

Middleburg And Henderson Girls To Offer "Battle Of Forwards"

Nightcap Performance To Be Staged By Bulldogs

Guards Likely to be Deciding Factor in Contest; Middleburg Boys Favored

A "Battle of Forwards" will be waged here tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in Henderson high school gym as the local lassies tie up with Middleburg for the second time within a week in what should be one of the best basketball contests of the fast ebbing season. The Bulldogs will turn in a nightcap performance, meeting Middleburg boys.

Middleburg and Henderson girls are gifted with fine sets of forwards, the score in the first meeting attesting to the fact, the visitors running up 37 points to Henderson's 33. Middleburg boasts of Miss Jackson, who scored 25 points in the first meeting. Miss Ellington and Miss Hendrick. These forwards have consistently piled up wide margins during the season. Henderson looks to Captain Blake, Becky Mills and Mary Florence Houghtaling for its scoring. Misses Blake and Mills tied with 12 points each against Middleburg last Wednesday night, and Miss Houghtaling accounted for nine points.

The guards will probably hold the balance of power in the contest. Henderson probably has the edge in this department in Carolyn Duke, Rebecca Beasley and Minnie Lee Huffman, although the visitors, headed by Miss Short, gave the local forwards a tough tussle in the previous engagement.

If Henderson can stop Miss Jackson and hold Misses Ellington and Hendrick, the lassies have a fair chance for a winning decision and keeping their record intact of having defeated every team they have met at least once this season.

Middleburg boys are expected to hand Henderson lads another licking. It was Nelson and Jackson that took the Bulldogs for a 29-15 ride in the first meeting. Henderson showed very little in a basketball way during this entire contest, but since that game, the aggregation looked impressive in whipping Warrenton and Coach Bing Miller is expecting his boys to turn in a better performance tomorrow night.

Henderson will close its season Friday night with Aycock teams furnishing the opposition.

STATE, CAROLINA CLASH IN RALEIGH

Chapel Hill, Feb. 22.—North Carolina's White Phantoms, with 15 victories, in 18 games, will be gunning for their fifth consecutive Big Five basketball championship Tuesday night when they meet N. C. State in a return game at Raleigh.

A victory over Techs would give the Tar Heels undisputed possession of the crown. A State win would give the Red Terrors at least a tie for the title. Should Carolina lose both games this week, the Techs would win the state championship. A loss to State and a victory over Duke would result in a first-place tie.

PHYSICAL ED CLASS IS NOT TO GATHER

The Men's Physical Education class, usually held each Tuesday evening at Henderson high school gym, will not meet tonight, due to the Kiwanis Bridge Tournament in the gymnasium. Members of the class will be notified of the next meeting date.

'SLINGING SAM' TRIES COACHING



"Slingshot" Sammy Baugh, ace of the professional Washington Redskins, took a new role in football upon his arrival at Chapel Hill, N. C., to assist Ray Wolf, head coach at the University of North Carolina, with spring practices. Wolf (right) who used to be Sammy's gridiron boss at Texas Christian university, is shown giving the youngster a warm welcome to Chapel Hill.



Alice Marble

Awaiting tournament play in the U. S. and in Britain, Alice Marble, America's top-ranking woman tennis star, is pictured in action during practice in Beverly Hills, Cal.

AYCOCK TAKES TWO FROM GOLD SAND

Girls Win Thriller 23-22 and Boys Romp to 21-15 Win Over Visitors

Aycock racked up two wins over Gold Sand here last night in Henderson high school gym, the girls winning a thrilling 23-22 contest, while the boys romped to a 21-15 verdict over the lads from down in Franklin county.

Miss Helen Wright led Aycock to victory with 10 points, with Misses Edward and Stevenson shooting seven and six respectively.

Miss Currin was the top scorer for the visitors with 11 points while Miss Watkins accounted for nine, and Miss Harris dropped the remaining two tallies through the hoop.

Puckett paced Aycock to victory with 13 points, while Hoyle shot seven, and Greenway got one tally. Harris shot eight points for the visitors, Cottrell got four, Jones 2, and Shearin one.

Aycock's second team played entire first half of the contest, and neither team turned in a field goal during that

period. Clarke was the best for Aycock on the floor game, while Jones aided the visitors a great deal with his work on the court.

DUKE TURNS BACK DEACONS, 41 TO 40

Baptist Miss Free Throw for Tie at Final Whistle; Lose Tourney Berth

Wake Forest, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Duke's unpredictable Blue Devils squeezed out a 41 to 40 victory over Wake Forest college in a Southern conference basketball thriller here last night. The Deacons lost a chance to tie the score and take the game into an extra period when Rex Carter, who was fouled as the final whistle sounded, missed a free throw.

Left-handed Jim Waller, ace Deacon forward, paced the scorers with 22 points. He made the first basket of the game, to put Wake Forest ahead, but O'Mara's action shot tied the score and Duke quickly took the lead and remained in front for the remainder of the contest.

Trailing 22 to 8 after 13 minutes of play, Wake Forest came back and was only five points behind at the half.

The defeat virtually put an end to Wake Forest's hopes to enter the Southern Conference basketball tournament at Raleigh next month.

Ed Swindell, leading Blue Devil scorer, paced his team to last night's victory, dropping six goals from the floor and two for the free throw line for a total of 14 points. He was closely followed by Bob O'Mara, who cap-

ped his best performance of the year with 10 tallies as a result of four field goals and two fouls.

400 Athletes to Take Part Indoor Conference Games

Chapel Hill, Feb. 22.—More than 400 of the South's finest track athletes representing 52 teams and 40 different institutions, six states and the District of Columbia, have already filed entries for the ninth annual Southern Conference Indoor Games to be held at the University of North Carolina Saturday and night.

This year's splendid crop of runners and weight men is expected to exceed last winter's splendid entry delegation, which numbered 420 athletes from 36 institutions and seven states.

The afternoon events will get under way at 1:30 o'clock and the night events at 7.

A new feature of the Southern Indoor classic this year will be a banked track, modeled after the famous Milwaukee A. A. track in Madison Square Garden. This track should make for greater speed, and several records are expected to topple under the assaults of this year's entries.

ROGERS, HARVEY EXCEL AT W. & L.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 22.—James Rogers, hurdler, and Henry Harvey, half-miler, are the standouts of the Washington and Lee teams which will vie for honors in the Conference division of the ninth annual Southern Conference Indoor games to be held at

ATHLETICS CZAR IN SCHOOLS IS NAMED

Charles E. Spencer, of High Point, to Shake Up the Present System

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Appointment of Charles E. Spencer, of High Point, to be in charge of health and physical education for the Department of Public Instruction will prove of far-reaching importance in two phases of school activities, at least.

First, it will give the State school system, for the first time, a coordinated and balanced program of physical education for all children from the first grade on up to the graduating classes of high school.

Second, it will result in a complete revolution in the present system of inter-scholastic athletics in the State's high schools.

The two Raleigh papers and the wire news services heralded Mr. Spencer's appointment in brief, sketchy fashion and assigned to it as near no significance as possible, but the reason for this treatment of the news is obvious—both Raleigh papers and the wire services were "scooped" on the impending development and its importance not once, but twice by this bureau, with the result that a "What

of it?" attitude was adopted as a cover-up. In announcing Mr. Spencer's appointment, Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, took occasion to say that, "It is not our intention that Mr. Spencer shall be an agent for policing inter-scholastic athletics, or that he shall act as an arbiter in athletic disputes."

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But as an incident to physical education of the students, the new chief will quite naturally be interested in inter-scholastic competitions and his work will go far toward deciding the trend they shall take. Mr. Spencer, according to Superintendent Erwin, will have wide "advisory" functions in connection with athletics.

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Heaviest Ballplayer



Walter Brown ... may win if he loses

Walter Brown, 283-pound pitcher of the New York Giants, has to lose some excess fat before he can hope to win baseball games this year. And that's what Walter was doing when this picture was snapped in a steam room at Hot Springs, Ark. —Central Press

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"conferences" which now have charge of the so-called "championship" contests; which contests are, in reality, nothing more than championships of the specific groups which are members of the various "conferences."

In fact, Mr. Erwin envisions a situation somewhat similar to that existing among colleges. He pointed out that the function of promoting and publicizing school athletics is not a primary purpose of physical education program; and said that the "conference system of conducting athletics can be worked just as satisfactorily in high schools as in colleges."

It was obvious that Mr. Erwin didn't care to make any direct reflection on the present conduct of inter-scholastic athletics, but it was equally obvious that Mr. Spencer's appointment means the end of the present system—certainly in so far as State "championships" are concerned.

Details of the new system remain to be worked out, just as details of the full program of physical education also will be determined only after thorough study.

CREEDMOOR RETAINS GRANVILLE TITLE

Creedmoor boys and girls repeated their basketball conquest of Granville county Saturday night, whipping the Wilton team to retain their county championship crown in the finals of the Wilton tourney.

Creedmoor boys ran up a 30 to 13 score, while the girls were pushed to win 13 to 11.

Those who attended the tourney were highly complimentary of the officiating of Pettis Terrell, local cage writer. Terrell has also been chosen to call the Franklin county tourney.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Vance County, N. C., made in the Special Proceeding, entitled Mrs. Jessie W. Allen, widow of H. H. Allen, and Jewell J. Allen heirs of H. H. Allen, deceased, Ex Parte, the same being No. 4057 upon the Special Proceeding docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will, on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1938, at 12 o'clock, at the courthouse door in Henderson, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the H. H. Allen lot on East Montgomery Street, in Henderson, N. C., described as follows:

Begin at a pin on Montgomery Street 55 feet from the intersection of inner lines of sidewalks of Montgomery Street and Carolina Avenue and run along Montgomery Street 55 feet to a pin in the old Horton line. Thence along the Horton line South 57 West 101 feet to a pin; Thence South 35 1/4 East parallel to Montgomery Street 55 feet to a pin corner of W. M. Ellis lot; Thence along W. M. Ellis line 104 feet to Montgomery Street to the place of beginning.

This the 1st day of February, 1938
R. B. CARTER, Commissioner.

A CASE FOR 3 DETECTIVES

By LEO BRUCE

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CHAPTER 34

I WAS SURPRISED at the brisk pace that M. Picon set as we set out for Morton Scone. His legs were short, but his remarkable agility made it hard for me to keep up with him. However, I had set myself to see as much of the methods of all three of these great men as I could, and was willing enough to make the effort. Now that they were nearing the end of the chase, every move they made should be interesting.

"I'm afraid I haven't been able to help you much, Monsieur Picon," I said after a long silence.

"Au contraire, my friend, your evidence has been of the greatest service to me. You remembered something of the utmost importance, which you might well have forgotten."

"What was that?"

"You do not know? But naturally, your own part in this affair."

"My part?" I almost shouted.

"But yes. You, too, had a hand in it. Oh, but quite unconscious, I assure you. Still, a part."

"Good Lord. What on earth was that?"

"Did you not rise and open the door?"

"Which door? When?"

"But naturally. The door of the lounge. Just before the screams were heard."

"Well, yes. I did. But I fail to see what that could have to do with it. Unless..." A new and horrible idea flashed into my brain. "Unless there was some devilish mechanism in that room which I set in motion."

"Fortunately," said M. Picon, "the machine is not yet invented which will cut a lady's throat while she lies waiting for it, and throw the knife from the window, then disappear from the face of the earth."

"I suppose not," I admitted.

"We marched on in the sunlight, which had begun to pale a little. I was glad of the fresh air and exercise, and glad, too, of some activity which filled in the afternoon, for my impatience to know the murderer's identity would otherwise have become feverish. To think that at last, after all this guesswork, I was to know the truth. I resolved to think no more about the murder, for otherwise I should start once again to suspect each in turn of the people at the Thurstons'."

"We must have been within half a mile of Morton Scone when M. Picon suddenly took my arm, and said, 'Vite! This way!'"

"I was so much taken by surprise that for a moment I hesitated. He pulled me quite fiercely, however, to the side of the road, and almost bundled me through a hole in the hedge. He had scarcely time to follow, when a car approached. I had been aware of it a moment before, when it had been in the distance and beyond a dip which had taken it out of sight, but I had paid no attention to it. The little detective, however, seemed to be in a state of tremendous excitement."

"Observe!" he snapped, as he stared at the roadway we had left. It was once again Dr. Thurston's dark-blue car, and since it was not traveling fast I had ample time to recognize its occupants. Fellowes was driving, and beside him sat the girl Enid, while in the rear seat, smoking a cigar, was Miles."

"You see?" said M. Picon, as soon as the car had gone past. "What I have said! Look in the heart, my friend. When the mind no longer tells tales, look in the heart!"

"But Monsieur Picon," I exclaimed, "this is too much! This



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morning I went to Sidney Sewell, and saw Fellowes with two of the suspects; this afternoon I come to Morton Scone, and here he is with another two!"

M. Picon laughed. "And perhaps, when you go to Jericho with the excellent Monsieur Smith you will find him there with some more!"

"But what does it mean?" I asked.

"Patience, my friend."

"But how did you know, while it was still a long way off, that that was the Thurstons' car?"

"I did not. But I thought it might be. I was expecting it."

"You were? What made you expect it?"

"Oh, but you must understand. I was not expecting it with any great confidence. But I knew it had gone this way, and I thought that possibly, possibly, mind you, it would return."

"You knew that they were going to Morton Scone, then?"

"I had an idea, no more. A small idea. But the ideas of Amer Picon at times come true, you see."

"Well, that one certainly did, though I'm hanged if I know what to make of it."

"And I wonder what the good Boat would make of it. His partner in the brave game of darts, is it not?"

"I smiled at that."

"No. But don't you see? We've walked about a quarter of a mile since we saw that car. And all for nothing. You have seen what you set out to see. We could have turned back at once."

"And who knows what I set out to see?"

"Well, it was obviously the car, coming back from Morton Scone, with Fellowes and the rest of them in it."

"That was almost an accident."

"Then you still must go on to the village?"

"Naturally."

"But whatever for?"

"You have surely forgotten one all-important detail. The flag on the tower of Morton Scone church was at half-mast, is it not so?"

"Yes. But..."

"Allons."

I obeyed. But inwardly I revolted. I began to think that M. Picon was deliberately mystifying me, or that, having absent-mindedly continued walking to Morton Scone as I suggested, he now pretended that it was necessary, in order to save his face. But as we were approaching the village I had another idea.

"I know!" I said, "you think it was a double murder. The doctor in this village died the same day. You connect the two?"

"The doctor was very old, and had a weak heart. He knew himself that he might die at any time. His death was perfectly natural."

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