

BULLDOG BARKS

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

BOBBY WATSON

Bobby Watson, co-captain and high scoring forward of the undefeated, league leading, Albemarle High girls' basketball team has been chosen as the girl athlete of the month because of her outstanding play at the center-forward position.

By scoring 174 points in 10 games, Bobby now has an average of 17.4 points per game. In our opinion Bobby is one of the finest forwards that can be found in the state. Not only is her accuracy in hitting the basket outstanding, but she is also one of the best in passing, faking, and all round floor play.

Although Bobby points to basketball as her specialty, she is an outstanding student and her name is always found on the honor roll. She is a member of the Monogram club and also the Boosters club. Of course Bobby is well-liked by all her fellow students.

This is Bobby's last year on the varsity. She came to Albemarle High in 1948 and this is her second year on the first string of the varsity.

KENT WILLIS

Kent Willis is that snappy guard on the varsity basketball team. Well, words can hardly express it; you just ought to see him. You can hardly see him, however. Zip, zip and two points, and that's about all you catch—just a glimpse of him.

Willis has played three years varsity and one year B-team basketball. Willis stands about 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighs 128 pounds. This year Kent represents the team by having been chosen captain at the first of the season. In playing basketball Kent plays a clean, cool game, never losing his temper. So far this season he has accounted for 67 points made in very stiff competition.

Willis, being a senior this year, is playing his last year of basketball for A.H.S. and will be plenty hard to replace for the next season. He tries his best at all times when the going is rough, so you can bet on Kent Willis' playing and doing his best to lead his team to victory the rest of the season.

Basketball Scores

GIRLS

- A.H.S.—44; Norwood—9
- *A.H.S.—45; Norwood—16
- A.H.S.—49; Concord—20
- *A.H.S.—54; Mooresville—27
- A.H.S.—48; Thomasville—36
- *A.H.S.—54; Asheboro—21
- A.H.S.—42; Lexington—31
- A.H.S.—46; Monroe—28
- *A.H.S.—57; Concord—29
- *A.H.S.—63; Monroe—35

BOYS

- A.H.S.—30; Norwood—18
- *A.H.S.—20; Salisbury—35
- A.H.S.—15; Salisbury—34
- *A.H.S.—28; Norwood—20
- A.H.S.—33; Concord—56
- *A.H.S.—30; Mooresville—37
- A.H.S.—31; Thomasville—37
- *A.H.S.—36; Asheboro—48
- A.H.S.—37; Lexington—52
- A.H.S.—25; Monroe—33
- *A.H.S.—52; Concord—67
- *A.H.S.—39; Monroe—33
- * Home Games

Basketball Shorts

HENRY FORREST

Greetings, basketball fans of A.H.S. This is an attempt by your sports editor to bring to you a little of the dope on each of our basketball games this season.

What's the big news? Haven't you heard? Our boys' basketball team defeated Monroe last Friday night in Bulldogville for their first South Piedmont Conference win this season. After losing seven straight games the Bulldogs finally pulled together to cop the game, going away at 39-33. Captain Kent Willis added 13 points to his season's total of 80 points for twelve games. "T" the "Model" Swaringen flipped in 10 points also in the winning cause. Whitey Lemmond topped the Monroe scorers with 11 points.

Our high flying girl's team had little trouble taking the Monroe girls in the first game. Although the score was close at the half, A.H.S. 32; Monroe 20, the Almondnettes bounced back to score their highest total of points this season. The final score was A.H.S. 63; Monroe 32. The absence of senior forward Ellene Holbrook is still being felt, but the performance of Sue Barringer merits attention. Bobbie "Dead-Eye" Watson and Frances "Sureshot" Hinson topped the girl's scoring with 24 points apiece. The fact still holds true that you can't shoot the ball if you don't get it from across the court, so here's a big cheer for the guards Hartsell, Skidmore, and Deese. Girls, we all love you.

Winning their ninth straight ballgame, the Albemarle girls topped Sally Scott and the Concord High Spiderettes 57-29 on our court. Superior guarding was the deciding factor in this game. Bobbie Watson (18 points), Frances Hinson (16 points), and Sue Barringer (15 points), led the attack. The Bulldog guards held Sally Scott to 20 points.

Losing their eighth straight ballgame, the Bulldogs fell under the superior shooting of the visiting Concord Spiders. Although they lost 67-52, the Bulldogs ran up their highest total of points this season. Center Ted Burleson was high scorer for A.H.S. with 12 points, as was Center Bill Irvin of Concord with 21 points.

Down in Pythonville, A.H.S. split a twin bill with the Mon-

roe Pythons, the girls winning 46-28, and the boys losing 33-25. Sue Barringer, subbing for Forward Ellene Holbrook, hit the basket for 16 points to top the girls' scoring. Leroy Swaringen flipped in 12 points for the tops in the boys' scoring.

Up in Lexington, the Bulldog Belles beat the Lexington High Jackettes 42-31, while the Bulldogs fell before the classy Lexington boys' team 52-37. Although the girls were ahead 26-15 at half-time, they were forced to keep on their toes as the Jackettes came back to give them their closest games this season. The winning margin was only 11 points. Ellene Holbrook was the big gun, tossing in 22 points. Forward Burton of the Jackettes was tops with 16 points. Elbert Holt was high man for the boys with 7 points. The odd thing about this is that Elbert made all his points on free throws. Shytle (14 points) and Carter (10 points) were high for the Jackettes.

A.H.S. split a twin bill with Asheboro in Bulldogville, with the girls winning 54-21 and the boys losing 48-36. The score doesn't tell the tale of the boys' game. Asheboro came to town with about the best boys' club in the conference, but the Bulldogs got ahead at the first and stayed ahead until the middle of the fourth quarter, when Asheboro, paced by its big center, York (24 points), came from behind. Willis (14 points) paced the boys while Frances Hinson (19 points) led the girls.

The Bulldogs gained a split with Thomasville there. The girls won 48-36. The boys lost 37-31. Watson (22 points) and McAnulty (9 points) were high scorers. A.H.S. won the girls' game 54-27, while Mooresville won the boys' game 37-30 in their meeting in Bulldogville. In their first conference games of the season, the girls hopped Concord's Spiderettes 49-20, while the boys were 56-33 victims of the Spiders. The Bulldogs lost two games to Salisbury 34-15 and 35-20 while the girls were idle. Taking on our neighbors from Norwood High, the Bulldogs took both games with the girls winning 45-16 and the boys copping 28-20. In the first game of the season the A.H.S. boys and girls journeyed to Norwood to polish them off 44-9 in the girl's game and 30-17 in the boy's game.

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