

WHIRLWINDS TAKE OPENER OVER BISON

.. The Sports Corner ..

BY LEDBETTER

When you hear the crack of a baseball bat, the thud of a catcher's mit, and that Japanese language that girls never understand, you can be assured of spring's closeness. If you see a player in agony because of a strawberry, don't feel sorry for him. He probably said, "Gee whiz, Coach, if I wear those sliding pads I'll simply roast; besides I've never been hurt before." And oh how sore those pitchers' arms and catcher's legs are after the first few days. How remarkably fast baseball players get tans--or is it stain from the mask.

Yes, baseball practice has begun here at the High School. If you haven't been aware of it, look around and you will see some of these limping first aid patients or brown colored faces. Although the Whirlies are minus the entire first team of last year, many substitutes saw plenty of action. *Jim Murphy* and *Franklin Davis* were among the few who really got the feel of that bame ball, and who earned letters. *Murphy* and *Davis* should be great assets to the team, for in spite of their last years action they played during the summer in the Liberty league.

The Whirlies' games spelled champs for them in their conference this previous year. But the locals lost two straight games to Gastonia in the play-offs.

Greensboro doesn't have a fire ball pitcher like *Jack Thomas*, lost to the Red Sox, but the team's strength is well rounded from the plate to the fence. *Bobby Showfety*, *Sonny Brannon*, *Bill Whedbee*, *Fullam Cashion*, *Jimmy Martinez*, and *Tommy Settlemyre* are subs returning from last year filling ably the positions left open. *Rodney Edwards*, and *Sammy Hudson*, dabsters of the hard wood court, have come out for the first time since junior high school and seem to be proving themselves in their positions: first base and third base, respectively.

Whirlie Golfers Win First Golf Match

The Greensboro golf team won their first encounter Thursday afternoon over the Burlington golf team by a score of 12½ to 5½. Even though the Whirlies were visitors on the beautiful Alhambra Country Club course they played remarkable well. *Chuck Dogget*, just through with wrestling, split with his opponent, *Chapman*, the score 1½ each. *John Hughes* beat his opponent by a score of 3 to 0, and in their team score won 2½ to one-half. *Branch Crawford* in his match with *West* won by a one point margin, two to one. *Tate Pickett* was the victor of his encounter defeating *Nicholson* 2½ to one-half. *Pickett* and *Crawford* lost in their team score by just one point, 2-1. *Johnny Hughes* had the medal score of the afternoon with a low of 81.

Her hair in curlers, a faded robe fluttering behind her, the lady rushed out and hailed the garbage truck.

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"No, Ma'am, jump right in." —Swiped

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Whirlie Netmen Take Season Opener

Last Tuesday was a big and successful day for the athletes of Senior High, as the baseball, tennis, and golf teams won out in their first encounters of the year.

The tennis version of the Burlington Bulldogs fell before the onslaught of the Whirlies netters by a much-one-sided score of 8-1. *Joe LeBauer* had the honor of starting the season off for the boys from Greensboro as he downed *Bob Hasty* of the Bulldogs, 7-5 and 6-3. *Pete Daye* of Burlington avenged the Bulldog cause by coming back to score the only victory for Burlington of the day over *Hank Turner*, by scores of 6-2 and 6-2.

In other singles, *Stanton* defeated *Fonville*, 6-3, 6-1; *Ramsey* downed *Varvour*, 6-1, 6-0; *Sullivan* defeated *Belmolken*, 6-3, 6-3; and *Mann* defeated *Tommaras* 6-1, 6-4; to give the Whirlies a perfect day except for the one solitary win of *Pete Daye* of Burlington.

In the doubles, *LeBauer* and *Stanton* of Greensboro downed *Hasty* and *Dye* of the Bulldogs, while the combo of *Turner-Ramsey* defeated *Fonville* and *Tommaras* with *Garvin-Mann* finishing out the day for the Whirlies with a win over *Orr* and *Belken*.

A check given the blonde by the millionaire in the early stage of their acquaintance came back from the bank marked: "Insufficient fun." —Swiped

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Whirlie Baseballers' Schedule Is Listed

The Whirlie batsmen have eleven games scheduled for their season, but Coach *Julian Smith* is trying to register some more. Eight games will be played in April and three in May, six at home and five away. Here is your schedule for the season. Cut it out and come to support your team through a successful year.

- 4 Guilford—Away
- 8 High Point—Away
- 11 Salisbury—Away
- 17 Gastonia—Home
- 22—Reynolds—Home
- 25 Burlington—Home
- 29 Salisbury—Home
- May
- 9 Gastonia—Away
- 13 High Point—Home
- 16 Reynolds—Home

Davis Hurls One-Hitter As Whirlies Score Nine

A green but willing Whirlie baseball team copped their opener with the Black Bison of High Point, last Tuesday, by an easily gained tally of 9-5, to get off to a good start in the conference. Last year, the Whirlwinds were second only to the Green Wave of Gastonia.

Davis Leads The Attack

On the mound for the Greensboro team, *Franklin Davis* commandeered the win as he whiffed ten of the Bison and gave up only one hit to the Bison batters.

The Bison, led by the Whirlies who had tallied two in the top of the second, caught fire and took advantage of four walks and three errors on the part of the home team, and with the one hit by *Ken Frye*, took the lead, five to two.

Tied In Top Of Seventh

The Whirlies made up their deficiency in the next four innings and went into the top of the seventh with a score of five-all. It was *David* up to lead off for the Whirlies, and he secured a hit. He was followed by *Hudson* who got a walk. *Rodney Edwards* was hit by a pitched ball on the part of the Bison hurler, *Blizzard*, and went to first to load the bases for the home team.

Tidwell Singles For RBI

High Point set up a defense against a sacrifice as *Don Tidwell* came to bat for the home team. *Tidwell* proved their play was in vain, however, as he put a hit down to the shortstop, who couldn't get the throw away in time, and *Davis* won his own game. *Murphy* fied out and gave *Hudson* his chance, and *Edwards* tallied one more on a passed ball after *Phillips* went out on a grounder. *Varnar* secured a walk from *Blizzard*. He tried to steal second, but he was put out, but kicked the ball out of the hands of the second baseman. *Tidwell* took advantage of the opportunity and came home for the final and ninth run. The Whirlies buckled down in the bottom of the seventh and held the Bison scoreless.

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