

"Attitude, Enthusiasm and Pride..."

On Monday, November 5, boys' varsity and junior varsity practice officially began. Many of the candidates had been working out on their own for about two weeks prior to the beginning of practice. These workouts were led by two senior lettermen, Will Jolly and Frank Howard.

Once again, the varsity basketball team will be coached by Dave Holcomb and assisted by Dave Talbert. This year's varsity will be much smaller in size than the "Holcomb coached" teams in the past. The team will also be very inexperienced, with only one of the top seven starters returning from last season. The success of the team will be greatly determined by how much experience the team gains as the season progresses. "Attitude, Enthusiasm, and Pride," stated Coach Holcomb, "will also be determining factors."

Four seniors return to the varsity team this year. They are Lancaster Crump (Captain), Frank Howard, Bryan Shumate, and Will Jolly. The rest of the team includes Chico Lilly, Eric Mack, Laron Maske, Todd Jones, Kenny Davis, Doug Davis and Mack Morgan.

The junior varsity team is

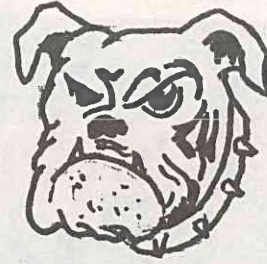


Lancaster Crump pumps in two points for the 'dogs.

coached by Bob Johnston. This year's team is composed of both freshmen and sophomores. Coach Johnston states, "We won't be the tallest team in the conference but we will have

average height and have a fairly quick team."

The junior varsity is scheduled to open their conference season on December 4th at Northwest Cabarrus.



BULLDOG BARKS

By CHRISTIE SASSER

Chico Lilly and David Rush were recognized by The Charlotte Observer as a "potent passing combination." Rush completed two scoring passes to Lilly for a total of 119 yards and two touchdowns against Forest Hills. Congratulations to these fine athletes.

In the victory over Forest Hills, Chico Lilly was named as offensive player of the week, and David Rush was named as defensive player of the week. Against Concord Doug Faulkner was honored for his offensive performance, and David Moose took the defensive award. In the Northwest Cabarrus game Eddie Snuggs and David Moose were recognized as offensive and defensive players of the week respectively. Eric Mack received the offensive honors and David Russell took the defensive award in the battle with North Stanly. In the victory over Sun Valley, Eddie Snuggs received recognition for his outstanding offensive performance, and Jody Mauldin was recognized as the outstanding defensive player.

The third annual Stanly County Classic basketball tournament will be held December 27-28 at the Pfeiffer College gymnasium. The Bulldogs will be attempting to defend their crown against the three county teams; North Stanly, South Stanly, and West Stanly.

The Bulldogs will host the third annual Albemarle Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Saturday, January 5.

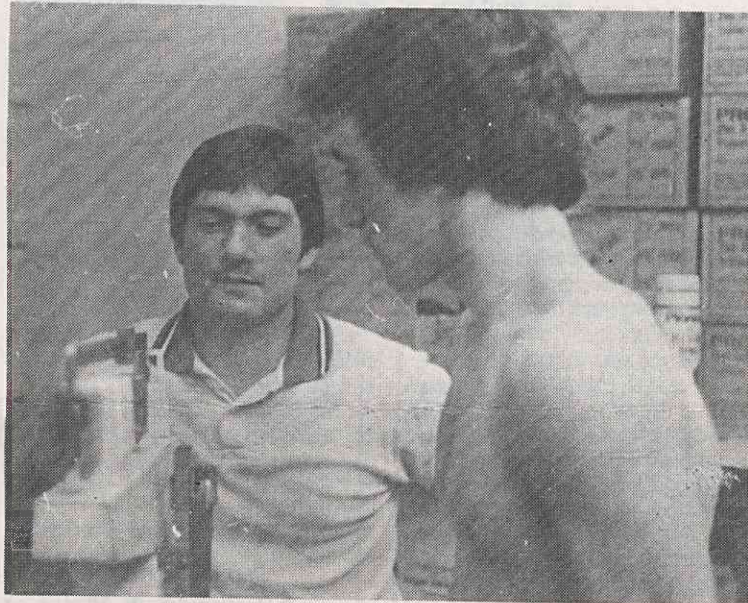
Wrestlers Hit The Mats

This year's wrestling team started practice on November 1. The team has been working hard under the guidance of Coach Steve Bean. This is Coach Bean's first year here at Albemarle. Co-captains of the grapplers are Jerry Russell and Doug Connell.

The Bulldogs opened their season on Saturday, December 1, in the Northwest Cabarrus Tournament. This year the Bulldogs will face several new opponents. Charlotte Catholic, South Stanly, Randleman and Piedmont are all new to the Bulldogs' schedule. Albemarle will once again host its own tournament on Saturday, January 5. The tournament will have seven teams other than the Bulldogs participating: Asheboro, Northwest Cabarrus, Mount Pleasant, East Rowan,

South Rowan, Charlotte Catholic and North Davidson.

Coach Bean has five members of last year's team returning. he stated, "We have a good chance to have a good year." The Bulldogs should fill every weight class except for the unlimited class. The participation is a big improvement over last year when the Bulldogs were forced to forfeit several weight classes. Members of this year's team are: Wayne Allen, Stewart Boone, David Chandler, Doug Connell, Robert Gay, Bobby Greenlee, Ricky Honeycutt, Ray Laton, Greg Little, David Livingston, Frank Miller, Mike Morton, Kevin Norton, Todd Rodgers, Jeff Russell, Jerry Russell, Dale Speight and David Wilkins.



Doug Connell weighs in before practice.

Wrestling Schedule

December	
1	Northwest Tournament . A
4	Mount Pleasant H
7	Charlotte Catholic A
10	North Rowan H
13	South Stanly A
17	Randleman A
29	East Rowan Tourn. A
January	
5	Albemarle Invitational . H
7	South Stanly H
10	Piedmont H
16	Asheboro H
17	East Rowan H
22	Concord A
24	Northwest A
29	Central H
31	South Rowan A
February	
7-8	State Sect. Salisbury
14-15	State Region. Hickory
21-22	State Finals Winston-Salem Parkland

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