Whirlie five. They are, first row, left to right: Joe LeBauer, guard; Charles Hester, center; and Arden Ashley, forward. Back row, left to right, they are: Sam Hudson, forward; Dick Routh, forward; Larry Bateman, center; Paul Stanton, forward; and Rodney Edwards, guard.

Elon Jayvees Top Whirlie Five 45-41

The Elon College Jayvees downed the Greensboro Whirlwinds January 8, to the tune of 45-41. These Jayvees seem to hold a jinx over the Whirlwinds, for they have beaten them twice, once before the Christmas holidays. Larry Bateman scored 21 points, as he did in the Asheville game, and was the high scorer for both teams. Sparking the winners were Bob Packard with 12 and Bill Barner with ten.

The Whirlies rolled up an early lead and held it until the final minutes of the game. Having the winning points 13-7 in the first quarter and the same advantage 25-16 at halftime, made it seem as if the Whirlies had to keep scrapping and would eventually win. But Elon came back in the third quarter and closed the advantage to one point at 36-35. Tying the score at 38-38 Elon hit consistently on set shots. Greensboro then came out of their zone defense and pressed but were never able to catch up.

Greensboro Whirlies Beat Asheville 54-50

The Greensboro Whirlwinds got started on the right foot Friday, January 5, by defeating Asheville High 54-50. This was the first conference game of the year for the defending AAA conference champs. Throughout the entire game the Whirlies trailed but by only a slight margin. Playing on their own court, Asheville hit with unusual accuracy and maneuvered the ball well. The Greensboro five trailed 13-9 at the end of the first quarter, 25-24 at the halftime, and 45-41 at the end of the third quarter. Despite the determined Asheville Maroons, the Greensboro quint pulled out ahead in the last three minutes 48-47 to go on to victory. The high scorer of the night was Larry Bateman who contributed 21 points. Rodney Edwards was second with 12 points and played a fine game. The constant practice of foul shooting helped win the game for the 15 out of 20 foul shots made actually won the game.

Jamieson's Juggernaut Gets Underway Without Benefit of Home Gymnasium

If a person didn't read the papers he might think that basketball had been abandoned here at the school, for the Greensboro Senior High basketball team never plays at home. The Whirlies have done very well this season considering that they practice in their own gym all week and then play away or their home games on their adopted Guilford College court. The few that have witnessed the home games so far this year have realized that Greensboro has a well-balanced team. The gracious supply of height under the backboards for offensive tip-ins and defensive rebounds can be equally matched with a pair of guards who can hit from out and drive in for the lay-ups just as well. If Greensboro's wheel of five spokes doesn't play a slow possessive game they are usually running their opponents until their rival's tongues are hanging out.

Asheville Defeated

With last year's team winning the conference, this year's team has started the net popping with the right sound by defeating the Asheville Maroons 54-50 for their first conference win. Last year people had a wonderful opportunity to meet and see how each player presented his talent. But playing home games at Guilford is rath troublesome for many people to attend. We know exams are approaching, and everyone is studying late and hard. Other justifications are really urgent, for Greensboro Senior High has a remarkable team. The attendance of we fellow students that helps keep high the spirit of the team certainly has not been equal to the hard and wondrous playing which these fellows have given to their school. Maybe if we became a little more familiar with the first eight it would help our desire for attendance.

Cagers Described

At guards are "Slammin'" Sammy Hudson and Rodney "Gum-Gum" Edwards. Both are agile-

footed seniors who are eighteen. Rodney stands at 6'1" and weighs 155 pounds while Sammy, the shortest of the quint, measures 5'10" and weighs 135. Both are exceptional in their fast break and hit sets with uncanny accuracy.

Dick "Square" Routh and Paul "Goon" Stanton are the two able forwards who add many points to the game by their individual scoring and their fighting for rebounds starting fast breaks. Both are 17, but Dick, a senior, weighs 20 pounds more than Paul, a junior, who weighs 160.

The last of the starting five is Larry "Nip" Bateman at the center slot. Upon looking at the team you probably would describe him first. Larry, an eighteen-year-old senior weighing 185, raises the measuring stick to 6'6". Nip's playing ability makes him stand out as well as does his height. He has helped the team tremendously on the offensive and defensive backboards and is the high scorer of the team.

Three other pictured above are Arden "Peanut" Ashley, Joe "Le, Le" LeBauer, and Charles "Strawbones" Hester. Arden, a sixteen-year old senior standing 5'9" and weighing 155 pounds, and Charles, a sixteen-year-old junior measuring 6'4" and weighing 160 pounds, work under the basket doing a fine job when called on. Arden plays forward and maneuvers the ball well while set shooting and driving for goals. Charles, like Larry Bateman, is a jumper and can't be stopped when he's hitting his jump shot.

With these nicknames one might think the entire squad rather trifling but these guys positively mean business when upon the hardwood camp.

Managers Listed

"We just couldn't forget our manager Sonny "SerBer" Brannon, for he is always cleaning up after us. He keeps us supplied with the essentials of basketball and never lets our team spirit retard," said Gum-Gum. SerBer is an eighteen-year-old senior standing at six feet and filled out with 195 pounds.

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