

1941-'42 Cardinal Sports A

Coach Wilson's Most Recent Aggregation



Front row—Gosney, Boaze, Miles, Royster, Griffith; standing—Coach Wilson, Floyd, Hayden, Moore, Calos, Redmond, McLean. Callahan and Pruitt were absent when the picture was taken.

Baseball

By Pete Langston

WITH many veterans back, the G. W. Cardinal nine, under the guidance of Coach L. G. Wilson, exhibited power and drive in the few games of the season.

The Cards have played only four games with high schools, two with Hargrave, and a couple with Martinsville.

The Redbirds began the season with a 3 to 2 loss to Hargrave. Charlie Royster pitched effective ball and allowed only one hit but erratic fielding gave Hargrave the game. In the return meeting, it was a different story as George Redmond, G. W. ace, pitched a four hitter and his team won, 2 to 1.

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visitors 16 to 4. The most exciting contest of the year was played with the Martinsville club at Martinsville in a ten-inning contest. The Cards came out the victors in this wild game by a 13 to 10 score.

The squad decided to join the Twilight League because of the difficulty in getting games with other high schools. The Cards are fighting for the top berth and have not fallen below the first division point since they stepped into the league in May.

After school closes, the high school squad will continue throughout the summer. Suddarth Furniture Company will be their sponsor.

Both George Redmond and Charlie Royster have seen action this year and they are proving themselves mighty effective at mound work. Joe Griffith and Bill Miles also have been used on several occasions.

Holding down the catchers' slot was Rookie Andy Floyd. "Rut" Evans, veteran backstop, is out with a sore arm.

The infield was made up wholly of veterans. At first reliable Gus Calos was back for another good season. Sam Boaze and Bay Callahan held down the second base position. Bill Miles capably handled short stop. The infield is completed with "Pro" Moore at the third sack.

All of last year's outfield graduated but the outer gardens were well filled by Victor Matney, hard hitting rookie, at left field, base-stealer Joe Hayden at center field, and "Nig" Gosney, impressive newcomer at the outfield.

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Football

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PLAYING a fourteen-game schedule and winning eleven contests, the G. W. basketball squad led by Captain James Pruitt surpassed all teams since the impressive 1938 Western District Championships.

The Cards shared second place honors in the Virginia Basketball League with Roanoke by grabbing five of their eight conference tilts. Lynchburg won the championship and defeated the Cardinals both times they met.

Beginning the season in December, the Redbirds got off to a

wobbly start in edging Schoolfield, 27 to 25. As the season advanced, however, the Cards became stronger and more coordinative and won games by much wider margins.

Not until the fourth game was the locals' record book marred by a defeat when Lynchburg overpowered the Maroon and Grays 28 to 22. Then the Redbirds went along smoothly with wins over Charlottesville, Salem, and Schoolfield; but the Roanoke Magicians took a 30 to 24 win over them. This was the only club, with the exception of Lynchburg, to defeat G. W.

Lynchburg came back to town three weeks later to take their second and final win from the Redbirds by a 32 to 24 decision.

Captain Pruitt proved a valuable link on the squad by scoring the most points, 108, and averaging 7.7 points per game. He held the right forward position. Frankie Owen often substituted for Pruitt.

Surprising everyone with his remarkable record, Rookie Bill Miles

came in behind Pruitt, scoring 89 points, and averaging 6.3 points per game. He held the other forward position with Roy Dix.

The center position was taken by Roland Elliott, who ranked third in scoring. Kenneth Powell, young sophomore, ably assisted him throughout the year.

Holding down the right guard slot was Reigh Peck aided by "Pro" Moore, with both Boaze and Gibbs alternating at the other guard position.

Veterans who will be graduated this year are Jimmy Pruitt, Frankie Owen, Roland Elliott, Reigh Peck, and Sam Boaze. However, a good season is expected next year with holdovers, Miles and Gibbs, back.

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Tennis

By Ray Collie

Because of the difficulty of finding transportation, the George Washington High School tennis team played only five matches during the past season.

These matches included two with Lynchburg and Oak Ridge, and one with Durham. All proved to be top notch competition, the Cardinals ending their season with a total of one win and four losses.

For their first match the Maroon and Gray squad journeyed to Oak Ridge and lost by the count of 7 to 2.

On April 27th Hilltoppers of Glass Hi visited Danville long enough to hand the G. W. netters a 6-3 setback. In this engagement Kenneth Powell and John Fuller won their singles sets and the McCubbins-Sager duo started their

doubles winning streak.

The locals' only win came when they dropped the Durham squad on the Tarheels' court by winning five out of nine tilts.

In their return engagement with Glass Hi the Redbirds lost again despite the able work of Billy McCubbins, who won his singles tourney and then, with the collaboration of Bud Sager, dropped his doubles opponents. This win by a count of 7 to 2, gave the Lynchburgers the Western District championship, thereby making them eligible for the State play-off which they lost to Maury.

The last engagement of the year was with Oak Ridge. Sudie Warren although ineligible for conference matches, played the No. 1 position and defeated Gene Turner, 6-2, 6-0. This was the last time Warren will

play for the George Washington High School squad. Billy McCubbins clicked again by winning both his singles and doubles matches. Despite these wins, Oak Ridge eked out the Cardinals 5 to 4.

The locals will suffer only two graduation casualties this year—Sudie Warren and Frankie Owen. Returning next year will be Billy McCubbins, Eddie Harris, Bud Sager, and John Fuller. Their experience this year has been valuable, and Coach Roy Hood is expecting them to provide the backbone for another outstanding organization.

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