

High Life

SPORTS SECTION

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Whirlies Launch '65 Season

The 1965 Grimsley Whirlies opened their new baseball season on March 23 against Salisbury in Greensboro. The Whirlies have their entire infield returning except for a new third baseman.

David James and Don Dunn are old veterans at first and second base respectively and they have as much ability with the bat as they demonstrate on the field. Delane Hooks will continue at shortstop where he has plenty of chances to demonstrate his ability with the glove.

The Whirlies won the state 4-A Conference Championship from Wilmington on a no hitter by Alex Cheek. The departure of Mr. Cheek to State at Raleigh has left the Whirlies with a definite pitching problem. Max Wilson, who has been pitching since grammar school, is one hopeful answer to the Blue and White mound question. Not only does he show good control on the mound, but also he's terrifically fast on the bases. Cotton Hartig is another pitcher on hand for the Whirlies. Cotton has a lot of power both with the bat and the ball and he can fire the ball. If he can gain Cheek's control, the Whirlies will be in business. Robert Lucas is a relatively new member of the Senior ball and batters. He has nice pitching form and seems to have few control problems. The first few games will tell the tale.

The outfield has three new players to roam bounds. Larry Dempsey, a reserve on last year's team will play left field. Either the unactive pitchers or a sophomore Dean Brewer will play right field. In center field Mike Jacobs who played Jayvees last year will round out the outfield. The new outfield has a lot of potential with the bat. Larry Dempsey sent balls out of the park with no trouble last year. Should Cotton Hartig play right field when he's not pitching that would put another unpredictable batter at the plate.

Another new varsity member up from Jayvees is third baseman Beaver Peer. Last year, Burgess and Hudson, and James were

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Champions. It is hoped that Peer will take Burgess' place in that category.

To round out the 1965 starting nine will be either Kirk Crumpler or veteran Mike Locklar as catcher. Both represent threats at the plate and a steady glove behind the plate.

The Whirlies have another new comer to their ranks. Mr. Dave Murr has taken over Coach McCall's duties as Coach of the Whirlie baseball team. Coach McCall lead the Whirlies to five conference titles in the past six years. The 196 title went to Page in a 2-1 pitchers duel in which Wayne Nunn handed Alex Cheek his second defeat of that season. Cheek however returned the title to the Whirlie Gym with a 5-4 defeat of the Pirates and Nunn last year.

The Whirlie baseballers have their work cut out for them, but they have the players to bring the title home again. They play a fine game of ball!

Whirlie Larry Dempsey Named To All-State Conference Team

Center Larry Dempsey of the 1964-1965 Whirlie Central 4-A conference Champions was named to the North Carolina all state basketball team after his fine performance on the basketball court this season.

The Senior stands six-feet five inches tall and was the spearhead of the Whirlies 1965 Conference drive. He was the number one scorer and rebounder for the Blue and White and probably the best cager in the conference.

Also named to the team was Pete Maravich from Raleigh Broughton who Whirlie fans saw fall victim to Grimsley's powers and Rusty Clark, Fayetteville Bulldogs six foot 11 phenomenon who averages twenty some points a game.

Both Larry Dempsey and Rusty Clark played first string state conference basketball last year. Clark fouled out with five minutes left in the game after giving Grimsleys Whirlies their only tournament challenge.

Dempsey was not the only Whirlie who deserved recognition for a fine 19-4 season record. All thirteen members of the Whirlie squad and coaches Jamieson, McCall and Morton were the ingredients that produced the fast paced, fine shooting team.

Skipper Garner was a pleasant surprise for Whirlie fans this season. He and Bob Albright were both new to the Whirlie varsity team and played fine ball. Bob Albright was one of the best shooters in the conference and had a good shot from outside.

Ben McMakin was the anchor man for the team. Playing first

string for the second year Ben set up many a fine play. He was able to steal the ball and dribble circles around his opponents, John McNairy was the fifth member of the team. Just a junior, John will see much action next year.

Captain Larry Dempsey will

attend Duke University next year. He was the first string quarterback his junior and senior year for the Whirlie football team, first string center on the basketball team for two years and starting left fielder in Whirlies current baseball team—a fine star in a Whirlie tradition.

Track Team Begins New Spring Season

The 1964 Whirlie Track Team officially began its season three weeks ago with about 40 boys participating. It looks forward to a successful season.

Every afternoon the coaches, Mr. Steve Yates, Mr. Bob Sawyer, and Mr. Bruce Morton, put training program that will last until the end of school.

The Whirlie milers traveled to the Triangular meet held in Salisbury, Thursday March 24 where they set the paces for their first meet of the season. Their season will continue until June.

Returning from last year is star Lennie Maynor who along

with the other members try to achieve a quick pace for the mile.

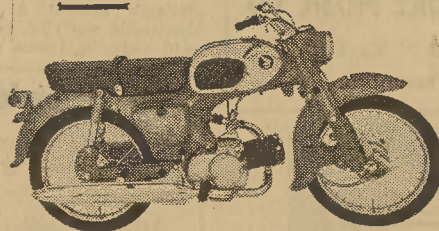
Several events have members of the team specializing in their skills. Maynor will run in the 100 yard dash, while Bob Albright, Frankie Leonard and Jack Whitley try their skills in the 880. The miler will be Don Bell. In the shot-put and discus, Roos and Apple will play.

The track team hopes to better its last year record, and to set a faster pace for its members. If one remembers, the highlight of the 1964 season was its win over Reynolds in the Piedmont Sectionals.

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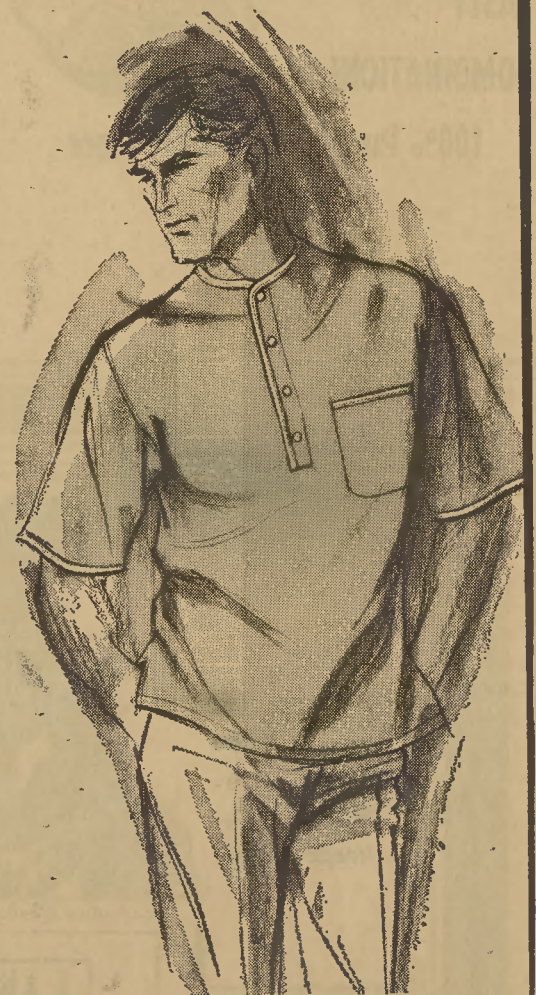
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