

## MEET THE BULLDOGS



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The 1954 Gardner-Webb Bulldogs inaugurated their season by tying a strong Chowan team, 6-6 at Rutherfordton. The local 11 proceeded to battle Asheville-Biltmore to a scoreless draw and ran a hard-fought tilt to Lees McRae, 7-0. The Bulldogs have a very strong defense, as the above scores indicate, and have developed a strong offense, however, in games thus far they have lacked a definite scoring punch. The Bulldogs are, first row, left to right: Jack Creech, J. T. Davis, Jerry Hawkins, Bob Tobin, Dean Upton, Ronald Burns, Tommy Sheets, James Parker, Jim Smith, Alfred Stepp, and Head Coach Norman Harris. Second row, left to right: Backfield Coach Ernie Byerly, Frank King, Henry Fogle, Jerry Doby, Horace Broome, David Pressley, Bill Gamble, Harold Long, Don Poole, and Bill Sittin. Third row, left-to-right: Line Coach Dee Nanner, Lewis Ballard, Milton Croome, Bill Barr, Ben Smith, Carlos Bulle, Ted Turner, Hal Reid, Paul Biles, and Bob Newton. Fourth row, left to right: John Beal, T. G. Phillips, Dennis Dorman, John McBrayer, Bill Kent, John Frizzelle, Don McCarron, Jerry Ballard, and Joe Saunders. (Not in photo) Dan Turner, Ben Cornwell and Bill Fitzpatrick.

**HAROLD DEAN UPTON** (20, 165 lbs, 5'11") "Flash" is co-captain, plays quarterback . . . hails from Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs . . . graduated from B. Springs HI in 1953 . . . MVP in football and basketball there . . . played fullback on last year's team . . . liberal arts major . . . plans career in aviation.

**RONALD GRAHAM BURNS** (19, 175 lbs, 5'9 1/2") "Country" is co-captain, plays tackle . . . comes to us from Spartanburg, S. C. . . graduated from Cowpens High in 1953 . . . was distinguished athlete there . . . played tackle for the 33 Bulldogs after shifting from fullback . . . liberal arts major . . . plans to coach.

**JAMES CLIFFORD PARKER** (19, 175 lbs, 5'11") is from Mills Home, Thomasville . . . plays end, is a letterman, played halfback last year . . . graduated from Mills Home High in 1953 . . . MVP in football and basketball there . . . liberal arts major . . . plans for a degree in history and to teach.

**CHARLES DENNIS DORMAN** (20, 140 lbs, 5'6") "Shod" . . . smallest member of the team, hails from Cowpens, S. C. . . graduated from Cowpens High in 1953, was three-sports letter-winner there . . . plays halfback and quarterback . . . won letter last year as reserve quarterback . . . liberal arts major . . . plans to coach.

**JAMES CONWAY SMITH** (20, 165 lbs, 5'8") "Smitty" comes to us from Granite Falls . . . graduated from Hudson High, was outstanding in football there . . . won letter as reserve halfback last year . . . is married . . . liberal arts major . . . plans to coach.

**HENRY LEON FOGLE** (19, 170 lbs, 6') Henry is a Shelby product . . . graduated from Shelby High in '53 . . . returning letterman . . . plays tackle . . . business major . . . plans are undecided.

**ALFRED PAUL STEPP** (19, 183 lbs, 6' 1/2") Al hails from Gastonia . . . graduated from Gastonia High in '53 . . . outstanding in football there . . . won letter here last year . . . plays center and end . . . is married . . . Science major . . . plans dentistry.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH FITZPATRICK** (20, 160 lbs, 5'8") "Pitz" is from Asheville . . . graduated from Lee Edwards High in '52 . . . lettered here in '52 . . . plays fullback . . . won several swimming awards in high school . . . Math major . . . plans career in engineering.

**LEWIS FRANKLIN BALLARD** (19, 160 lbs, 5'11") Lewis comes to us from Mooresville . . . graduated from Mooresville High in '53 . . . math major . . . "A" student . . . plans career in engineering.

**JOHN GRAHAM CREECH** (24, 160 lbs, 5'9") "Jack" hails from Shelby . . . is a veteran . . . graduated from Shelby High in '48 . . . played basketball and football there and on service teams . . . is married . . . liberal arts major . . . life's work is ministry.

**JOHN CLIFTON BEAL** (22, 205 lbs, 6') is from Lincolnton . . . is a veteran . . . graduated from Lincolnton High in '50 . . . played football and was student government officer while there . . . plays center . . . business major . . . plans career in business.

**ERNEST TED TURNER** (22, 155 lbs, 5'10") Ted is from Clover, S. C. . . is a veteran . . . graduated from Thomasboro High in '50 . . . plays end . . . liberal arts major . . . life's work is ministry.

**HORACE EUGENE BROOME** (23, 188 lbs, 6") "Horse" is from Mills Home, Thomasville . . . graduated from Thomasboro High in '50 . . . is a veteran . . . was all-around athlete at Mills Home . . . entered G-W last January . . . business major . . . plans career in accounting.

**DAN TURNER** (17, 205 lbs, 6'2") Dan, largest member of the team, comes from Blacksburg, S. C. . . graduated from Blacksburg High in '54 . . . plays tackle and end . . . liberal arts major . . . career is undecided.

**DON MCCARRON** (18, 150 lbs, 5'9") Don hails from Mills Home, Thomasville . . . graduated from Mills Home High in '54 . . . was outstanding in football and glee club there . . . plays halfback . . . music major . . . plans career in music.

**JOHN ROBERT McBRAVER** (18, 190 lbs, 5'11") John is from Shelby . . . graduated from Lattimore High in '54 . . . plays center . . . liberal arts major . . . future plans are undecided.

**HAROLD LONG** (25, 175 lbs, 5'10") Harold is from Gastonia . . . graduated from Gastonia High in '48 . . . is a veteran . . . is married . . . played a lot of football for Gastonia High . . . plays guard for the Bulldogs . . . liberal arts major . . . life's work, ministry.

**BEN CORNWELL** (22, 190 lbs, 5'9") Ben hails from Maiden . . . is a veteran . . . graduated while in service . . . played football in high school . . . plays tackle and guard . . . liberal arts major . . . career is undecided.

**WILLIAM GAMBLE** (18, 175 lbs, 5'8") "Bill" is a Shelby product . . . graduated in '54 . . . MVP in football there . . . plays guard . . . liberal arts major . . . life's work undecided.

**JERRY HAWKINS** (18, 168 lbs, 5'8") hails from Shelby . . . graduated from Shelby High in '54 . . . three-sports letterman while there . . . all-state in baseball . . . plays halfback