

Whirlie Star Talks Shrine Game; Wins Valuable Player Award

BY BERT WILDER

(Bert, a star tackle on the Whirlie football team, played in the Shrine Bowl game December 1 in Charlotte. Larry Gill, an end from Senior High, also played in the contest. Here we invited Bert to write about some of the things that they did for the game. Bert was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the game and received the Lee Kirby Memorial Award.)

We arrived at Hotel Charlotte between 10 and 11 a. m. Saturday, November 24. Larry's dad took us down in his new Chevy.

After meeting the North Carolina team, we got bedded down three to a room and made for the dining room where we found our places at the training table. The food was great, and we put it away.

Cagers Play Raleigh Seeking Revenge Win

With three games under their belts and revenge in their hearts, the Whirlies will take on Raleigh's Caps tomorrow night at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh in a game to start at 6:30.

It will be a preliminary contest to the North Carolina State-George Washington game.

The Caps handed the Whirlies a defeat in their opening contest with a 52-51 overtime victory. The Whirlies would like to get another chance to show what they can do, especially in front of the folks in Reynolds Coliseum.

Doug "Elvis" Albright, Larry Gill, James Spence and Company will be out to get their first victory over a AAA foe. Albright was impressive against Raleigh as he scored 16 points. Gill got 11 in the loss.

There are two home games next week as the team winds up its pre-Christmas schedule. Monday night the Whirlies meet Tri-City's Black Panthers. Tuesday, Asheboro sends its Blue Comet team to Senior High gym. Both of these games are AA foes.

The first Western AAA contest for the Whirlies will be January 4, when they journey to the mountains for a game with the Asheboro Maroon Devils.

We spent the afternoon taking physicals and trying on the new green and gold uniforms. That night we saw the Charlotte Clippers hockey team perform.

Sunday we visited the crippled children's hospital in Greenville. S. C. and found out the real purpose behind the Shrine bowl game.

The weekly schedule was eat, rest, practice two hours in the morning; rest, eat, practice three hours in the afternoon; rest, eat and go to a show or some other entertainment in the evening. The big occasion was the banquet Thursday night, which featured a number of the big coaches from various Atlantic Coast Conference schools.

Shrine Pageant

Friday night the Shriners gave a pageant depicting the crippled children's hospital. The king and queen of the Shrine Bowl, who had been healed at the hospital were present, and the co-captains were introduced in full uniform. It was a big thrill to be one of the captains, but the pressure didn't come on until we saw that crowd at the field and 24 bands parading.

Larry and I felt that we had a big responsibility in representing Coach Jamieson's Whirlies because it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. Butterflies were numerous and permanent.

All Played Well

The boys were all good and really played their hearts out. It surely made us feel secure to know that Larry was on the flank.

It seemed like the longest game in the world as far as the score went, but no matter who lost we knew that the crippled children would win.

It never once entered my mind that I would receive the Lee Kirby Award, but I'll never forget how

I felt when they told me—it's something that you can't explain.

I know that Larry agrees with me that we got our big chance because of the training given us by Coach Jamieson and his staff

Whirlies Whip Bessemer; Jamieson Uses 16 Boys

Every member of the Whirlie basketball squad was given a chance to show what he could do last Friday, as the Whirlies won their first contest of the year over a Bessemer team by a 54-38 score.

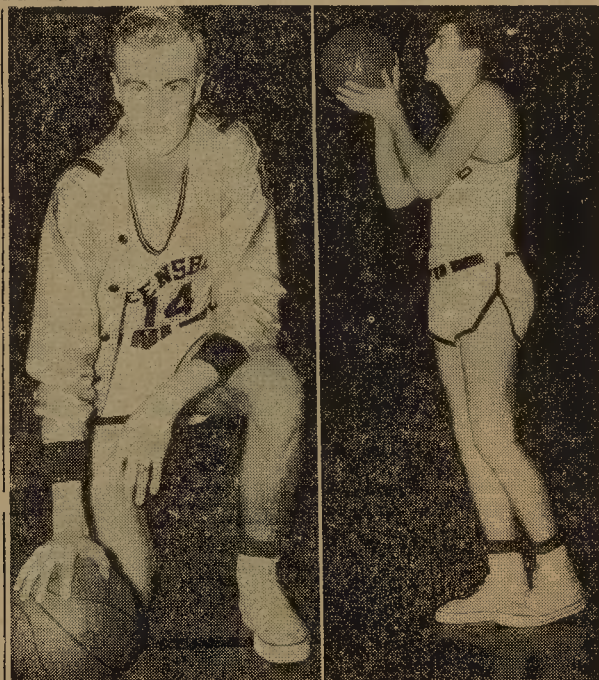
Coach Bob Jamieson was very liberal as he used 16 men in the win over the cross-town rivals. The first-stringers warmed the bench most of the night. The Whirlies, much taller than the Whippets, managed to control the backboards and therefore most of the game.

The Whirlies jumped off to a quick lead in the first quarter, finishing that stanza with a 16-9 lead. Had GHS's Blue and White been hitting with more regularity, the Whippets would have been trailing by a more substantial margin.

The second-string boys started the second quarter and finished the half with a lead of 28-20. Bessemer stayed within eight points because of their accuracy from the foul line. Their shooting from the field was atrocious during the first half.

Late in the third quarter Coach Jamieson released his starting quint, and they stretched the lead to the 16 point margin that they had at the game's end.

James Spence, Whirlie forward, was the high scorer for GHS with 11 points. Doug Albright had eight points. The rest of the scoring was rather evenly divided among the rest of the squad.



The Whirlies in action . . . At top left, Dave Aubaugh tries a jump shot from the right. Other Whirlies in the photo are Jim Eskridge and Edgar Sockwell. In the center is a ballet of arms and legs as Peaches Brewer of Bessemer tangles with Lee Cory and Bill Cannon of the Whirlies. In the picture at right, James Spence drives in for a layup.

The two individual shots are of James Spence and Doug Albright, two of the top performers on this year's cage squad.

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