



Bulldog Sports

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Hitting the High Notes

By Marshall Riggins and Courtney Brown

STATE CHAMPS!

AHS wrestlers are 1A/2A State Champs for 1991! On Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9, the Bulldogs made all other wrestling teams in North Carolina sit up and take notice as they dominated the dual competition at Ledford High. They started the tournament Friday with a 62-6 win over Mount Airy. In the first round on Saturday, the Bulldogs had revenge on their minds as they faced Mitchell County. It was Mitchell who beat Albemarle in last year's tournament. The Bulldogs won 56-9, with six of Mitchell County's points coming off a John Page disqualification for an illegal slam. West Lincoln was next to fall, and they did so by the score of 53-6. In the state finals it once again came down to Albemarle vs. Mt. Pleasant. Mount got to the finals by defeating defending champions, Dixon. The final score was 43-22, with the Bulldogs losing only 5 weight classes. This win is the crowning achievement on an undefeated 19-0 season by the Bulldogs. Albemarle moves on to regionals and state, which are individual tournaments. Good luck Dogs!

BRBBP Poll of the Month

OK! We've done all the necessary polls to please you, the readers, with our predictions. But, this month we're going to do a side poll on a sport which doesn't seem to get any respect in the sportsworld. That's right, there is a brand new season underway and the BRBBP turns its sights to GOLF this month. *Golf Digest*, *Golf Illustrated* and *GOLF* magazines all seek our poll. But, you get it first here at *THE FULL MOON!!!*

1. Curtis Strange- a fallout season last year shocked him into reality. Hard practice in the off-season will bring him up to "par" to lead the rest of the field again.
2. Greg Norman- was disappointed to lose the limelight to Faldo last year and will break through to finally prove himself capable of holding on and winning a major tournament.
3. Fred Couples- has been seeking the means to disprove the claims of his "carefree" attitude. He will bound into the rankings with a win at the U.S. Open!!
4. Nick Faldo- will lose his consistency due to overconfidence. He will be shocked at his lack of ability, which will lead him to bad play in the major tournaments.
5. Phil Mickelson- have you heard of him? If not, you'll know him by the end of the season. He has already proven himself as an amateur, ready to turn pro, by winning the Northern Telecom Tuscon Open. He will continue to hold his amateur status until he graduates next year and will set the new amateur record score at Augusta, ousting Chris Patton.

Heels and Pack Back to Back

The Tarheels and the Wolfpack played in the first ever back-to-back doubleheader in ACC history on the nights of February 6th and 7th. The first game was held in Reynolds Coliseum and the Wolfpack took a 97-91 win with Rodney Monroe scoring 37 and Tom Gugliotta 28. The very next night, less than 24 hours later, at the Dean E. Smith Center Carolina took an impressive 92-70 win over the exhausted Pack players by shutting down the three point barrage of Rodney Monroe and Tom Gugliotta. The depth of N. Carolina's team showed in the second game because while the Tarheel players still looked very strong, the State players seemed to always be a step slow. Any basketball enthusiast had to have enjoyed seeing two good teams play hard-nosed basketball on successive nights.

Big Muscles or Big Belly?

The boxing world is waiting patiently for the Tyson-Holyfield fight coming in the future, hopefully. First, however, Holyfield has to deal with George Foreman. He may seem a mini-threat to most boxing critics, but we definitely think he is not one to overlook. His cheeseburgers may just make him the "tank" he aims to become. If so, will Tyson fight Foreman? What if Holyfield wins? What about Razor Ruddock? Whatever happens, Douglas is definitely not in the picture!!!

Still "Sharp"

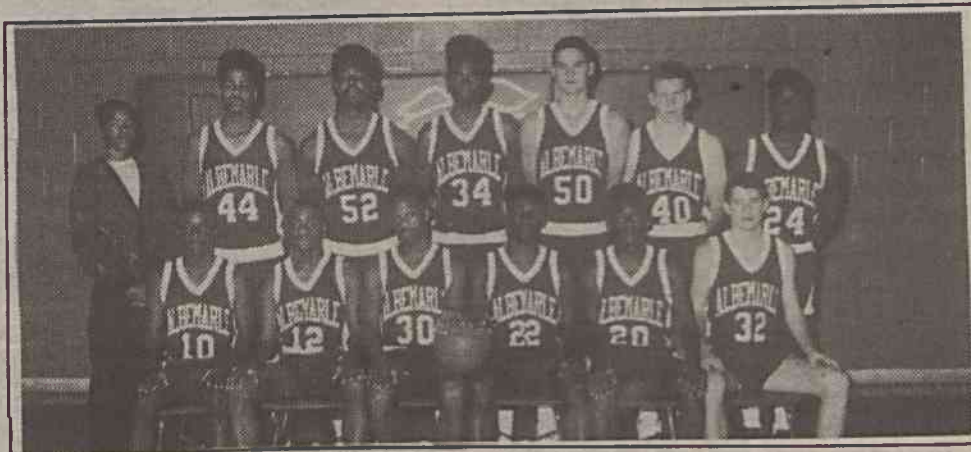
The Charlotte Hornets have recently made the biggest trade in the short history of the franchise. Most people including I were shocked to hear that Armon Gilliam, the Hornets best player, was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers for veteran Mike Gminiski. I, myself, don't think that the trade should have taken place. The Hornets' front office keeps saying that they are building a team for the future, but if they are trying to accomplish that, why trade a young player with a promising future for somewhat of a question mark in Mike Gminiski who has maybe five years at most left in the league? The only way I can rationalize the front office's thinking is that they were trying to make J.R. Reid happy by trading Gilliam so Reid won't have to play out of position anymore. For the Hornet's sake I hope the trade does come out for the better because after all they are getting a true center in Gminiski, and hopefully he can lead the team to a couple more wins. But as for me I give the whole trade a thumbs down.

Roundball Magic

By Courtney Brown

This year's basketball season is well underway and the boys' basketball team is off and running. Over Christmas vacation the 'Dogs walked away with the Pfeiffer Invitational Tournament for the first time since the legendary 30-1 team did back in 1985. This was only the beginning of a twelve game winning streak to start the season. So far this season the 'Dogs have lost four games, a heartbreaker to Monroe and a one point loss to East Montgomery, a five point loss to North Stanly, and a shocker to Piedmont. However, after losing those games the 'Dogs hope to come back strong and put together another string of wins. If you have looked in the Charlotte Observer's Sweet Sixteen, the boys moved as high as number six in the state and number two among all 2A schools. Captain Adrian Hearne had this to say about this year's team, "When I start drawing cotton, the team should never lose." Our Bulldog team has an outside shot at a conference championship, but

with remaining games against West Stanly and Monroe, the hard part of the schedule has yet to be played. Our very own Coach Holcomb is approaching his 500th win and with only two more wins needed, the team will hopefully bring this milestone to the coach. Coach Holcomb really doesn't think that his 500th win is such a big deal. He kind of blew off the whole thing by saying, "I don't win games, I just lose them. The only thing that 500 wins shows is that I've had a lot of good players and been coaching for a long time." Hopefully the 1990-1991 team can bring home the conference championship as well as the conference tournament and maybe progress a little further into the playoffs than last year's team did. The boys team includes Elliott Parker, Courtney Brown, Corrie Ellis, Adrian Hearne, Andre Ridenhour, Kevin Pressley, Jason Cagle, Nakia Gould, Kino Lilly, Demon Watkins, and Tom Allen.



The 1990-91 Bulldog Basketball Team

A Cure for Cabin Fever

By Michael Blagg

Out with the old and in with the new. Albemarle's athletes are coming out from the dull, bland indoors, and they are heading outdoors. Out to the asphalt, the tennis courts, the greens and fairways, and the sand diamonds. Spring is in the air.

The fleet feet of AHS will have to do their running outdoors from here on out. The indoor track team has readied itself for further competition. The boys and girls plan on posing a serious threat to conference supremacy.



Mr. Moran instructs Kerry on the finer points of tennis.

Gary Moran and the tennis team will be chasing those little fuzzy balls all over creation. Kerry Brooks and Dave "Spot" Cranford will be leading this year. With "Mo" coaching them, how can they be denied?

Now, on to the calm, peaceful, golf course, where people become one with nature while they wage bloody war against those of opposite schools and their own golf balls. Ah yes! Golf is here again. After his "Manifest Destiny" lectures, "Diamond" Dave Holcomb will have his team ready.

Baseball, the diamond kings are back. Both J.V. and varsity will be having it out on the diamond. The J.V. will have a new coach, and if Gary Weiker can see out of the dug-out, the J.V. baseball team will make a good showing. Eric Hatley and Eric Culp will help lead "Andrew's animals" to an undefeated season.

Lastly, softball will be on the spring agenda. A new coach, Carla Kimrey, will be coaching the team this year. Mrs. Kimrey is a South Stanly graduate, and Rachel Kendall, Pate Butler, and Leslie Morgan are the seniors who will lead the team to victory.

There they are, the spring sports. If those competitive juices begin to flow within your system, go out for a sport. There are plenty to choose from.