



## Whirlies Triumph Over Tri-City; Ichabad, Scurlock Star In Wins

By Jerry Farber

Coach Bob Jamieson's dribblers won their second game of the season against Tri-City, a team which had beaten the Whirlies the previous season. Eighteen goals separated the two quintets as Greensboro won 62 to 26.

Greensboro, at times, gave the appearance of being in mid-season form, but penalties and flurries of ragged play offset their showing considerably. Tri-City could not get started as their fast-moving opponents gave them little time to shoot. They were completely outmanned under the backboards, with Dave Scurlock and Doug Albright helping out considerably in that department.

Both teams substituted freely throughout the contest, with 15 boys seeing action for the Whirlies and 13 for Tri-City. Dave Scurlock, Whirlie forward who is being counted on heavily this year, was Greensboro's high scorer, swishing 18 points through the buckets to lead in that department. Next high man was Lawrence McCranie with 14, who showed up very well under the boards and played a fine defensive game.

For Tri-City, Williams was the leading scorer with eleven points. Williams, the loser's lanky center, played all but two minutes of the game and was the leading rebounder for his squad.

### WHIRLIE THIRD WIN

With two wins already behind them, the Greensboro Whirlwinds took on Tri-City and captured win number three, beating the losers 89 to 36 in Leaksville.

The Whirlies scored a creditable 59 points in the second half to polish off their outclassed opponents by a score of 89 to 36. The big gun in this non-conference win was Lawrence McCranie, Whirlie forward, who led the scoring with 30 points.

McCranie, who ran into scholastic difficulties last year, played a good offensive game, also showing up very well defensively. He was under the backboards, and his opponents found him to be very deceptive. He hit on 11 out of 17 from the floor and added 8 more points from the free throw line.

## GHS Cagers Seek Win Over Gastonia

Tonight is basketball night at GHS when the hardwood of Senior's newly completed, and as yet undedicated gymnasium, is host to Gastonia, the Whirlies' first conference competition of the young '54-'55 season.

Wary coaches hesitate to venture into the realm of the unpredictable by picking winners in the contested Western Conference race this early in a season which most feel should pack some surprises.

For example, the Greensboro-Gastonia encounter scheduled for tonight pits a Greensboro quint, depleted by the loss of four regulars from last year's championship club, against a Green Wave club described by Coach Ted Canter as "much improved" with seven lettermen and three starters back in the lineup. Despite their loss last week to the towering Burlington five, coaches are designating Gastonia as "one to watch."

After squeezing by Asheboro, Greensboro dumped Tri-City two nights in succession and then was successful in the first AAA encounter against Durham.

Still juggling his starting line-up, Bob Jamieson sends his charges after their fifth straight win tonight.

The Whirlies extend their AAA activities this Saturday night to Raleigh against that team which has proved so troublesome in previous times.

With Christmas holidays affording an opportunity to sharpen various phases of their game the Whirlies are expected by most observers to be ready to hold their own in defense of the Western crown.

Five teams of the eight composing the conference are mentioned by coaches as possible champions. Besides Greensboro are Charlotte, Central, Burlington, Asheville, and Gastonia.

# GYM-SHORTS



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Looks as though our Whirlies are the 'bestest with the mostest' this year in more ways than one. The "fustest" were the gridders, who fielded one of the greatest football elevens ever to assemble under the name Whirlie. They came through in fine tradition that has usually been known to GHS, and also came through against Durham to win the state AAA title. Quite an accomplishment for a team which some pre-season forecasters picked to have a mediocre season.

Secondly, the first few games of the year for Coach Jamieson's dribblers led sports fans to the conclusion that Greensboro will field not only a first-rate football team, but also a first rate basketball quint. With Dave Scurlock, Lawrence McCranie, Frank Jones, Norm Odyneic, and Doug Albright plus a host of other promising prospects, playing ball for us this year you can bet your best for the Whirlies. . . . You will have picked a winner . . .

I've learned one thing about what I can do and cannot do. I am too at prognosticator. I seem to thrive on picking a loser, something which no other successful sports writer can boast of. Think I'll start writing a column called, "Pick The Loser." That should be right up my alley. Just one more word do I wish to say . . .

Carolina could not have possibly beaten Notre Dame—it was futile to even have the slightest doubt about the outcome. I did pick Carolina because I thought it would stir up a little noise. It sure did. I could have gotten more bets than the entire world of bookieism. People came to me, with stupid grins on their faces, and cash in their pockets. "Put your money where your mouth is, Farber." I did just that. And now, I've got no more money and no more mouth. But that little prediction served its purpose. It stirred up a little noise. I could hear that noise in every corner of the school. "That lumb little jerk has flipped his lip. Wonder if he's in school on a lend-lease program. Dumb jery." Okay, so I'm dumb. Look what that trait did for Mari-

lyn Monroe. I'm just trying to say that I haven't flipped my lid, that I thought the same things you did. It would have been hard for Notre Dame to keep the score under a point a second, that was just about right. If anybody wants to say anything about my judgment, you can say it to my face now. And I'll convince you that I'm still sane. . . . But try and tell me that picking Carolina to beat Duke was crazy. Well, just try and tell me. . . . I'll be around. The Tar Heels could have won that ball game, and to this minute, some of the biggest and best sports analysts in the country are still scratching their heads and wondering, just as I'm doing now. But NO, never. That one was strictly for publicity purposes.

One last word about football—prediction: that Barclay will have one more year, next year, to produce a winning football team. I doubt if he will. Four coaches will be possible prospects for the job as head coach of the Tar Heels. Jim Tatum, Bud Wilkinson, Art Guepe, or Eddie Erdelatz, with Tatum, getting the nod, so it looks from here. . . . And now, you want to know what will probably happen? Barclay will continue as head coach, leading UNC to a very successful season, and his Tar Heels will beat the Irish next year. Now wait a minute. Balderacchi. . . . to each his own!! In the ACC this year, you can expect better teams and higher scores. State, Duke, and Wake Forest all rank nationally and will along with Carolina, form the nucleus of that conference.

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	Bowl Predictions:	Farber
Martin	Rose Bowl	Farber
Southern Cal	Ohio State-Southern Cal	Ohio State
Duke	Orange Bowl	Duke
Navy	Nebraska-Duke	Navy
Georgia Tech	Sugar Bowl	Arkansas
Blue	Mississippi-Navy	Grey
	Cotton Bowl	
	Arkansas-Georgia Tech	
	Blue-Grey	

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