



# BULLDOG BARKS

By JIMMY LOWDER

The Full Moon proudly announces that Linda Hatley of the Bulldogettes, and Kelly Jones and David Smith of the Bulldogs have been selected by the coaches as the Athletes of the Month.

Linda, playing her final season for the Bulldogettes, has improved greatly at her forward position since last season. In the six non-conference contests played this season, Linda had a 14.2 scoring average, including a game high 20 points.

Kelly Jones, captain of the Bulldogs, was chosen Athlete of the Month because of his leadership and performance on the court. Kelly stands 6' 2" and has played center and forward. Prior to conference action he was leading the Bulldogs in scoring with an 18.2 average.

David Smith a junior, is the most improved boy on the Bulldog roster. As a guard, he has executed the fast break exceptionally well. In non-conference action this season, David had a 13.7 scoring average.

The Albemarle cagers could possibly repeat as conference champions this season. Even the Piedmont championship is possibly in the near future for both teams. One fact is for certain. Both the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes have the ability to be championship teams. In the six non-conference games played this season with North Piedmont teams, the Bulldogettes came through with a 5-1 won-lost record. The Albemarle girls scored a total of 260 points while holding their opponents to 171. The starting six usually consists of Vicky Mesimer, senior rover; Lynn Calder, senior rover; Brookie Smith, senior guard; Linda Lucas, junior guard; Linda Hatley, senior forward; and Michael Medling, sophomore forward.

The Bulldogs, coached by Ken Frazier, have, in the last two seasons and the first six games of this season, compiled an overall won-lost mark of 41-8. The Bulldogs have won the South Piedmont championship for the past two years and the Piedmont Tourney last year. This season should be no different. The boys have already shown that they have the ability. In non-conference warfare, the Bulldogs tallied 393 points (an average of 66 points per game) to the oppositions 284. The starting Bulldog five are Kelly Jones, senior (definite all-conference choice); Johnny Burleson, senior; J. W. Lisk, senior; David Smith, junior; and Tommy Smith, junior.

Albemarle plays host to Thomasville tonight in a conference dog fight set to begin at seven o'clock. Tomorrow night, the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes travel to Statesville for a game which was cancelled earlier this season. The Albemarle-Statesville game will probably be the game of the year in South Piedmont Conference action. These games are very important to the local cagers. Let's have a big crowd here tonight and at Statesville tomorrow night to cheer them to victory. Don't forget that we, as well as the players, are being graded on our conduct. Let's show school spirit in a sportsmanlike manner and bring home the sportsmanship trophy at the end of the season. "If I should lose, let me stand by the road and cheer as the winners go by!" —Prayer of a Sportsman.

Although snow cancelled a basketball game several weeks ago, it provided a field house for the opening game of the season for the Senior High Abominable Snowmen. Charles Daniel, the leader of the pack, stated prior to the contest that the team was shaping up very well. Official results haven't been received, but rumors are that the team won a resounding victory. Much is expected of the pack during the rest of the season.

If you're a senior boy, making straight "A's", and haven't been accepted by a college, the reason may be the emphasis being placed on higher education — between six and seven feet!

# Albemarle Clubs South, Trims Kannapolis 57-56

## Boyer, Smith Score 30

Coach Billy Tyson's Bulldogettes dumped South Rowan's highly rated girls 34-22 with a tremendous defensive effort and Coach Kenneth Frazier's Bulldogs followed with a spine-tingling 64-55 victory over the Rebels.

Led by senior guard, Brookie Smith, the Bulldogettes' strong defense held all-conference high scorer Beth Miller to only eight points.

Michael Medlin led the scoring for the winners with 11 points. Linda Hatley and Vicky Mesimer added nine and six, respectively.

The victory over the traditionally tough South Rowan girls indicates that the Bulldogettes have an excellent chance of copping the South Piedmont Conference championship.

### Nightcap Thriller

The Albemarle Bulldogs, sparked by substitute David Boyer, edged the South Rebels in the nightcap contest.

The Bulldogs, although heavily favored, found winning a little tough as the hustling Rebels nearly pulled a major upset. However, an excellent performance by David Boyer, who replaced injured J. W. Lisk, gave the Bulldogs the needed boost for a victory. David Smith and Boyer led the Albemarle scoring with 15 points each.

Albemarle's Fighting Bulldogs broke previously undefeated Kannapolis' 10-game winning streak with a thrilling 57-56 conference victory at Kannapolis January 22. The win was the Bulldogs' eighth straight of the season. Kelly Jones led the scoring for Albemarle with 17 markers. Tommy Smith added 16.

In the initial contest, Coach Tyson's Bulldogettes fell to the strong Kannapolis girls, 28-24. Linda Hatley was high scorer for Albemarle with 10 points. Kannapolis is undefeated, and Albemarle now sports a 6-2 record.

## Athletes Earn Letter Jackets

Letter jackets have been received by athletes who have lettered for the first time in either tennis, track, baseball, or football.

Those receiving jackets were the following: Whit Morrow, Gary Long, David Boyer, Darrell Newton, Jerry Talbert, George Burleson, Henry Fox, Jim Wilhelm, David Smith, Charles Daniel, Bill Trivette, Eddie Lane, William Sherrill, Carl Hicks, Rusty Vick, Al Blake, Rip Furr, Walter Harkney, Bill Tucker and Phil Furr.



Lynn Calder, captain of the Bulldogettes, and Kelly Jones, captain of the Bulldogs, dunk basketballs during practice for conference games. Albemarle faces Thomasville tonight.

# Bulldogs Bury East Under 64-35 Barrage

Kelly Jones scored 22 points and a total of ten Albemarle players broke into the scoring column as the Albemarle Bulldogs defeated East Rowan 64-35 in the East gymnasium, January 5.

In the opening game, Coach Billy Tyson's Bulldogettes nipped the East Rowan girls, 48-40. The win was their fifth in six games. The Bulldogs' victory was their sixth consecutive non-conference triumph of the season.

The Bulldogettes raced to a 26-17 half-time lead, but East Rowan battled back to tie the score after three quarters. However, a tremendous fourth-quarter effort by the Bulldogettes "pulled the game out of the fire" by a comfortable margin.

From the floor, the Bulldogettes hit on 43 per cent of their shots. Linda Hatley led the Albemarle scoring with 15 points.

Brookie Smith recovered 12 rebounds to lead Albemarle in this department. Linda Lucas grabbed ten for the winners.

Albemarle ..... 13 13 5 17-48  
East Rowan ..... 7 10 14 9-40

Led by senior quarterback Kelly Jones, the Fighting Bulldogs had very little trouble in defeating East Rowan. Albemarle led at halftime 31-15, and East Rowan never came any closer.

In the rebounding department, Albemarle led 29-26.

From the floor, the winners hit 43 per cent of their shots and connected on 56 per cent from the foul line. East Rowan hit 25 per cent of their floor shots and 50 per cent of their free throws.

Bulldogs ..... 16 15 8 25-64  
Mustangs ..... 6 9 5 15-35

### BULLDOGETTES WIN, 39-11

## Albemarle Tops North, 69-47

Albemarle Senior High's basketball teams won their fourth straight doubleheader of the season by whipping North Rowan here December 15.

Coach Billy Tyson's Bulldogettes defeated the North girls 39-11, despite a poor first half which ended 8-3 in favor of Albemarle.

Albemarle led in rebounding, 31-17. Linda Hatley and Lynn Calder were the leaders for the Bulldogettes with seven and five, respectively. Hatley also led the scoring for the winners with 18 points.

Coach Frazier's Bulldogs had little trouble in defeating the Cavaliers, leading 21-6 after the first quarter.

Albemarle hit 42% of their shots while North Rowan managed only 33%. Tommy Smith led the Bulldogs with 21 points. Kelly Jones tallied 13 and David Smith added eight. J. W. Lisk and Johnny Morris came through with eight and seven markers.

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