

# Battling A-B Bulldogs End Season Saturday

A-B's Battling Bulldogs close out the 1966-67 basketball season Saturday night in Maryville, Tenn., with one of the most exciting cage quints ever to make the WNC scene.

Prior to Thursday night's tilt with St. Leo's Monarchs, A-B was 15-9 for the season after losing a last-second heartbreaker to the Quantico Marines 74-72 plus the wild-scoring upset by Milligan, 100-96.

Fans who saw that Quantico-A-B game witnessed one of the best - played tilts seen in the mountains. The scrappy Bulldogs went up against as much experience as they usually face in half a season. Some of the Marine squad had seen service in National Invitation and NCAA Tournaments while others had played on Armed Forces All-Star teams.

A-B wasn't awed a bit, promptly shot to a six-point lead thanks to Guy Batsel, Jim McElhane and Steve Lucas. Big Larry Arrick battled Marine Center Jim Myers for the rebounds and after Quantico tied it at halftime, the Bulldogs promptly forged another six point lead, then another.

Quantico kept battling back and it may have been those extra years of experience that meant the difference in the last second when A-B's Mal Blankenship fouled Bill Sheridan and the Marine sank both throws. Time ran out before McElhane's heave hit the other end of the court.

In the Quantico dressing room after the game, the constant query was about A-B's No. 22 (Batsel). The Marines were mightily impressed by Guy's accurate shooting, wanted to know his total score (29 points and

tops for the title).

Two records fell on the trip to Milligan. Batsel broke the senior college scoring record set last year by Jim Baker and A-B broke the individual game record for having the most fouls called on the Bulldogs. Previously, the record was 31 against Tampa during the 1964-65 season. But on Milligan's home court, the whistle blew 41 times when the referee pointed his finger at A-B.

As a team, A-B was averaging 84.8 points a game against its opponents' 75.2 going into the St. Leo game. The Bulldogs had a 44 per cent accuracy record on field goals and 71 per cent for free throws. The team rebounding average is 41.9 per game.

Oddly, the top rebounder against the Marines was not Arrick but Batsel, who collected

14. Arrick and McElhane each had 11.

Batsel continues to set the scoring pace, averaging 21.3 points for a 490-total. He is hitting 53 per cent of his field goal trys.

Batsel also leads in free throws with 84 of 111 for a 76

per cent record of success.

Arrick is far in front on rebounds, averaging 11.1 per game for a 256-total. Mal Blankenship is second with 199 and Batsel, with 113, is third.

A-B has won eight and lost three home games this season while, on the road, they are 7-6.



CHEERLEADERS take to the air as they give Bulldogs that all important morale boost. Asheville-students will take to the road Saturday on a chartered bus to Maryville.

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