

# Bulldogs Ready For Elm City Opener Friday

It's zero minus thirty-some hours and counting for the Louisburg Bulldogs. The countdown began last November when the locals were not at all pleased with their late season showing. The returnees have waited patiently all these months for the zero hour when they would have the opportunity to prove themselves again. Zero hour comes Friday night at 8 P.M. when Louisburg opens the new season at Elm City.

After an impressive 38-0 win over the Elm City Bears here followed by a nail-biter win over Norlina, 13-12, the Bulldogs faltered in the first half against arch foe Franklinton. In the second half, however, Louisburg came back to take a respectable 26-6 victory. Except that two weeks later, they held Oxford Orphanage to a 0-0 tie, the Franklinton second half was the locals last shining hour. They fell to Warrenton there, 26-6; to Wakelon there, 13-0; to South Granville here, 19-0; to Enfield here, 27-14; to Littleton here, 26-7 and to Helena there, 21-6. As one Bulldog remarked this week, "It's been a long dry spell."

Elm City has consolidated with Frederick Douglas this year and the Bears, with the Braves, are now the Vikings. Coach Brantley Aycock is optimistic over his charges chances this season.

Louisburg has had a rash of injuries, some to key personnel. These, however, are not expected to alter Coach Tommy Twitty's opening game plans. Work is being done this week to brush up on plays and timing and all the head knocking will have been completed by this writing.

Norris Cooley, gone by the graduation route this year, started last year's fireworks in the opener with a 77 yard gallop followed by Robby McDonald's run for the extra point. McDonald is back as is Phillip Redmond who dashed

for 55 yards for the second Bulldog TD against the Bears. A pass play from Larry Fuller to Phillip Robertson was good for 62 yards and the third TD and Fuller's pass to Thomas Finch added the extra point. Robertson and Finch both graduated.

Finch carried 65 yards for the fourth score and Robertson ran 33 yards for the final score.

The Bulldogs will be reaching for new records as they travel to Elm City to open the new season. Last year's edition was number six in the listing of the best defensive teams in the school's 12-year modern football history.

Among the teams playing a full ten-game schedule the 1968 squad placed fourth of the seven. This is based on total points scored. The top team is the 1959 unit that

scored 203 points in that season. Last year's Bulldogs hit the 110 mark. This year's edition will be trying to climb in this record while holding down the opponent's scoring so as to rise among the defensive squads.

It is unlikely that anyone will best William Rowe's 98 yard touchdown run against Norlina in 1962 but Redmond is only sixteen down the list with his 55 yarder last year and he has three years to go.

Neill McDonald, senior fullback, is 13th among Louisburg's all-time scoring leaders with a career total of 26 points. He is 14th in per season point average.

Richard Marshall's 1958 output of 12 touchdowns and the 1962 output of 12 by William Rowe appear safe, but several current runners

could be aiming at the top. It is likely that some will best the five TD's in a season record held by Charlie Ford, Jr., Lee Allen, Jimmy Geddle and Phillip Robertson. There might be a change in the record of 11 PAT's set by William Rowe in 1962.

Seven PAT's by B. T. Rowe in 1958 and five by Johnny Williamson in 1959 and 1960 might tumble this year. Larry Fuller could break his own tied record

with Jimmy Geddle for the most touchdown passes in a season. Both hold top spots presently at four each. Geddle did it in 1967 and Fuller hit for his four last year.

Zero, minus thirty-some hours and counting. The blastoff comes Friday night. The goal: not the moon perhaps, but surely a better season than the 3-6-1 of last year. And who knows, men did reach the moon.

## Louisburg Bulldog Roster

### ENDS

	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class
Steve Perdue	5-11	165	Jr.
Johnny Pernell	6-0	180	Jr.
William Ihrie	5-11	150	Jr.
Will Wilder	5-11	145	So.
Jerry Riggan	5-10	140	So.
Freddy Finch	5-10	130	So.

### TACKLES

xDan Hayes	6-0	185	Sr.
xSteve Roberson	6-1	180	Sr.
xJohn Kornegay	6-2	185	Sr.
Bobby Garrett	5-10	150	So.
Barry Shearin	5-11	155	So.

### GUARDS

xEdward Ferguson	5-10	175	Jr.
xMike Leonard	5-11	165	So.
Jerry Holmes	5-11	155	So.
Mike Pearce	5-9	145	So.
Tommy Smith	5-10	145	Fr.

### CENTERS

xBobby Fuller	5-11	180	Sr.
Jack Versteeg	5-10	165	So.

### QUARTERBACKS

xCarey Wrenn	5-7	130	Jr.
xLarry Fuller	6-1	165	So.
Bill Beckham	5-8	130	Fr.

### HALFBACKS

xCharlie Hobgood	6-0	165	Sr.
xLarry Romero	6-0	160	Sr.
xRandy Seidel	6-0	160	Sr.
xRobby McDonald	5-10	165	Jr.
xJimmy Wrenn	5-9	140	Jr.
Willie Tabron	5-9	145	So.
Gene Thomas	5-10	140	So.
Tony Tharrington	5-7	125	Fr.
Joe Daniels	5-9	135	Fr.
Johnny King	5-8	140	Fr.

### FULLBACKS

xNeil McDonald	5-11	180	Sr.
Eddy Edgerton	5-11	145	Jr.
xPhillip Redmond	5-10	150	So.

### x Lettermen

## Girls In Golf Tourney

The Virginia-Carolina Girls Golf Tournament was held at The Warrenton Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 21, with 13 girls competing for top honors in the three age groups.

Nancy Cooper of Henderson won low gross in the 16 to 18 age group. Minto Aycock of Wake Forest was runner-up low gross winner.

Marsha Person of Louisburg was low gross winner in the 13 to 15 age group, and Cheryl Shearin of Warrenton was runner-up.

Rebecca Wood of Warrenton was low gross winner in the 10 to 12 age group and

Paying compliments is one way to insure quick popularity.

Politeness is an art that seems to be on the wane these days.

Laura Burrows of Warrenton was runner-up.

Other girls playing were Kathy Burwell of Henderson, Marcia Tillotson of Louisburg, Teresa Hicks of Norlina, Katherine Blankenship, Susan Gardner of Warrenton.

After a luncheon at the Country Club, trophies were presented to the winners by the tournament chairman, Mrs. Julius Banzet.

# Rams Take Series Record Of 1-5 To Oxford Friday

Omitting the 1963 season and dating back to 1962, the Franklinton Rams hold a single 21-20 point win over their Friday foe, the Red Devils of Oxford Orphanage. The Rams fell in 1962, 33-7; 1965, 39-6; 1966, 47-6; 1967, 38-0 and last season, 25-0.

The Rams, however, have a very satisfying win under their belts and will be facing the Conference opponents, who have yet to play. The Rams downed Gaston, 12-6 last week as the Oxford coaches and players stood by as interested spectators.

Last year, playing at Franklinton, the Rams were

able to hold the visitors to a slim 6-0 halftime lead. Mistakes and some offensive lapses by the Ram line were said to have contributed to the other three Red Devil tallies.

Oxford scored in the second, third and fourth frame. The Rams were plagued with injuries to key players last season and lost veteran Freddie Coats just prior to the Oxford game after having lost several other potential starters earlier in practice.

Tim Jones and James Earp are both back at Oxford this season. They figured heavily

in the visitor's scoring last season. Three Ram players were injured in that game, including two backs.

Bobby Kearney showed promise for this year's Ram squad last week as he scored the two TD's against Gaston. All-Conference Cliff Williams and several other Rams also played well.

Louisburg and Wakelon will be viewing with more than passing interest, the outcome of this meeting of their future Conference opponents. Oxford and Wakelon have been favored in some quarters to slug it out for this year's Conference crown.



Charlie Collier, left, and Darrell Collier are pictured displaying their Labor Day catch from a private pond. Charlie says he landed the big one—a six and a quarter pound bass. He says artificial bait was used.



Pictured Left to Right, bottom row - Susan Hardy - Warrenton; Susan Gardner - Warrenton; Kathy Burwell - Henderson; Jan Gardner - Warrenton; Laura Burrows - Warrenton; Marcia Tillotson - Louisburg;

Second row, Left to Right - Catharine Blankenship - Warrenton; Nancy Cooper - Henderson; Minto Aycock - Wake Forest; Rebecca Wood - Warrenton; Cheryl Shearin - Warrenton; Teresa Hicks - Norlina; Marsha Person - Louisburg.

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