

Strickland's Number 21 Is Retired

Star Basketball Player Is Honored

Conference Champs Ready To Defend Baseball Title

The Bells High School baseball team will defend their Conference 8-B championship with a game against Estill. The game will be played at Bells April 12, beginning at 4 o'clock.

The Bells team, with lettermen returning at each position, is highly favored to take the conference crown again this year.

The remainder of the schedule is listed below.

Wednesday, March 27, Barnwell at Barnwell, 3:30; Friday, March 29, Beaufort at Beaufort, 4:00.

Tuesday, April 2, Estill at Bells, 4:00; Monday, April 8, Barnwell at Bells, 4:00; Friday, April 12, Estill at Estill, 3:30; Tuesday, April 16, Ridgeland at Bells, 4:00; Wednesday, April 17, Beaufort at Bells, 4:00; Friday, April 26, Ridgeland at Ridgeland, 3:30; Tuesday, April 30, Branchville at Branchville, 8:15.

12-B Wins Title

The 12-B section of the 12th grade won the intramural tournament with a 13-12 victory over section 12-A.

The tournament, sponsored by the Student Council, was held each day at 12:02 in the gym.

The 12-B team was made up of: Kim Steedley, Jerry Smoak, McDowell Miley, Jimmy Strickland, Donald Murdaugh and Brain Spell.



LEFT to right: Coach Hampton, Jimmy Strickland and Principal J. A. Kinard.

During his five years in a Bells' uniform, the smooth-working youngster poured in an amazing 1,574 points for the Daredevils. As a junior, he averaged 24.7 points a game and as a senior he notched 20.4 points a game in leading the Daredevils to a 20-3 record.

Although Jimmy's future plans are still uncertain, coaches of several South Carolina colleges have shown an interest in him. In a post-season basketball tournament at St. George, Jimmy further demonstrated his ability by being selected to the all-tournament team.

Basketball uniform number "21" will never again be seen on the back of a Bells High School player.

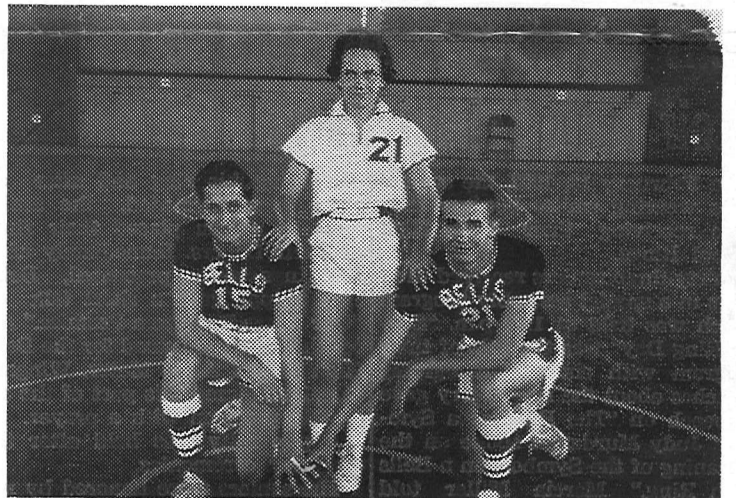
This uniform was worn for five years by the Daredevils' Jimmy Strickland, and by an act of the Board of Trustees and the school administration, the number was retired from future use.

At a special assembly at Bells High School last week, Jimmy was honored by the student body and the faculty as J. A. Kinard, principal, and Bob Hampton, his coach, made the announcement.

This is the first time that a uniform has ever been retired at Bells.



LEFT TO RIGHT: (First row), Judy Murdaugh, Harriet Spell, Donna Carter. (Second row), Jimmy Strickland, Wally Medlin, and Allen Smyly. These players were selected on the Bells Invitational Tournament team.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Allen Smyly, Harriet Spell, and Jimmy Strickland who were selected on the All Conference team.

Bells 66, St. Paul 51		
J. Strickland	8	4
W. Medlin	11	0
A. Smyly	2	0
K. Steedley	4	0
J. Lang	4	0
P. Bell	1	0
D. Alderman	1	0
Totals	31	4

Girls scores: Bells 32, St. Paul 28.
Leading scorer, Harriet Spell, 17.

Bells 77, Estill 50		
J. Strickland	13	4
W. Medlin	3	2
A. Smyly	8	3
K. Steedley	4	2
J. Lang	2	0
W. Linder	0	2
P. Bell	1	2
Totals	31	13

Girls scores: Bells 26, Estill 24.
Leading scorer, Harriet Spell, 13.

Bells 61, Elloree 41		
J. Strickland	6	4
W. Medlin	5	0
A. Smyly	5	3
K. Steedley	6	3
J. Lang	1	1
P. Bell	1	2
Totals	24	13

Girls scores: Bells 51, Elloree 10.
Leading scorer, Harriet Spell, 29.

Bells 49, Cottageville 23		
J. Strickland	4	8
W. Medlin	3	1
A. Smyly	4	3
K. Steedley	1	1
J. Lang	1	1
P. Bell	0	3
A. Hudson	0	2
J. Dannelly	0	2
M. Nettles	1	0
Totals	14	21

Girls scores, Bells 42, Cottageville 23.
Leading scorer: Harriet Spell 20.

Bells 74, First Baptist 40		
J. Strickland	12	4
W. Medlin	4	2
A. Smyly	4	3
K. Steedley	1	0
J. Lang	5	1
W. Linder	0	2
P. Bell	2	1
A. Hudson	2	1
Totals	30	14

Girls score: Bells 55, First Baptist 14.
Leading scorer: Harriet Spell 35.

Bells 88, Walterboro 38		
J. Strickland	15	0
W. Medlin	4	0
A. Smyly	13	1
K. Steedley	2	1
J. Lang	1	0
W. Linder	2	0
P. Bells	2	0
D. Alderman	3	0
J. Dannelly	1	0
M. Nettles	2	0
Totals	43	2

Girls score: Bells 52, Walterboro 26.
Leading scorer: Harriet Spell 29.

Bells 55, Bluffton 36		
J. Strickland	8	1
W. Medlin	6	0
A. Smyly	7	0
K. Steedley	3	0
A. Hudson	1	0
D. Alderman	2	0
Totals	27	1

Girls score: Bells 48, Bluffton 16.
Leading scorer: Harriet Spell, 27.

Two Lovers — Lynah Faye Mc-Alhane
Our Day Is Coming — Basketball Team

Staggering Bells Daredevils Are Conference Runner-ups

Entering the conference 8-B tournament as favorites to walk away with the honors as champions, the Bells Daredevils were upset by the St. Paul Pirates in an overtime, 42-37.

The Bells boys made their way into the finals with impressive wins over Ridgeland and Estill.

In the first outing in the tournament the boys from Bells trounced Ridgeland by a 82-29 score. This win gave the Devils the right to meet Estill in the semi-finals on Friday night.

Starting slow, but gaining speed as the game progressed, the boys overran Estill by a 65-34 score. After this win the Bells boys were to meet the St. Paul boys in the finals on Saturday night.

The Daredevils, who had defeated

St. Paul twice during the regular season, were heavy favorites to defeat them again.

Staggering through three quarters of the game, the Devils finally found themselves behind. They had to fight to pull the score even at the end of the regular game 34-34.

A three minute over-time was played and this was a long three minutes for the Daredevils.

Outscoring the Devils 8-3 in the three minute period, the St. Paul Pirates took the 8-B championship and earned the right to play in the state tournament in Columbia.

The Bells girls advanced into the semi-finals by outscoring the Ridgeland girls 51-20.

In the semi-finals the Estill girls upset the better Bells girls team 30-27.