

77-78 Senior Powderpuff Football Team.

# Seniors Capture Powderpuff Title

The sixth annual powderpuff game between the seniors and the juniors was played November 10 at the Junior High Stadium.

Many days of hard practices, broken fingernails, and bruised knees for both teams, resulted in an interesting and exciting 14-0 Senior victory.

Both teams arrived at the field early to warm up for the game. They exercised until time for kick-off. Team captains met on the field with the referees. The juniors won the toss and elected to receive. Both teams were ready to go out and show the other how they could play.

The experience and skill of the seniors overpowered the junior team as the 'Blueteam' dominated the game. The ten-tative defense held the juniors scoreless as the senior offense scored 14 points. Connie Bates, Carol Gwaltney, and Angie Tucker led the defense in stopping the junior plays, while Beverly Hatley and Ann McLawhorn led the offense in scoring. Beverly Hatley scored two touchdowns and rushed for 87 yards. Leading in yards overall was Ann McLawhorn with 185 yards in 19 carries. Ann set up the scoring attempts with a 20 yard run and a 50 yard punt return. Beverly Hatley rushed 3 yards for the first touchdown on the first possession of the ball. The second touchdown came on a 9 yard run. Ann McLawhorn ran for the first TD conversion, while the juniors stopped the second attempt.

The juniors offensive team was led by Renee Cooper and JoAnne Neel. Each moved the ball for extra yardage. The only scoring threat was on the six yard line during the third quarter of action. Juniors lost possession on a fumble, recovered by senior lineman, Donna Kirk. Renee Cooper led the Junior defensive team with Donna Gathings, Georgia Anne Canon, and Cindy Talbert in stopping runners.

Not since the first Powder Puff

defeated both its junior and senior year. But the spirit and teamwork of the Class of '78 succeeded in capturing both games of their gridiron career.

The spirited team members, who all played a great game, were the following:

SENIORS Connie Bates, Adele Carre, Donna Creech, Margaret Crisco, Cindy Dunevant, Jane Faulkenberry, Rhonda Faulkner, Carol Gwaltney, Shelly Hatfield, Beverly Hatley, Kim Herrin, Ann Holshouser, Donna Kirk, Sharon Ledbetter, Sharon Miller, Ann McLawhorn, Lisa Page, Laura Richardson, Janice Roberson, Cathy Russell, Debbie Russell, Angie Tucker, Lydia Whitley. Coaches: Mark Barger, Robert Cotton, Burt Keck, Charles Lowder, Barry Stoker.

JUNIORS - Shelby Austin, Georgia Anne Canon, Susan Cashion, Renee Cooper, Debbie Farlow, Cheryl Freeman, Donna Gathings, Melinda Gantt, Angela Hamilton, Lisa Huneycutt, Angela Hyatt, Dale Ivey, Sharon Johnson, Melissa McKeithen, Frieda Miller, Joanne Neel, Robin Rivers, Laurie Rogers, Tamara Sehorn, Carol Smith, Cindy Talbert, Leslie Woodruff. Coaches: Doug Brown, Ricky Brown, Dino Jordon, Tracy

### **Bulldogs Win Two In A Row**

By MIKE PARKER

The Bulldogs took good advantage of seven Northwest Cabarrus turnovers and defeated the Trojans 24-21 on October 21.

The Trojans scored first on a 75-yard fumble return for an early 7-0 lead.

On their next possession, the Bulldogs scored on Nelson Watkins' one yard run. Tom Moore's kick split the uprights tying the score at 7-7.
Following the first interception

of a Trojan pass, the 'Dogs scored again on a four-yard run by Mark Barger. Moore's kick gave the Bulldogs a 14-7 lead.

After another interception, the Bulldogs drove deep and Tom Moore booted a 24-yard field goal giving Albemarle a 17-7 lead.

The Trojans scored on a 75yard pass from Randy Baker to Phil Bush. The 2-point attempt failed as the half ended 17-13 in favor of the 'Dogs.

The Bulldogs played good defense in the third quarter. The 'Dogs gained possession of the

ball on the Trojan eight-yard line on yet another intercepted pass. Robert Cotton then threw a 9yard touchdown pass to Charles Lowder. Moore's kick gave the Bulldogs a 24-13 lead.

The Trojans struck back on a 35-yard pass from Baker to Doby. The PAT made the score 24-21.

The Albemarle defense then became very tough and halted any further Trojan offense as Albemarle won the game 24-21.

#### Bulldogs Down Comets in O.T.

The visiting Comets fought hard but the Bulldogs proved to be just too much for them as the 'Dogs won 13-7 in overtime on October 28.

The Comets jumped out in front on a 25-yard run by Gerald Davis. The PAT was good giving North a 7-0 lead.

The Bulldogs got the ground game going in the second half. The 'Dogs tied the score on a strong drive concluded by Mark Barger. Tom Moore's PAT made

Late in the game, the 'Dogs

attempted a field goal with ten seconds left, but North Stanly was called offsides, which nullified the field goal. After the penalty. Tom Moore attempted another field goal. The kick appeared to the Albemarle fans to be good, but the referee disagreed and called the kick nogood.

Albemarle won the toss and chose to take the ball to start the overtime period. The Bulldogs scored on third down from the two-yard line as Mark Barger went around the right end. Tom Moore's PAT kick went wide, but the Bulldogs led 13-7.

The Comets received the ball on the ten-yard line. Albemarle's strong defense held the Comets on downs and gained a hardfought 13-7 victory.

The Bulldog offense gained 147 yards on the ground, with the majority coming in the second

The strong Bulldog defense held the Comets scoreless in the second half and shut down their running game.

## Pigskin Club Hosts Banquet

The annual football banquet was held Friday evening, November 11, at Harward's Steak and Fish House. Harold Johnson, sports director of WBT radio in Charlotte, was featured as the guest speaker.

Dink Moore, president of the Pigskin Club, opened the meeting, followed by Reverend Roy Gwaltney who gave the invocation. A steak supper was then served with a background of dinner music by Kolis and Koni

After the meal, Johnny Andrew, editor of the Stanly News and Press, introduced Mr. Johnson. He interested everyone in his talk by discussing the number in the U.S. involved in

sports and the pride athletes should feel in their ac-complishments. He spoke about how people should set goals in their life and put extra work and effort into meeting these goals because it is worth it. He proceeded to discuss attitudes, especially the "I know I can do it" attitude.

After the speech, Coach Will Campagna led the presentation of awards. First, he recognized the cheerleaders and the tennis team for all their accomplishments. He then thanked the Bulldog football tri-captains, Charles Lowder. Robert Cotton, and Jacob Davis for all their leadership and help. He directed a few special words to the team in appreciation for their winning season.

Varsity Basketball

**Schedule 1977-78** 

29 — \*West Stanly ... Away

2 — \*South Stanly... Home

Cabarrus . . . . Away 9 — Concord . . . . Home

13 — Sun Valley . . . . Away 16 — Forest Hills . . . Away 19 — East Rowan . . . . Home

Cabarrus . . . . . Home 27&28 — Stanly County Classics . . . . . Home

January 3 — North Stanly. . . . Away

6 — South Rowan . . . Away 10 — \*South Stanly . . . Away

Cabarrus . . . . . Home 17 — Concord . . . . . Away

20 — Sun Valley . . . . Home

24 — Forest Hills . . . . Home

27 — East Rowan . . . . Away

Cabarrus ..... Away

3 - North Stanly ... Home

Date Opponent

6 — Northwest

21 — Central

13 — Northwest

31 — Central

February

November

December

Coach Campagna then introduced Mr. Jerry Long, owner of Long's Jewelers who donated and presented the "Player of the Week Awards." Receiving these awards were the following:

August 26 — offensive, Charles Lowder; defensive, Nelson Watkins. September 2 — of-fensive, Nelson Watkins; defensive, Jimmie Faulkner. September 9 — offensive, Todd Davis; defensive, Leron Owens. September 16 — offensive, Tom Moore; defensive, Burt Keck. September 30 — offensive, Mack Knotts; defensive, Ralph Boyd. October 7 - offensive, Mark Barger; defensive, Barry Stoker. October 14 - offensive, Robert Cotton; defensive, Mark Barger. October 21 — offensive, Nelson Watkins; defensive, Jacob Davis. October 28 — offensive, Artis Sellers; defensive, Bobby Harwood. November 4 — offensive, Mark Barger; defensive, Jacob

The next group of special awards were presented by Mr. Long to the coaches, managers, and trainers, who worked very hard and seldom got the recognition they deserve. These special awards were given to Gene Kidd, Rickie Parker, Alan Barnes, Dino Jordon, Reid Squires, Bob Johnston, Dave Talbert, Larry Fast, Vernon Taylor, David Rothwell, Dave

Holcomb, and Gary Karriker.

The Pigskin Club presented a plaque to each of the graduating seniors: Barry Stoker, Jacob Davis William Lowder, Charles Lowder, Leron Owens, Tim White, Victor Karam, Foster Parker, Bobby Harwood, Tom Moore, Robert Cotton, Mack Knotts, Mark Barger, and Todd Davis.

The final special awards were presented by Coach Campagna. These awards were voted on by the team. Each trophy was donated by a different sponsor. Outstanding Offensive Back -Mark Barger, (Lowder Hardware); Outstanding Defensive Back — Jacob Davis, (First National Bank); Outstanding Offensive Lineman - Tom Moore, (Stanly Hardware); Outstanding Defensive Lineman Leron Owens, (First Citizens Bank); and Most Improved Player — Mack Knotts, Cabarrus

Bank and Trust). Coach Campagna announced next years tri-captains — Nelson Watkins, Tracy Lowder, and Artis Sellers. New Pigskin Club officers were elected, and the meeting was adjourned.

### **Bulldogs Finish Strong**

With a 4-4-1 record and hopes of a winning season, the Bulldogs traveled to Sun Valley on November 2. The 'Dogs stomped the Spartans by a score of 34-6.

The Bulldogs got on the board in the second quarter on Mark Barger's one-yard run. Tom Moore's PAT gave 'Dogs a 7-0

Following a Spartan fumble recovery on Sun Valley's 22-yard line, Barger ran 22 yards for another touchdown. Moore's kick extended Albemarle's lead to

The Bulldogs scored once more game has a team gone un- in the second quarter as Robert Cotton sneaked in from a yard away. Moore's kick left the score 21-0 as the first half closed.

The Bulldogs struck again in the third quarter following Mark Barger's pass interception. Nelson Watkins scored from ten yards away giving Albemarle a 27-0 lead. Moore's kick went wide to the left.

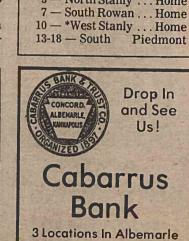
The Spartans got on the board as Scott Broome ran fifty yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving Albemarle ahead 27-6.

The Bulldogs scored their final touchdown in the fourth quarter on Todd Davis' 46-yard run down the sidelines. Tom Moore's kick was perfect. The game concluded with the 'Dogs a 34-6 winner.

The Bulldog backfield ran for 210 yards behind senior offensive lineman Mack Knotts, Charles Lowder, and Tom Moore. Mark Barger had 67 yards rushing and Todd Davis had 70.

The tough Bulldog defense held Sun Valley to just six first downs and only six points.

The victory was a great team effort and gave the Bulldogs a 5-4-1 overall record.



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