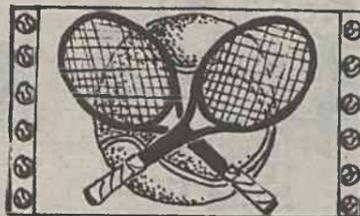




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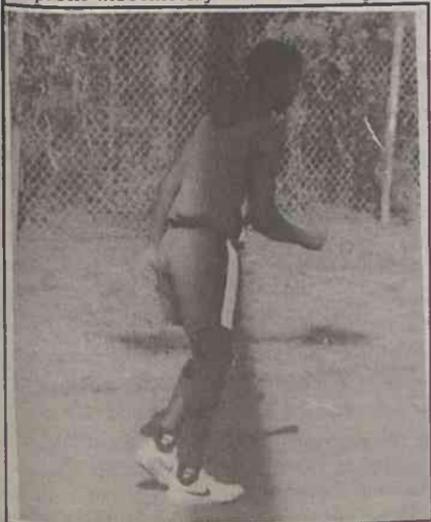


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## Tracking Down the Competition

by Shawna Euto

The boys and girls track teams have competed recently in two conference meets and one non-conference. They both placed first in a conference meet against West Montgomery, West Rowan, and Mt. Pleasant. There were many first place finishers in this meet. Cedric Baldwin placed first again in the long, high, and triple jump. The 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay teams



William Chambers gets ready to jump.

both placed first. Saladine Peets placed first in the 400m run. Katie Mabry placed first in the high jump and Kelley Morehead in the 100m high hurdles and 300m hurdles. The relay teams which placed first were 3200m and the 4x400m relays. Eloise Odom placed first in the 1600m and 3200m run. Tammy Dorman placed first in the 400m run, also Sweet Flake in the 800m run. The two teams also placed first in a non-conference meet against North Stanly, West Montgomery, and North Moore. In this non-conference meet, Cedric placed first again in the long and triple jump. J.R. Harriman placed first in the pole vault. The 4x400m and 3200m relay teams also had a first place finish. Once again Saladine Peets had a first place finish in the 400m run, and Michael Dennis came in first in the 800m run. The girls had many first place finishers starting with Kelley Morehead in the 100m and 300m hurdles. The 3200m, 4x100m, and 4x400m relays teams were first. Once again, Eloise Odom placed first in the 3200m and 1600m run. Sweet ran the 800m run and Felicia Ridgley ran the 400m run both placing first. The meet against North Rowan, West Rowan, and West Stanly which was rescheduled for April 4th caused many conflicts for the runners allowing only a few to attend the meet. Consequently, the girls and boys placed third.

## Out of the Ballpark

by Rusty Story

The men's varsity baseball team is well into conference play. They are currently 5-6 and 3-4 in the conference. Two of the defeats were to Salisbury by scores of 9-2 and 8-5. Both conference losses were to conference leader North Rowan and second place West Stanly. The team played in an Easter Tournament at Catawba College April 4-8. They were defeated 2-0 by South Rowan in their opening round game. They then faced West Rowan and achieved their first tournament win by a score of 6-5. They next faced Salisbury in the third round consolation game and were defeated 7-4. They then traveled

to West Rowan for another conference game and were beat 8-6. They then came home to defeat county rival North Stanly. They came from behind to win 5-4. Leading hitters on the team so far this season have been Jeremy Clarke and Charlie Crawley. Alex Lowder and Rufus Lefler have made some spectacular defensive catches in the center field and left field positions for the Bulldogs. Brett Gibson, Brian Stoker, Justin Kimery, Rusty Story, and Travis Gaster have all pitched their share of innings this season. The dogs have begun playing their games at 7:00 now and will appreciate your support.

## Tennis Anyone?

by Allen Furr

The Albemarle Bulldogs tennis season is started off with a bang with a record of 3-3. Grant Hopkins has led the way for the Dogs at the number one seed. Devron Furr has also had a good start to his season in singles. Jamie Simmons is 5-2 since the basketball season. Other supporting players on the team are David Phibbs, Jason Smith, Jonathon Dry, and Josh Lawson. They are surviving well in conference play. The Bulldog tennis team also has continued to domi-

nate the county with a record of 21-0 over the last six years. The Bulldogs have defeated West Davidson, South Stanly, North Stanly, West Stanly, Mt. Pleasant, and Central Cabarrus. They were defeated by Salisbury, West Montgomery, and West Rowan. Coach Moran would like to encourage everyone to come out and support his team. He also said that he would pay all the students' admission fee for the first 50 that come to the game.



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