

.. The Sports Corner ..

BY LEDBETTER

Well, this is the last issue, so let's look back over this year's Whirlie athletic events and records. It hasn't been too successful as far as records, but Team and School spirit is another matter. It was nothing short of GREAT!

FOOTBALL

In football, the Whirlies came out on the short end for the first time in eighteen years, but the school stood wholeheartedly behind the team. The Whirlies were victorious in only three of the eleven starts, but were only beaten twice by over one TD. The Greensboro Gridders dropped their season opener to the later-to-be State Champion Wilmington Wildcats by a heart-breaking score, but came back the next week to whip the Raleigh Caps by a twelve point margin. A losing streak stopped the Whirlies dead, however, as they lost games to Rocky Mount, Charlotte, Gastonia, and Asheville, consecutively. The Asheville game was lost on a very FLUKE play, if you recall, which was a twenty-yard rolling kick around the left end. The gridders never gave up, and they came back to defeat Reidsville High's Golden Lions by virtue of great defensive work. Just as Wilmington seemed to be a junior version of Tennessee. The Reynolds Demons seemed a counterpart of Carolina in its prime and handed the Whirlwinds their second worst defeat of the season. The unlucky streak started again and the Whirlies dropped one to the Black Bison of High Point. The Bulldogs of Burlington dropped the Whirlies next, but the Greensboro boys wound up the year successfully as they scored twice while holding Goldsboro scoreless.

WRESTLING

The Whirlie Grapplers went through the season unblemished, winning all seven matches and finishing out their second undefeated year with a thirteen match winning streak. They lost their coach, Charlie Baker, who was recalled into the Navy, but were guided through the remainder of the season by Coach Lody Glenn. They had hopes of copping the first State Championship since '38, but were hit hard by injuries and sickness, and had to stand by and watch High Point, whom they had defeated twice in the season, take the match by sheer numerical strength. Nevertheless, the Whirlies had three championships individually.

BASKETBALL

The old Mayan sport was one of the few bright spots on the Greensboro record books this year, as the Whirlies went through a great season. The Greensboro Cagers, under the able coaching of Coaches Jamieson and Julian Smith, copped the Western AAA championship for the second consecutive year, winning 20 out of 25 games played. In the State tournament, the Whirlie hopes of the BIG title grew as they walloped Wilson and edged mighty Wilmington by a margin of six points scored in the overtime.

The Wilmington scrap, which kept the Greensboro rooters breathless, took its toll on the Whirlies, and it was a tired group of basketeers who lost the title to the Raleigh Capitals by a bitterly fought-for two points.

GOLF

The Golf team, consisting of Chuck Doggett, John Hughes, Branch Crawford, and Tate Pickett, was third in the State, with Hughes leading the group.

SWIMMING

The swimming team lost to the mighty Raleigh aquamen, who proved to be their downfall last year, and to Durham, but defeated Fayetteville to get third place in the State also.

BASEBALL

The Whirlie Nine broke even this year with a 5-5 record. They dropped two to the Western AAA Champion Burlington Bulldogs, split with Gastonia, High Point and Winston Reynolds, and dropped the Yellowjackets of Salisbury twice.



C. L. Nabors, above, has ably filled two positions this year. He was the Whirlie's regular short stop and while not cooling this hot position, he has been a relief pitcher.

Whirlie Baseballers Top High Point 5-4

The Whirlie batsmen rallied in the last of the eighth inning to score two runs and bring their second win of the season over the Black Bison of High Point. Their first in over High Point was their first game, defeating them 9 to 5. Downing High Point gave the Whirlies a 5-4 won-loss record.

With bases loaded at various times during the game, runs were in the making. But double plays checked that, two by Greensboro and one by High Point. Rodney Edwards made a double play unassisted. He caught a fly ball while an opposing runner was stealing second and tagged the first sack for the double play.

It was a close ball game all the way. With each team having three runs at the end of the seventh, the game went into extra innings.

James Delap of High Point singled and then another batsman was hit, putting runners on first and second. Catcher Ken Frye singled and brought home High Point's winning run before Greensboro could manage three outs.

C. I. Nabors singled to right field and was advanced to second base by a sacrifice bunt which was thrown wild to second by pitcher McDowell. This enabled Greensboro runners to advance to second and third. Sammy Hudson bunted on the squeeze play, and then a wild throw to first enabled the winning run to cross the plate.

Franklin Davis is credited with the victory, making it his second of the year.

Whirlies Take Final Encounter, 8-5

The determined Whirlie Baseball team struck back in revenge against the Black Demons of Winston-Salem Reynolds, May 15, on the Whirlie diamond to defeat them by a score of 8-5. Reynolds, who earlier defeated the Greensboro Baseballers, threatened in the fifth inning but the Whirlwinds lashed back to score three runs in the sixth to make their record of wins and losses balance for the season.

Southpaw Jim Murphy started in the role of hurler for the Greensburgers, and the Whirlies tallied five runs to Reynold's two in the first two innings.

The Demons rallied in the top of the fifth, however, and took advantage of three straight hits and an error to tie up the game 5-5, and the Whirlwinds started sweating as Davis came in to relieve Murphy and retire the side.

The Whirlies won the game in the bottom of the sixth, as their own rally began with a free trip to first on balls for Irvin Wade. Little Sammy Hudson was up next and beat out a single, with Rod Edwards bunting successfully and an error sending in Wade home to put the Whirlies in the lead by one run.

Two wild pitches in a row put Edwards and Hudson safely home to wind up the Whirlie tallying, 8-5. Davis retired the side by strike-outs in the seventh.

Jim Nelson, Reynolds's All-State football fullback, was the big gun for Reynolds, putting out six men, while Rodney Edwards put out five.

Franklin Davis won his third of the year, making him have a five hundred record. He has won three and lost three for the year.

Gastonia Game
The Gastonia Green Wave scored six runs in the sixth inning on part of Greensboro's eight errors to defeat the Whirlies six to four. The Whirlies held the

defending state champs on four runs until the sixth.

Two errors along with two base hits, a sacrifice and a walk, and then a fielder's choice totaled the Green Wave's six.

The game looked as if it would be a Greensboro victory, for in the top of the second southpaw Jim Murphy led off with a home run over the right field fence.

Franklin Davis retired the side in the bottom of the sixth, relieving Murphy, and C. L. Nabors finished the mound job holding Gastonia scoreless.

This victory left Gastonia with a 4-4 record, and Greensboro with a 3-5 record.

Mr. Glenn: "When was the revival of learning?"
Tinkie: "Just before exams."
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