



Bulldog Sports



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Sports Shorts



by April Bailey

FOOTBALL-The Dallas Cowboys took all the glory in the Super Bowl as they defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers with a score of 27-17. Larry Brown of the Cowboys took the role of MVP of the Super Bowl. The winners of the game are paid \$42,000 for just that day, not counting their regular five figure salary, plus bonuses. Even the losers received \$27,000 for just playing in the game, but the road to the Super Bowl is long.

NBA-The Chicago Bulls are pulling away from the rest of the teams. Michael Jordan's comeback has meant a lot to the team and they hope this continuation will push them back into the playoffs again this year. Magic Johnson made his comeback debut on January 30, when the Lakers played the Golden State Warriors. Magic had retired four years ago but has now decided to comeback in to the NBA. He has said that his health condition should have no effect on the other players, but some are skeptical about the results it will have.

Heading Down the Court

by Allen Furr

The Albemarle junior varsity basketball team has been looking for success. The team has been led by the superb ball handling skills of freshman Trellis Edwards. The Dogs have started the conference at 2-6. Overall in the season the guys are 7-6. Starters for the team are Travis Gaster, Trellis Edwards, Vonnell Little, Robbie Johnson, and Ross Stokes. The starters are relieved by a productive bench of LaKeith Moses, William Chambers, and Ben Lisk. Ben has been a good asset to the outside shooting game. The Bulldogs suffered a tough loss at Mt. Pleasant. They had

a big lead, but the game went into a double overtime and the Dogs ran out of time. Their only wins in the first round of the conference were over Salisbury and West Stanly, but they hope to improve their record as the second round begins. The guys' practices are full of running and scrimmage. They mostly run because Coach says they "act up" way too much, so their in good shape. Coach Larry Johnson feels that his team can go a long way with the right attitude and hopes they will enjoy more victories as the season continues. Good luck to these guys in the future!

Bulldogs Keep Rolling

by Rusty Story

The junior varsity girls' basketball team has continued its streak of excellence through the month of January. They lost their first game of the season to a tough West Rowan team in late



C. Phillipy practices her free throws before a game.

January. The girls only other loss was to North Stanly, but they hope to avenge this loss later in the year. Their current record is 5-2 in the conference. The girls overall record is 10-2 for the season. Their last victim of the first round was West Stanly, who fell to the superior basketball skills of Albemarle. The team has been led by a remarkable group of freshmen. This group put an outstanding non-conference record together. The Lady Dogs went through their opponents with no problems. Conference play has proven to be much more of a struggle for the team. The team has been led by Holly Kopp, Yashica Wall, Charlotte Phillipy, Bartina Bowden, Tammy Dorman, and Porsche Cole. The bench has also been productive for the girls. Allison Horton, Amber Parry, Carrie Stoker, Catherine Hinson, Terah Huneycutt, and Catherine Hinson. Mental mistakes have slowed the Lady Dogs down at times, but they have shown signs of domination that will take them to the top.

Back Into the Spring of Things

by Rusty Story

Spring sports have officially begun. February 12 marked the first day of practice. The sports that have started include men's varsity and junior varsity baseball, women's softball, men's tennis, men's golf, and men's and women's outdoor track.

VARSITY-JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL-Varsity baseball could have a rocky road ahead of them. The team has a lack of experience this year, but they do have a lot of talent. Their first game is on March 12 against South Stanly.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL-The softball team for '96 returns key players this year that could possibly take them to the top of the YVC. Those key players include offensive forces Beth Donally and Susan Rose. Also returning to the team is Heather Braley, their starting pitcher. Don't be suprised to see this team at the top.

MEN'S TENNIS-The tennis team has been fortunate enough to have what every sport likes to have coming into the new season, their number one player. Grant Hopkins will return as #1 with

three seasons of experience and all-conference designation. It makes it easier on a coach to be put in this situation. Their home matches will be played at Chuck Morehead Park.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK- The men's track team is returning almost all of thier sprinters from last season. Brico Flake, Mondarius Henry, and Desmond Green all have state experience and will be looked upon as leaders this year. Coach Morris will coach the 'Dogs again this season. The women's track team is under the guidance of a new coach this year. Coach Moss will take over after basketball ends. Heather Freshly, Katie Mabry, Mandy Poston, and Mary Nance will be the leaders of the girls in '96.

MEN'S GOLF- The golf team only lost one starter from last season. They return golfers Dustin Poplin, Bo Andrew, Will Turbeville, and Ross Stokes. Coach Andrew will coach the golfers this spring. Their first match is away against East Rowan on March 17. Their home matches will be held at the SCCC in Badin.

Untouchables Tied for First

by Shawna Euto and April Bailey

The local Stanly County YMCA and the Parks and Recreation Department have been sponsoring High School Hornets basketball for area high school students who do not play for the organized teams at school. Some of our own seniors at AHS are playing in the league. There are six teams in the league. Members of "The Untouchables" are John Brooks, Michael Crowder, Seth Mabry, Grant Hopkins, Chris Burris, and Stephen Anderson. These guys play every Saturday morning and practice during the week. Their games are played here at AHS. Recently, the

guys had to play a game of four on five. In the game before, two of their players were suspended for the next game because of technical fouls. So they had to play with only four. The remarkable aspect is that the guys recovered from a thirteen point deficit to a victory of 39-28 over the "South Central" players, whose members are also from AHS. The "Dream Team" and the "Bricklayers" also include students from Albemarle. The Untouchables record now stands at 5-1, and they hope to continue their winning streak.



"The Untouchables" (L-R): Front Row, J. Brooks, M. Crowder, S. Anderson; Back Row, S. Mabry, G. Hopkins, C. Burris



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