



Several Whirlie cagers are shown above as they scrimmage in preparation for their opening game with Raleigh, December 4.

## SWIMMERS, DEFENDING STATE CHAMPS BEGIN WORKING FOR COMING SEASON

BY MAX SNODDERLY

North Carolina's state champion swimming team, the Greensboro Whirlies, began practice Monday,

## Wilder, Gill Selected As Shrine Bowlers

Two stalwarts in the attack of the Whirlies' championship football team, Bert Wilder, and Larry Gill, have been selected to play in the annual Shrine Bowl tomorrow.

The game is to be played in Charlotte in Charlotte Memorial Stadium. Kickoff time is 2 p. m. Wilder and Gill were two of the finest of the Whirlie aggregation that went through an undefeated campaign.

Bert Wilder is a 220 pound tackle who is being sought by many colleges. This was Bert's second year as a first string tackle. Bert was on an undefeated JV team in his sophomore year. Last year did a fine job, having to go both ways most of the time.

This year Bert led a Whirlie line that mowed down all opposition. Coach Bob Jamieson was very pleased and impressed by Bert's performance against Fayetteville.

Larry Gill, an end, was a co-captain on this year's team. Larry led the defensive team that held the opposition to less than two touchdowns in all but one game. This was Larry's second year on the varsity. He did all the punting on last year's team and played defensive ball.

Coaches around the state agree that Larry is one of the best prospects in the state. Larry led the Whirlies in several departments.

November 26 at the Central YMCA.

Prior to the beginning of practice, most of the boys out for the team had been taking exercise for three weeks. This is a new addition to the training program. The purpose is to get the boys in shape before the beginning of the season. This same arrangement has worked out successfully for many college teams.

### Several Stalwarts

Having dominated the state swimming scene for four years, the Whirlie tankmen figure to do so again. Potential All-American candidates Ranny Dodson, Bob Hubner, John Burwell, and David Nance will be the stalwarts of the team. Each member of this quartet holds practically all the state records for his events.

Sophomores Harry Schiffman and Dick Edwards showed promise this summer and should boost the team.

There are only two swimmers lost from last year's squad, so most of the additions to the team will be for depth and not to fill vacancies.

Better competition this year offers many chances for upsets, with Raleigh and Myers Park rated as the top adversaries.

### Coach Optimistic

Swimming coach, Pat Earey sums up his opinions in this manner; "We should have one of the best seasons yet if everyone performs up to his abilities."

January 26 marks the beginning of the current season with the East Carolina College Invitational Meet.

If the saying "history repeats itself" comes true, GHS will have another trophy to add to its collection.

# Basketeers Have Experience; Reserve Strength Key To Season

BY ADD PENFIELD

Experience, size, speed—these three words sum up the prospects for the 1956-57 Whirlie basketball squad.

The Whirlies will have one of the most experienced teams in the Western AAA Conference. The cagers have 10 lettermen returning from last year's squad, plus two who were lettermen as sophomores but were ineligible after five games last year.

### Squad Is Big

There is good size on the squad with 10 boys pushing over the six foot mark. Doug Albright and James Spence, both returnees

from last year's squad, are tallest of the crop.

A set of fast guards goes along to help with the element of speed. Brad Anderson, Owen Johnson, Doug Orr, Edgar Sockwell, and Dave Albaugh are the Whirlies who have a great deal of speed to move the ball.

### Team Deep In Reserves

The reserve strength of the team is very deep. Coach Jamieson has two teams that are almost equal. This is a good feature in high school basketball, because most teams are crippled when they have to substitute for a first-line boy.

There is very keen competition

for the places on the squad roster. Several boys will have to fight hard to make the squad. Coach Jamieson plans to dress 12 boys for away games and 15 for the home games in the early part of the season. Then he will weed out three boys to get down to the tournament limit of 12.

The offensive pattern of the team will depend a great deal on the size of the boys in the game. It will mean a lot of weaving. If it will mean a lot of weaving. If the smaller boys are in the game, there will be a lot of cutting and driving.

### Squad Works 4 Weeks

The squad has been working out for four weeks in preparation for the season which opens December 4. Three full-game scrimmages have taken place with several boys showing up well. Doug Albright and James Spence have looked particularly impressive to us. There are several others that fit in this line, Jim Eskridge, Brad Anderson, and Bill Cannon. The juniors on the team will have a lot to do with the outcome of the season.

### Jamieson Confident

Although he doesn't come out and say it, there is in Coach Jamieson a quiet air of confidence that his boys can do the job. This means, of course, a AAA championship in basketball.

The first home game of the season will be played December 4 against Raleigh's Caps.

## Geiger Scores Tying TD; Team State Co-champions

Star fullback Jim Geiger got the yardage when it was needed, and the Whirlies came from behind to gain a 6-6 tie with Fayetteville for the state championship.

With the tie the schools were declared co-champions although Greensboro dominated the statistics. Under the state regulations championships may be decided on the total yardage gained by a team. The Whirlies led their foes by a large margin in this department.

Geiger was the big gun in the

rally to tie the score. The Whirlies took the ball from their 15-yard line on an 85-yard march late in the fourth quarter. Geiger gained large chunks of yardage in the drive. A pass from Harold Wrenn to Larry Rogers put the Whirlies on the Fayetteville 15. From there it was all Geiger as he gained 11 out of the 15 yards needed. Jim went over from four yards out for the touchdown.

Then the pressure was put squarely on Bob McNairy to kick the extra point. Bob kicked the ball squarely, but Fayetteville's end Joe Loflin came out of nowhere to block the point. Only three minutes remained and 6-6 is the way it ended, although both teams tried in vain to score again.

Fayetteville scored first in the first quarter after the Whirlies had backed up deep in their own territory. Fayetteville got the ball in the Greensboro 42-yard line and marched for their score. A flat pass for 20 yards set up the score, and Bill Cromartie crashed over for the TD.

## Cagers Schedule Listed

Dec. 4—Raleigh	Here
7—Bessemer	Here
11—Asheboro	Away
15—Raleigh	Away
17—Tri-City	Here
18—Asheboro	Here
Jan. 4—Asheville	Away
8—High Point	Here
11—Charlotte	Here
15—Reynolds	Here
18—Salisbury	Away
22—Gastonia	Away
25—Burlington	Here
29—Asheville	Here
31—High Point	Away
Feb. 5—Charlotte	Away
8—Reynolds	Away
12—Salisbury	Here
15—Gastonia	Here
19—Burlington	Away
21-22—Western Conference Championship.	Site to be announced.

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