

GYM-SHORTS



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SCENE: Greensboro High Stadium
TIME: Two Friday nights ago
TOPIC: The Whirlies

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Coach "Bob" Jamieson's latest crop of pigskinners christened the '55 season versus Raleigh, and the visiting politicians were lucky to leave the Gate City with a 0-0 tie.

The new Whirlie edition gave the many onlookers optimistic ideas, and with good cause. Though GHS supporters weren't swept off their feet by perfect football (for there wasn't any), local fans did see some brilliant football. There were hot and cold flashes, but it was quite evident that once the spark ignites the hay, you will see another batch of top-flight footballers.

Jamieson's "Rolling Stones" just couldn't seem to muster the punch worth 6 points. Yet they held Raleigh scoreless, and, in the process, completely outplayed and "out-statisticated" their target for the evening. The Whirlies preserved their win-lose record, making it stand at three digits, 10 - 0 - 2. This you can call a record.

Louis Glascock, only returning letterman ballcarrier, looked at times as if he were in mid-season form, running and playing the kind of football which made him such an important element of the '54 champs. "Luke", along with Larry Rogers, provided the bulk of the Whirlwinds running game. Rogers, flashy halfback, is playing his first year as a varsity member. Last season he played Jayvee ball, and was one of Coach Smith's top prospects for the "big team" this year.

Experience is the big thorn, as is a lack of depth. Coach Jamieson lost by way of graduation ten or eleven regulars. This cut a deep gash in his '55 plans. As previously mentioned, Glascock was the only "steady" returnee. However, several strong holdovers from last season are playing a very important part for the current Whirlies. Charlie "Brick" Whedbee, who played much football a year ago, is back to knock aheads, and will be counted on heavily. Bud "Cherokee" DeBruhl, having already some experience, will probably do as much for GHS football as Chief Sitting Bull did for U. S. history. Pretty darn much.

Any Old News

Everyone remembers Jim Jones,



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GHS On Short End In Second Encounter Against Bulldogs 14-0

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Durham's Bulldogs, downed twice by Greensboro last year—gained their much sought-after revenge by pinning the visiting Whirlies to a 14-0 defeat. The Bulldogs, unable to muster enough steam to tally during the first half, came back after halftime to score their two TD's.

A rugged defense employed by the Whirlies kept Durham's backfield in a zither through the first period. Though dangerously deep in foe territory several times, the home-standing Bulldogs couldn't "power the punch" to pay dirt. Led by linebackers Buddy "Cherokee" DeBruhl and Charlie Whedbee, along with other defensive stalwarts Bill Lewey, Sam Bright, and Clayton Stanley, Greensboro's defenders weren't to be budged. The eventual winners got as far as the two-yard line, but didn't reach "The Promised Land." Durham thrice reached territory within the 10-yard line, but their efforts were of no avail. It was this type of dogged-determined effort which kept the Whirlies in constant contention.

The second half told the same

a little more experience, Rothrock just might "handoff" another victory-bound year to add to GHS laurels... Go, Whirlwinds, go...

ex-Whirlie star who won every honor except the Purple Heart while playing for Greensboro. Well, he's at it again. Except he has switched Alma Maters. This time, he charades under the name Tar Heel. George Barclay, Carolina's "big boss," calls Jones "the hoss." Though he isn't by any means the biggest man on the squad, he's worth his 190 pounds in gold. Defensively, he has been hailed as another Huck Holdash, ex-Tar Heel All-American of four years back. Jones is one of Carolina's main hopes of becoming the powerhouse it once was, and with a few good breaks, he just might be "a missing link." Here's cheers, Jim... Good luck...

An Important Flashback

No football analysis is complete without giving credit to the "steering wheel" of the squad.

In Greensboro's case, the "wheel" is Don Rothrock. Though Norm Odyneic set a high precedent for anyone to follow, Don looks as if he "has the follow-through." At any rate, his debut as quarterback against Raleigh was far from disappointing. With

GHS WHIRLIES KICK OFF '55 SEASON CONFERENCE OPENER WITH CHARLOTTE

Charlotte Cenral's Wildcats, an aspiring team composed almost entirely of letter men returning from the 1954 season, take on the twice-downed Greensboro Whirlies tonight at 8 o'clock in Charlotte.

Charlotte, a reputedly strong club, is out for its third win of the still young season against the Greensboro Club which has trounced the Wildcats in the two previous seasons, 18-0 and 24-12 in the opening games.

The Whirlies have shown in their two previous encounters a strong defense. Led by Bud DeBruhl,

Charlie Whedbee, Bert Wilder, Ronnie Parks and Sammy Bright, Greensboro has made clear that their's will be a hard defense to crack. Thus far, as far as win-loss percentages go, they haven't been any too impressive, tying Raleigh in the season opener, and downed by Durham last week. Tonight will answer many questions, one of which many loyal Whirlie partisans would like to have answered—will hte offense equal the defense? At any rate, there are quite a few GHS students and Greensburghers who plan to travel the 91 miles to find out.

LET'S BE READY...

With the advent of September the sounds and smells and sights of football again pervade the north campus. The 1954 season is not quite forgotten, and rightly so. Its lingering effects coupled with the fact that it was opening night for the Whirlies of Greensboro High swelled our first home game crowd. You could feel the potent enthusiasm of the hall Friday morning as blue and white ribbons spread through the crowd. Everyone's mind was one-tracked that Friday.

It is going to be a trying year for the Whirlies and their coaches. Last year's performances will loom over every corresponding game this year. Alumni and bandwagonneers are going to make some exacting comparisons.

We are admittedly not the powerhouse that romped through the ranks of AAA teams unscathed last year. The '55 edition may even be described as inexperienced. We should have a winning season, however, and with the continued support which the gridders drew against Raleigh it is not a possibility but a probability.

Past victories are easily forgotten by the volatile "fans" who demand a perennial winner from the pre-season practice field. Surprisingly, most of this group is not to be found at GHS but among the parents and other "well-wishers" who clamber aboard the band wagon only to make an unhesitating retreat when the victorious picture fades. There are some good examples of this in the student body occasionally though; and this is inexcusable, for we have a deep-rooted responsibility to the nearly fifty boys, win or lose. The physiological effect of sometimes organized but more often spontaneous cheering and good attendance in the stadium is unbelievable. Ask any letterman. Let's be ready for all the games, particularly the ones at home. The team is.

story, but with a different punchline. Things started off at a faster rate of speed—for Durham. The scoreboard read 7-0 after a few minutes had elapsed in the third quarter. Unable to pick up a first down, Greensboro had to rely on Larry Gill to "punt out." And then Fate's breaks took Durham by the hand. Worth Hill took the boot on his own 40, stalked his way to midfield, picked up a few blocks, and then zoomed the remaining fifty yards to paydirt. The extra point attempt was good, and Durham had "broken the ice." Though this didn't dent the Whirlie spirits, which were a benchful strong, it did bring the question to mind, can the Whirlie offense match "wits" with Durham's? The Whirlie runners couldn't seem to get rolling, with faulty ball handling and inconsistent "football" handicapping

them. And that was, for the most part, the way it stayed. Larry Rogers did give supporting onlookers from the Gate City one moment of priority. Taking a pitch-out from quarterback Rothrock, the flashy runner raced 43 yards deep into Bulldog soil. But this threat ended on the very next play due to fumbleitis, closing out Gate City optimism for the evening.

From this point on, it was a battle of unresourcefulness. Durham changed the score with only seconds remaining in the contest. With play starting on the Greensboro 30, the victors managed to vault their runners to the 14, from which point halfback Kenny Ferrell carried the pigskin to six points. The extra point flew straight through the uprights, putting to an end the unfeisty occasion. The execution ended, with the Whirlies walking the last mile...

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