



Bulldog right-halfback Phil Deaton tries run around right end, but is tackled by one of Graham's linebackers.

W. H. S. Bulldogs Open Season With Victory Over Graham

Memorial Stadium was the site of Walter Williams High School's ninth straight victory over the Graham High Red Devils with a score of 28 to 13.

A heavy rain before the game held the crowd to about 3,500 fans.

Coach Bill England's Bulldogs were led by Co-captain Jerry Hollifield in scoring with halfback Phil Deaton, quarterback Mike Lassiter and fullback Johnny Harden carrying the ball for good gains throughout the game. Running from the halfback position Hollifield scampered for touchdown runs of 82, 70 and nine yards. Adding six points to the final tally was quarterback Mike Lassiter who scooted for 10 yards for a TD in the fourth quarter. Hollifield split the uprights four out of four tries to add four extra-points to the score.

On the Bulldog forward wall there was a lot of spirit and hustle shown both offensively and defensively by guards Ronnie Garrett and Freddy Reiber with Mike Littlejohn at center offensively and on defense with Bud Dowdy as linebackers. Tackles Darryl McLendon, Roy Riddle and Jimmy Skidmore held down their positions along with co-captain David Guyer and Jackie Neely taking care of the end positions.

Graham's Red Devils, running from the single wing, were led by tailback Don Guthrie who gained a lot of yardage and also scored Graham's first six points on a 19-yard run. Coach George Heckman's charges got their other TD from a 22-yard dash around end by wingback Tyson Williams.

In the third quarter the Bulldogs had a slight scare after the touchdown by Williams which made the score 14 to 13 in favor of Burlington. Mike Littlejohn then blocked a Graham punt and seven plays later the score was 21 to 13. In the last half of the fourth quarter Coach England used his reserves (who came through very well) with Sammy Hunt calling the plays. Perry McDowell, George McCuiston and Bill Heyworth all carried the pigskin for gains.

Sportsfinder

By Johnny Weeks

This year, as in the past eight years, Burlington opened its season with a victory over our neighboring double A rivals, the Graham Red Devils. This victory shows that the team has spirit and a lot of hustle and it also shows the team the amount of cheering and spirit the school has. I want you to ask yourself: "Do I cheer at ball games? Am I doing my duty to my student body, or am I letting 'Joe' do it all?" I hate to preach, especially after everybody else has, but I think we ought to show our team some real school spirit.

I'm sure the entire student body would like to join me in thanking Mr. Bud Dowdy for our mascot, Bozo, the Bulldog. I know the mascot means a lot to the student body and especially the team.

The schedule for the Bulldogs this year is in the right corner. After talking with Coach England he said the 6-0 loss to Asheville was about the hardest game we will have to play during the season. To add to this he remarked that all of the games were going to be rough. Asheville, who we have already played, Salisbury, and Greensboro are going to be our roughest games.

Mr. C. A. Frye, who coaches here at W. H. S., put his natural abilities to work this past summer by pitching for one of our baseball clubs here in Burlington. I just add that he did a very fine job of pitching. Congratulations, Coach Frye!

Attention all students, clubs, faculty members, and graduates. Do you realize that only four ball games remain after the game with Reynolds, between now and homecoming? This may sound like thinking a little bit ahead, but I can well remember in past years how much confusion, etc., was going on during that last week before homecoming. We play Raleigh October 18 for our annual homecoming game. Let's all start thinking about homecoming and have a big parade, a pretty queen, and best of all, let's win the ball game.

Under the leadership of our new director, Mr. Harold Grant, the W. H. S. band has been working very hard to please students of W. H. S. I know this for a fact for I usually come over and watch them on the field. They did a very fine show entitled "Around the World in 80 Days" and also had a very good show at the Asheville game. Let's show a little courtesy when they come on the field and listen to what they have to play. They are our band and we should support them.

Congratulations to Mr. Jerry Hollifield for extremely good extra point kicking in the Graham and Asheville games. He scored more extra points in our Graham game than we scored the entire season last year.



Pictured above are the three new coaches who have joined the athletic staff here at Williams. From left to right, sitting, are head football coach Bill England and Alvin Hooks. Standing is coach Les Swanner.

England, Hooks, And Swanner Join W. H. S. Athletic Staff

Three new coaches have been added to the William High School coaching staff this year. They are Coach Bill England, Coach Alvin Hooks, and Coach Les Swanner.

Coach Bill England will assume the duties of head football and track coach. Bill England was born in Asheville in 1931. He attended high school in Morganton where he played football and lettered. Later he went to Catawba College where he also played football. Coach England majored in physical education at Catawba where he finished in 1954. His last coaching duty was at the University of South Carolina. He was football coach for the Sand Lappers.

Hollifield, Guyer Elected Co-Capt.

Williams High Bulldogs this year elected for their co-captains Jerry Hollifield and David Guyer, seniors and returning lettermen.

David Guyer with the weight of 175 lbs. is playing left end for the Bulldogs. He carries the number 33 on his jersey. Guyer was on the starting line-up against Graham last Friday night.

Jerry Hollifield weighing in at 145 lbs. this year will be the left halfback for the 1957-58 season. Jerry, after this year will be a three year letterman in football, a three year slugger in baseball and a four year letterman in wrestling. For the previous two years he has caught for the Bulldogs' baseball team and will return this baseball season to assume the same duty.

The backfield will be coached by Alvin Hooks. He will also be the Bulldog's head basketball coach. He was born in 1929 in Goldsboro. He went to Rocky Mount High School and took part in football, basketball, and baseball in Rocky Mount High. Coach Hooks attended Appalachian State Teachers College, where he also took part in the three major sports, football, baseball, and basketball. He majored in physical education and math and graduated in 1952. He went back later to receive his Master's Degree in 1952. Coach Hooks' last coaching duty was in Taylorsville. There he was football and basketball coach. Mr. Hooks will also assume the teaching duty of general math and Algebra I. Coach Hooks, having been asked the question, "How do you think the Bulldogs' schedule will come out this year?" said, "Having been out of triple A class play, I can not say, because Graham was a double A class, and I do not know how they will do in triple A play."

Coach Les Swanner will assist in coaching the backfield for the Bulldogs. He also will assume the duties of assistant basketball, golf and tennis coaching. He was born in Albemarle where he also attended high school. He later attended Catawba College where he lettered in football. His major at Catawba was physical education. Coach Swanner's last coaching duty was here in Burlington, although he was not on the faculty of Williams High. He served at Broad Street at that time.

Bulldogs Set New Records

- (1) Highest total score of 41 points, breaking the previous record of 27 set in 1951.
- (2) Highest Burlington score of 28, breaking by one point the 1951 total.
- (3) Highest number of Graham points in a game, 13, breaking 1950's six point record. Graham previously had scored only six points in the series of eight games.
- (4) Longest touchdown run from scrimmage of 82 yards by Burlington halfback Jerry Hollifield. The previous record was held by Coy Clayton, who ran 72 yards for a score in 1951.
- (5) Most points by an individual, 22 by Hollifield, breaking the old mark of 13 held by Bobby Garrison.

WHAT HAPPENED!

	Burlington	Graham
First Down	11	7
Rushing Yardage	315	110
Passes Attempted	1	7
Passes Com. & Ydgs.	1-10	1-15
Passes Intercepted by	2	0
No. Punts & Avg.	3-23	5-32
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yards Penalized	95	35
Score by Quarters:		
Graham	6	0
Burlington	14	0

Graham scoring: Touchdowns—Guthrie, Williams. Points after—D. Miller. Burlington scoring: Touchdowns—Hollifield 3, Lassiter. Points after—Hollifield 4.

SCHEDULE

Sept. 20—Reynolds, home
 Sept. 27—High Point, away
 Oct. 4—Myers Park, away
 Oct. 11—Gastonia, away
 Oct. 18—Raleigh, home
 Oct. 25—Central, home
 Nov. 1—Salisbury, away
 Nov. 8—Greensboro, home

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