

Whirlies Whip Page 62-47



Salisbury Bows 68-56 In First Conference Bout

The Whirlies defeated the Pirates from Greensboro Page 62-47 January 8. Before meeting the Whirlie cagers, the Pirates had a 7-0 record in what seemed to be one of the most astonishing starts in the conference.

Whirlie Words

The Whirlies with a 19 game winning streak at stake lost to Lynchburg 39-23. It was an unusually low scoring game with the Whirls only hitting 3 for 17 shots from the floor at the half. There are several reasons for the Blue and White's sad defeat. First, the players themselves weren't pulling off their usually accurate plays as they did before Grimsley fans. Second, and just as important, there were no Grimsley fans. The Whirlies played on foreign court with no support. The fact that the game was played over the holidays was all the more reason that Whirlie fans should have been there. The rest of the games this season at the most are an hour's drive away. No excuses offered or excepted—the Whirlies will not play on foreign courts with no support from Whirlie fans again.

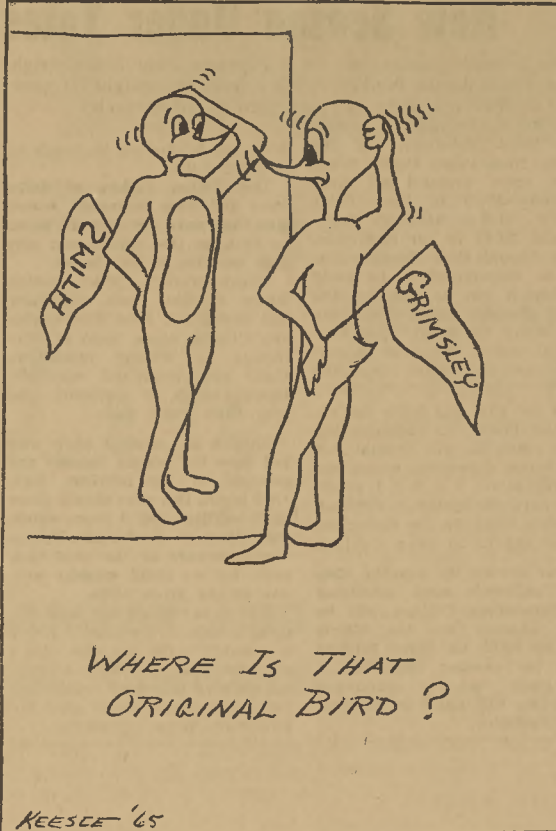
Several Whirlie football players have accepted football scholarships for the next four years. They are Frankie Leonard, VPI, and Larry Dempsey, Duke. Congratulations on this fine continuance of Whirlie tradition.

February 14 is the tentative date for the North Carolina Regional SCCA Gymkhana.

Dave Grimes' effort to upgrade the expressions blarring from the Whirlie stands paid off Friday night. The favorable comments from everywhere were almost as rewarding as the game.

Five tall boys from Grimsley met five Pirates on a very strange battlefield. After quite a fast paced skirmish, the final results showed 62 points to the Red Bandits from cross-town, 47.

The Whirlies now have a 6-1 record and stand first in conference tied with the Bulldogs from Burlington.



The Whirlies now stand 7-1 in overall play and 3-0 in conference competition. Larry Dempsey, who scored 30 points against the Pirates, had scored more points at the half than the entire Page team.

The second half showed a definite upheaval in the Page performance. The Whirlies attempted to move the ball too fast and as a result, had the ball stolen too much.

The Whirlie guards, McMakin and McNairy, as always, got the ball to the tall men when it was most crucial.

Probably one of the largest crowds ever to pack the Senior High Gym witnessed this struggle. In other words, fans were literally hanging from the rafters. With a crowd, upwards towards 4,000, three fourths of them Blue and White fans, cheering and screaming them on, the Whirlies just couldn't have lost. They didn't and also made it quite an uncomfortable evening for their visitors.

The Blue and White Whirlies from Grimsley stomped Salisbury 68-56 January 5 in their first conference game of the season. The victory not only gave the Whirlies a 5-1 record so far this season but also provided plenty of action for the Whirlie reserves.

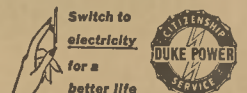
Center Larry Dempsey and forward Bob Albright paced the win for Grimsley. Dempsey scored 27 points and Albright 15. Skipper Gardner, John McNairy and Ben McMakin did their part in keeping the yellow jacket shooting far below their usual and stealing the ball.

During the second half the Whirlie regulars left the court and Wilson, Van Hecke, Carlton, Howard, Weaver, Markham, Peer, Blackwood, Underhill and Clark got a chance to show what they could do.

Salisbury had a 6-0 record before meeting the Whirlies and was a central 4-A team to watch.

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