



BILL FUGATE, No. 44, of the Bulldogs, puts in a follow shot against the Appalachian Mountaineers Monday night. Looking on is ACC's Alton Hill, No. 42. The Bulldogs lost the game 91-81. Fugate scored 31 points in the game.

Bulldogs Drop Three; Lose Homecoming Tilt

The Bulldogs ended a three game home stand Monday night bowing to High Point, Western Carolina, and Appalachian, by scores of 95-75, 104-66, and 91-81, respectively.

The Bulldogs tied the score 6-6 against the High Point Panthers with 16:52 left in the first half. Bill Fallin connected for two and the visitors were never threatened again. Bill Fugate led scoring honors for the losers with 27 points. Dale Neel bucketed 24 points for the winners.

The Homecoming game with Western Carolina was a crushing defeat for the loyal ACC alumni and student supporters. Alton Hill netted 16 points for the Bulldogs with teammate Elmer Hobbs scoring 15. Darrel Murray led the WC Catamounts with 29 points.

Again the Bulldogs were dealt a defeat at the hands of Appalachian State Teachers College last Monday night. The score was tied 36 at half time, but the visitors topped away in the final seconds to put an end to Bulldog growl. Fugate and Hobbs led the losers with 31 and 29 points, respectively. Jim Richardson, John Dobbs, and Jim Goff of Appalachian had totals of 20, 19, and 19, respectively.

The ACC Cagers played host to the Panthers of High Point College on Thursday night. After forty minutes of playing time, the Bulldogs found themselves on the short end of a 95-75 score.

Falling behind by four points in the first three minutes of play, the Bulldogs came back to tie the score at six — all with 16:52 showing on the clock. The Panthers went ahead on a field goal by Bill Fallin and were never seriously threatened again, as they went into a well disciplined 3-2 zone defense.

At the end of the first stanza, the Panthers had run up a 16 point lead to go to the dressing room with a 48-32 score showing on the clock.

The Bulldogs could never catch up as the Panthers ran up as much as a 24 point lead in the last

half. Bill Fugate again captured the scoring honors for the game with a 27 point performance. He was also top rebounder for the Bulldogs clearing the boards nine times. Other AC players who hit double figures were Elmer Hobbs with 11, and Alton Hill with 10. Leading scorers for the Panthers were Dale Neel with 24, and Barry Smith with 19.

The AC five bowed to Appalachian State Teachers College in a 91 to 81 defeat Monday night. The game was played on the Bulldogs' home court, and after the first few minutes of play it looked as if the Bulldogs would have no serious trouble with the visiting team.

Bill Fugate led the Bulldogs to a seven point advantage in the closing seconds of the first period and had twelve of the team's twenty points as the second period began. He then added ten more in the second period to have a total of 22 of the team's 36 points at half-time.

Although the entire AC team put on a sparkling performance of ball-handling and scoring ability, the game was 36-all at half time.

At the outset of the second half it was apparent that Appalachian had come to win. Wayne Duncan sank a two pointer which put the Bulldogs in the hole, and from that point on the home team was in trouble. Appalachian continued to build their lead and at the final horn the score was Appalachian 91, ACC 81.

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SPORTSCOPE

by **JERRY ELMORE**

On last Thursday morning preceding the High Point game, the cheerleaders planned and held a pep rally in the gym. This was the first such event of the year and was planned with the idea of creating an increased amount of enthusiasm for the homecoming week-end.

The attendance at the rally, which was voluntary, was paltry and thoroughly disgusting in light of the many complaints about the lack of school spirit. This reporter stood at the front steps of the gym and saw many of the worst complainers and grippers turn their head and look to the sky when they were invited in by the cheerleaders. Such characters, and they are characters, as these are the very ones who are killing school spirit by constantly criticizing the players and school officials for the condition of school spirit and the quality of the athletic program.

Admittedly, something is wrong with the athletic program at Atlantic Christian. After reaching the peak of performance in 1955, the program has gone steadily downhill until now it is a fight to make the conference tournament each year.

Who is to be blamed for this situation. Certainly not the players themselves. Each of them came to Atlantic Christian when a winning background and it takes many losses and many bad years to subdue an athlete's desire to win. Therefore, the blame must lay in the administration of the athletic program.

Homecoming

The humiliation suffered by the Bulldogs at the hands of Western Carolina in the homecoming game was bound to have some effect on the alumni outlook toward athletics at Atlantic Christian. The homecoming event was originally planned for the weekend of February 15 but was changed to last weekend for reasons unknown. Had it been held when originally planned, Bulldogs would have had to play Pfiefer, a team which it almost beat on their home floor after being down by 24 points early in the second half. This means that the Bulldogs

P.E. Club To Meet

The Physical Education Club will meet Wednesday night, February 12, in room 211 of the Classroom Building at 7:00 p.m. This is club for Physical Education majors and minors with a "C" average. The turnout for the last two meetings has been disappointing and President Don Brubaker requests that all eligible majors or minors attend.

would have had an excellent chance of defeating the Falcons in Wilson.

The date changed to the Western Carolina game. The Catamounts are a perennial power in the Carolina's Conference and everyone knew that the smaller and less experienced Bulldogs had little chance of beating them. Was the homecoming date changed to alert the alumni to the situation of the athletic program at the college? Or was it changed in an attempt to humiliate some members of the staff and effect a change in athletic policies at Atlantic Christian?

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