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If it were ethical, a column could be written about the trip to Georgia. However, we will refrain from saying too much about the trip south. The Bulldogs were held to a tie, but I might add that they didn't come home empty-handed. The last report was that Paul Cline and a few others had a total of 40 pictures and a suitcase full of addresses. Since the trip to Georgia was my first, I was very impressed by the friendliness of the residents.

Seriously speaking, the record might not indicate a great season, but in all, the Bulldogs did themselves credit as they completed the final lap as they ended a 500 season. With the considerable amount of injuries and bad breaks, the Bulldogs did a very good job, and the entire student body should congratulate them.

With the gridiron season fading in the distance, a lot of things are brought back to mind. Such things as the quirkiness of a dressing room before a game....the alcohol mad....Bill Garrett's comments as some of the boys come in for their pre-game tape....the ride to the ball park....and win or lose, the trip home.

At this point, I would like to say something that might make a few people a little angry. Right or wrong, here it is. How many students attended the last home game of the Bulldogs? Yes, the one against Ferrum! It has been estimated at around eighty students were on hand to see the Bulldogs thrash the Panthers. Yes, it was cold enough, I'd go along with that. Wouldn't it be nice if our school spirit was like that of a small school in our state which had only 22 boys in the school? That's not to be astounding, but it is when all 22 boys were on the football team. There were only a hundred and twenty-five students, but they were all part in the game as cheerleaders, band members, or helping with the concessions.

Basketball season is coming up. Let's fill the new gym when the Bulldogs take the hardwood. A team can come closer to bringing home the bacon if they have someone at home whom it behind them.

Prospects for a successful basketball season are very good as we have a number of boys returning from last year's team. Let's give them all the support that we can. When you say, "I'm a Bulldog born, and a Bulldog dead," mean it.

Wingate 27—G. W. 14

In Monroe, Wingate College jammed 13 points into the final quarter Saturday night to pick up their sixth win of the season at the hands of Gardner-Webb, 27-14.

Don Miller scored for Gardner-Webb on a one-yard plunge in the first period and Dean Turner tied in the fourth on a 20-yard pass from Bob Webb. Reg Turner kicked both extra points.

Wingate scored in the first and second quarters on Jerry Carpenter's sneak and H. T. McManis' plunge, both for one yard.

The last two were scored on Keny Smith's two-yard run and a Sonny Bastinger's 30-yard aerial to George Stafford. Carpenter kicked three extra points.

L. M. 33—G. W. 26

A third quarter touchdown proved to be the decider at Shelby High stadium Saturday night as Lees-McRae edged Gardner-Webb 33-28 in the Western Junior College action. The nine touchdowns marked up by the two clubs set some sort of single game scoring record in this area. The defense eliminated the Gardner-Webbers from the 1957 season.

Halftime score in Saturday's weird offensive show was 21-19 with the accurate toe of guard Jack Taylor the difference. Both teams pushed across a six-pointer in the fourth and

final chapter after the Bobcats' third period TD.

Individual stars graced the rosters of both teams. Bobcats' star was a 1,200 fms sawing the Gardner-Webb homecoming festivities featured at halftime by the crowning of the Leas-McRae Queen, Virginia, Va. as homecoming queen for the '57 season.

Dave Morgan, 160-pound scabback from Leas-McRae was the star. Heigh Stone Gap, Virginia, passed the Bobcats to their initial league win with it being lightning-like carried through the middle. Morgan topped with 120 carries with 120 yards in 15 plays and a 60-yard punt. He carried for an average of 8.0 yards a carry. John Slagle, Bob Hamilton, and Paul Lawe were other offensive linemen for Lees-McRae with Don Miller, Richard Ripley, Robert Webb, Earl Martin, and Cody Forrester for the losers. Miller, the Henderson speed merchant, logged the leather 11 times for 75 yards good for a 7.5 average. Miller almost shook loose for the tying touchdown score in the first half.

Webb, Hickory sophomore, completed 11 of 19 passes for 160 yards and one TD. His aerials set up two more markers for the fighting but he completed Gardner-Webb's Gardner-Webb rolled for 13 first downs to 12 for the winners with the 208 yards running. Ed grinding out 25 carries to bring up G-W's 142.

The contest was one minute old when the Bobcats hit pay dirt. Morgan sped 40 yards to the end zone who went over from the three. Taylor kicked the extra point. After an exchange of punts, Webb took three from the top of the field and moved 85 yards in 10 plays for their first marker.

Webb passed 30 yards to Forrester, and heaved a 26-yarder to Reid Armstrong putting the ball on the one. Armstrong, incidentally, made a brilliant catch, taking the pigskin from the hands of the Panthers. Martin scored from the one. Reid Turner's kick was wide of the crossbar.

Guard Jim Tomblin, who played a hard game for G-W, recovered a Lees-McRae fumble on the 40 and the Gardner-Webbers went across on the sixth play of the second stanza. Webb sprung off the one. Martin, the ex-Gaffney High ace, added the point after play.

Lees-McRae took the kickoff and four plays later, quarterback Slagle went off tackle, cut to the middle of the field, picked up blockers, and zoomed 51 yards to tie the score at 13-13. Taylor's true kick put the Dickerson-coached lads back out from.

Midway the second period, Webb's strong right flipper again paid off. Armstrong, playing one of the greatest games of his career, recovered a Bobcat fumble on the 31. Webb passed to Gerald Freeman putting the ball on the two. Miller went over but the try for PAT was no good.

A few moments later, Morgan broke loose for 31 yards. Taylor booted the extra point for the 21-19 halftime advantage.

Hamilton, speedy right halfback, scored what proved to be the decisive touchdown in the third quarter as he plunged over from the two-yard stripe capping a 26-yard march. Reid Wayne Wrisnic blocked the punt setting the stage for the score.

With two minutes gone by the boards in the fourth and final chapter, Slagle passed 30 yards to Morgan making the score 33-19. Again the try for point was no good.

As time ran out, the Bulldogs launched a drive on their own 25 yard line. Five plays later, Webb tossed 10 yards to Freeman for the score. A 33-yard dash by Miller highlighted the drive and Turner kicked the endzone.

Gardner-Webb took over on their own 0 with one minute remaining and with Webb tossing 15 yards, and Miller zooming 35 yards, Morgan making the score 33-19 when where time ran out.

G.W. 14—M. H. 0

The Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb Junior College unleashed an offensive Saturday night which proved too much for the previously unbeaten Lions of Mars Hill. The Bulldogs turned on the power for a 14-0 win, the second of the season, in a battle of the Baptists at Shelby.

With a powerful ground game, the Bulldogs threw up one of their strongest defensive walls of the season. A rugged defensive unit led by the Lions to a meager 64 yards rushing and only five first downs.

The Lions had the pigskin for only three plays before the Bulldogs got into gear to march for 65 yards for their first tally. With Don Miller, Richard Ripley and Ken Esler powering their way for yardage, the Bulldogs climaxed the drive with Esler carrying over from the one-yard marker.

Robert Webb, the cool-headed field general, directed the Baptists on their first march to pay dirt as he hit for three passes and 46 yards. In the first half the Mountaineers could not get into gear against the spirited Bulldog line led by Jack Anthony, Keith Eller Jim Tomblin and Dean Turner.

As the Bulldogs kicked off for the second half, the Lions came back strong, but were let down by a bad charging forward who kept the offense from moving. A Keith fumble at the start of the second stanza to take the spirit out of the strong Lions.

In the third quarter, Wesley Hughes made a spectacular pass interception on the Lions 35 and galloped to the six-yard marker. From the six, Richard Ripley outran the entire Lion forward wall. Reg Turner was up to the occasion as he split the uprights for both extra points.

The Lions could not get their offensive machine rolling and did not get into the twenty-yard marker of the Bulldogs.

No one man could be singled out for the tremendous victory as the second win of the Bulldogs was a team victory all the way.

The entire forward wall of the Baptists with Turner, Eller, Tomblin, Anthony, Roper, Cline and Esler were unanimous in leading the Lions backs time and again.

Don Miller led the Bulldogs in yardage gained as he rolled up 88 yards against the Lion forward wall. Miller came through with his most outstanding game of the season as he gained on the ground as well as an outstanding pass receiver.

Ripley and Esler were also the workers in the Bulldog backfield as they ate up chunks of yardage down the middle of the Lion forward wall.

The only bright spot in the Lions forward wall was John Wright as he played a tremendous game both on offense and defense.

Mac Thacker, the chief ground gainer for the Lions, could not break away at all and was limited for a meager 10 yards rushing average.

The win over Mars Hill brought the Bulldogs record to a 3-2-3 showing.

G. W. 38—Ferrum 0

The Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb combined a high powered offensive attack with a concrete defensive forward wall Saturday night to thrash the Panthers Georgia Military College 38-0. A strong lightning-like Bulldog backfield unit composed of Richard Ripley, Don Miller and Ken Esler under the direction of second string quarterback, Charles Maniott, proved to be too much for the Virginians as the Bulldogs scored in every quarter.

In the absence of the first string quarterback, Robert Webb, Man-

tooth directed the Bulldogs with a cool calculated attack. Webb aided by the flu did not dress for the game along with Reid Armstrong who also was out with the flu.

The Bulldogs took a Ferrum punt in the early minutes of the game and with Miller Esler and Ripley alternating, literally blasted the Ferrum line for 75 yards. The Bulldogs drove to the Panther ten where Ripley knifed over for his first touchdown of the night.

Toward the end of the first stanza, Bill Gamble charged through a back Panther punt on the 20-yard marker. Don Miller, playing the greatest game of his career, blocked for 5 to the end and picked up blockers around the left end on the next play to score standing up. Both extra point tries in the first quarter were blocked.

In the second stanza, the Bulldogs tallied again as they staged a 70-yard drive to pay dirt. Gerald Freeman put on a pass receiving show and some high stepping of his own as he sparkplugged his team in the second quarter. Maniott, looking every bit the part of the old days with Jim Johnson at quarterback, launched a calculated attack for the third tally. Again Miller rose to the occasion as he sprinted 11 yards for his second touchdown. Reg Turner split the uprights to put the Bulldogs out in front 19-0 as the half ended.

The statistics might well tell the story of the Bulldogs' success in the first half as the Baptists rolled for 14 yards to the Panthers 47 yards.

Two big plays tell the story of the Bulldogs' fourth touchdown. After Miller and Ripley had hit the Panther line for nine yards apiece, Ripley spotted Miller in the open and laid the pigskin in his waiting arms for a 26-yard gain. On the next play, Ken Esler did a sensational piece of broken field running for 35 yards to the Panther 25. The ruckers carried to the end of the Panthers where Ripley plunged over. The Bulldogs were off to the races as they went ahead 26-0 after Turner's conversion.

The Bulldogs tallied again in the third as a cool-headed Maniott directed his charges for 72 yards for the score. Fullback Ken Esler did the honors on the fifth tally as he carried over from the one.

The big forward wall of the Bulldogs was a terror to the Panthers. Mickey Byers scored his first college touchdown as he raced over from backfield composed of Mickey Byers, Wesley Hughes and Fred Bates. The length of the field to end the scoring for the night. The final score was 38-0.

Not enough can be said about the Bulldog forward wall as they limited the Panthers to 105 yards rushing, fifty of these in the final moments of the game. Keith Eller, Jim Tomblin, Dean Turner, and Paul Cline proved to be the big stoppers in the line. Jerry James, Jack Anthony, Maurice Mauney and Fred Heavner also did themselves credit in the forward wall.

G. W. 6—G. M. C. 6

The Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb closed out their 1957 grid schedule Friday night as they battled a stubborn Panthers to 105 yards rushing, 6-6 tie. The Bulldogs were definitely not up for the offensive most of the time.

The Bulldogs struck early in the game as Reid Armstrong made a spectacular grab in the end zone on a Robert Webb pass. The Bulldogs were not able to make the point after and it proved to be a big factor in the rugged contest.

The soldiers were not able to put together a scoring drive in the first half as a stubborn Bulldog line fought back. Doug Williams did a creditable job for the soldiers as he carried for short gains.

Don Miller was the leading ground gainer for the Bulldogs as he got off to a 23-yard run and the night's longest run for either team. However the passing of quarterback, Robert Webb, was highly effective as he connected for 81 yards.

In the third quarter the soldiers pushed the Bulldogs to the one-foot line where a stubborn defensive unit held. The soldiers had a first and ten on the four, but could not strike pay dirt.

In the fourth quarter the soldiers got the biggest break of the game as Reg Turner dropped back to his own thirty to boot out of danger. The snap from center was over Turner's head and the soldiers took over on the nine-yard line. A stubborn defense held for three plays, but on fourth down, Jerry Wilcoxon passed to end, Roy Hood, for the tying score. Terry Whitman broke through to block the extra point try and the scoring was complete.

The Bulldogs were on top in the statistics as they rolled to nine first downs to seven for the soldiers. The Bulldogs could not move into solid territory but one time and that was in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs completed their gridiron season with the soldiers and finished with a 3-3-3 record. Don Miller was the leading ground gainer for the season with 720 yards rushing.

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