

BULLDOG BARKS

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Patty Mann

Our girl athlete for this month is Patty Mann, scorekeeper for the girls' basketball team. Patty, while not participating directly in any sport, has surely been a great asset to the team.

Patty's bright and cheerful personality is the reason for her many friends. She has a friendly hello for everyone she meets.

Because of her ability and intelligence, she acquired the job as secretary at Central Elementary School this year.

Patty, even though she is a D. O. Student, still has time for several extra-curricular activities. She participated in Stunt Night and Field Day and was a member of the Monogram Club. Patty was also treasurer of the Tri-Hi-Y Club, a member of the Booster's Club, and Secretary of her homeroom.

This is very little credit for a person who has done so much for her team and school.

Ray Barringer

Ray Barringer, friend to everyone, is our athlete for this month. While Ray has not taken part in a sport, there have been times when the games couldn't have gone on without him. As bus driver for the team, Ray has always been dependable and capable.

Ray, with his cheerful personality, has won for himself, quite a lot of friends around A. H. S. Ask anybody you see about Ray and they will tell you he's just about the best boy they know.

Ray played a great part in stunt night when he was in the ninth grade. He has also taken part in the Science Fair and in Field Day.

You will always see Ray at the game cheering his team along as a member of the Boosters Club. Ray has also been a Student Council representative for his home room, and a worker in the student lounge concession.

Sports Parade

Looking back over the 1954-55 sports program at Albemarle High School, we see a conference championship in football, a Shrine Bowl Coach, five all-conference football players, two Shrine Bowl players, two all-star players, a basketball team winning a tournament spot, seniors winning field day, and a baseball team that could never seem to click.

Football

At the start of the '54 football season, things didn't look too bright for the Bulldog eleven, as many of the stalwarts from the previous year's Conference Championship team had graduated. The Bulldogs started the season with many green and light players, but what they lacked in size and experience they made up for in hustle and fight, and for the second straight year they were conference champions. Bobby Peck, Donnie Smith, John Moose, Wade Smith, and Charles James were chosen for the All-Conference team, while Donnie Smith, Charles James, and John Moose also made the All-State football team. The Bulldogs were honored further when Coach Webb was chosen as a Shrine Bowl coach, John David Moose and Charles James were chosen to play in the Shrine game, and again when Donnie Smith and Charles James were chosen to play in the East-West All-Star game.

Basketball

After a poor start the basketball team fought back strong and finished the season with a 7-7 record, and when they beat Landis in the final game, they won a spot in the South Piedmont basketball tournament. Jimmy Coggins and Wade Smith were the stalwarts on the team, and each has another year.

Baseball

The baseball team got off to a good start when they won their first game, but after this the breaks seemed to go against them and the team had a hard time in winning four games out of twelve.

Field Day

In a very close battle, the seniors beat the sophomores by fifty points in AHS's annual field day. The scoring was close all the way, the difference coming when the senior relay team won both the 240 and the 400 yard relays.

Graduating Athletes

These seniors played their final contests for AHS this year: Lendell Smith, Bobby Peck, John David Moose, Charles James, Donnie Smith, Skipper Gantt, Elliott Gaddy, John McLaughlin, Dickie Cashwell, Roger Freeman, Roger Saunders, Marvin Clark, Larry Chance, Pat Allan, Louise Cooper, and Harvie Ann Smith.

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Alumni Make Good

Past Bulldogs greats are making an outstanding record in college sports circles this year. Some of them are playing baseball, some football, some are running track, while one or two have turned their athletic abilities to soccer.

Leslie Swanner, past football great, and Kenny Brown, past baseball great at AHS, were recently honored by the Catawba football and baseball teams. Leslie was elected football co-captain, and Kenny Brown was elected baseball captain for the 1955 season.

Doug Knotts and Ed Patterson, both past stars of the Bulldog eleven, have had outstanding records at Duke and Carolina. This year they were both chosen to the college All-State football team. Ed received more votes than any other college player in the state and was the honorary captain of the All-State team. Doug is only a junior at Duke, and we will be hearing great things from him next year.

Otty Lynn, Ralph Setzler, and Richard Jordan at Davidson and Jimmy Millican at Western Carolina are making outstanding records as freshman footballers for these two schools, respectively. Otty is also an outstanding member of the Davidson track team.

Larry (Tubbucket) Bowers and Robert Scaggs, AHS alumni, are doing a creditable job for the State College soccer team. Robert, who is a senior this year, was chosen as a member of the All-State and All-Southern soccer teams.

The achievements these boys have made in sports only proves that AHS athletes can stack up with the best in the country.

Hall Of Fame

The names of 17 seniors will be added to the mythical Hall of Fame of AHS:

Donnie Smith—4 years varsity football, 3 years varsity basketball, 4 years varsity baseball.

John D. Moose—3 years varsity football, 2 years varsity baseball, 1 year track, 1 year basketball.

Skipper Gantt—2 years varsity football, 3 years track, 1 year basketball.

Larry Chance—4 years varsity baseball, 3 years varsity basketball.

Dickie Cashwell—2 years varsity football, 1 year baseball, 1 year basketball, 1 year track.

Roger Saunders—2 years varsity football, 1 year track.

Jerry Mauldin—3 years varsity baseball.

Bobby Peck—3 years varsity football.

Marvin Clark—2 years varsity basketball.

Lendell Smith—2 years varsity baseball, 2 years football.

Charles James—3 years varsity football.

Elliott Gaddy—2 years varsity basketball, 1 year football, 1 year baseball.

Roger Freeman—2 years varsity football.

John McLaughlin—1 year varsity football.

Louise Cooper—3 years varsity basketball.

Harvey Ann Smith—4 years varsity basketball.

Pat Allan—3 years varsity basketball.

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Ball Team Winds Season Up With Winning Streak

Bulldogs Divide With China Grove

With only three games remaining the A. H. S. Bulldogs traveled to China Grove to play a two-game series on April 28 and split a doubleheader with the Grovers. The Bulldogs won the first game by a score of 5 to 2 behind the pitching of Jimmy Coggins, and barely got nosed out by 7 to 6 in the second game.

Gerald Johnson had a perfect day at bat with 2 for 2 in the first game and 3 for 3 in the last game. Bobby Coggins also collected 5 hits in both games and Dickie Cashwell had 4 hits.

The Bulldogs outit the Grovers in both games, collecting 13 hits in 7 innings in the last game, but China Grove made their last inning to tie the score and then go ahead to win in the second game. Snyder led China Grove in hitting in both games, the last game collecting 4 hits for 4 times at bat.

Each member of the A. H. S. team had at least one hit for the day.

Wonders Defeat Bulldogs 14 to 2

Playing their first night game of the season on the Kannapolis baseball field, the Bulldogs received their worst defeat of the season from the league-leading Wonders by the score of 14 to 2.

The Bulldogs showed their inexperience at night playing when they committed six errors and walked 11 of the Kannapolis batters.

Jimmy Coggins, Zeke Johnson, Bobby Coggins, and "Drag" Kimery led the hitting for the Bulldogs, while Wagner had a home-run and two singles for the winners.

Bulldogs Defeat Visitors 7 to 1

The Albemarle High School Bulldogs defeated Mooresville Blue Devils by a score of 7 to 1 at Rock Creek Park in their final game of the season.

The Bulldogs rapped out 11 safeties to win their final game of the year. The Bulldogs were led by Bobby Coggins with three for four. Larry Chance had a home run in the first inning with two mates on bases. "Drag" Kimrey also had a home run in the sixth.

Jimmy Coggins limited the Blue Devils to five hits for his best game of the year. He issued only one base on balls the entire game.

These boys played their final game in their high school career: Donnie Smith, John David Moose, Dickie Cashwell, and Larry Chance.

The boys had a double quartet Who never were apt to forget

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