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LIONS WILL HONOR BASKETBALL TEAMS

Normantown, Spencer High, Quints Guest At Club Luncheon

Members of the Normantown basketball squad who won the state championship in the finals at Morgantown March 23 and 24, and the members of the Spencer high quint, the only team to defeat the Vikings during the recent season, will be honored guest of the Spencer Lions at the club's regular weekly luncheon, today, at the Spencer Roane hotel.

The Vikings and Yellow Jackets while rivals on the hardwoods, are never- the -less the best of friends and a fine feeling exists between the schools, as a result of mutual respect and sportsmanship over the past years, and the local Lions decided a banquet honoring both teams would only cement their friendship.

The program will be as short as possible with coaches Williams and Simmons and the captains of the two teams scheduled for brief talks in order to provide time for Roy M. (Legs) Hawley, director of athletics at West Virginia University, to show movies of Mountaineer football and basketball teams in action during the past season. Ira E. (Rat) Rogers, head football coach at WVU, will accompany Mr. Hawley here and no doubt will find some time to explain the advantages of the state university to the athletes who will be winding up their high-school athletic careers this spring.

The Yellow Jackets and the state champs fought three tough cage contests the past season with four points representing the margin of difference in three games. The Vikings defeated the Yellow Jackets 44-38 at Normantown, but when the teams met at Spencer the host team came out on the long end of a 38-35 score. The teams met again in the finals of the sectional tournament at Glenville and the Vikings eked out a 37-36 win, and from this point the charges of coach Williams went on to win the scholastic cage championship of the state.

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Drippin's From The Dope Bucket
By- Dick Satterfield

Last year's tournament was as especially good one. The semi-final game between Glenville and Normantown was won by the Vikings 31-30 in an extra period, and the semifinals between Spencer and Sand Fork going to the Yellow Jackets 33-30. The final game went to Normantown, 36-35, when a Spencer player missed two fouls in the final two seconds of the game. The Vikings then went on to win the state tournament at

Morgantown. In their long march for the crown they had defeated Tanner, Glenville, Spencer, Cairo, Washington-Irving, Bluefield, Morgantown and Logan. In addition to the honor the team won, their coach Eugene Williams, lacked only two votes being chosen West Virginia's outstanding coach.

This year, however, the Vikings will miss their great guard, Glennard Vannoy who is now in the army and who was chosen captain of the all-state team the past year. Earl Gainer their present center, was listed on the second all-state team while Bennett, Wright and Duskey received honorable mention. No other team, perhaps, brings so many veteran players to the tournament.

THE FAMOUS MISSED FOUL SHOTS

STORY BY - Chet Dodd

Chet Dodd acted at times as a scorekeeper for the Spencer Yellow Jackets and was at the Normantown game in the sectional finals, as Richard Horton had a chance to win the game as he was fouled in the act of shooting with time just expiring. He stood at the line to take his first shot when a woman in the audience fainted. The ref's called time out, medics attended the women and after a few minutes they let Dick shoot the first foul shot. He was a great athlete but only a sophomore then and his nerves were getting to him. He missed the shot. Spencer was down by only one point so the next one, if made would tie the game and put it into overtime. However, as he got up to shoot the second shot another fan fainted, (yeah sure!!!). The ref's called time out again and the game was delayed again. When Dick finally got to shoot he did well to hit the backboard. By the way Spencer was the only team to beat Normantown that season.

Story by Joe Starcher

Joe Starcher tells the story about some members of the Spencer Yellow Jackets, after losing to Normantown in the sectional tournament, going to Normantown after baseball practice to scrimmage and help Normantown prepare for their up coming opponents in the regional and state tournament.. He thinks' Coach Williams was substituting for a regular coach who had been drafted in to military service. He also remembers a parade held for the Normantown team in Spencer.

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NORMANTOWN VIKINGS