

# SPORTS PARADE

Jimmy Skidmore

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Although Hi-Y meetings have come to a close, the boys of the Hi-Y in 1951-52 will long be remembered as the first to win a trophy for the boys' department.

The two volleyball teams who were entertained in the Interstate Junior Volleyball tournament at Kannapolis came home with a very good record. Team "A" played a total of 10 games, winning eight and losing only two for second place in the tournament. Team "B" also showed up very well, as they won four and lost six.

Team "A", which was awarded individual medals as well as a trophy, was composed of Doug Knotts, Pete Almond, William Litaker, Chuck Barringer, Jimmy Skidmore, and Bill Huckabee.

Team "B" was composed of Marvin Clark, Lonnie Morton, Don Jones, Sonny Bowers, Larry Talbert, Roger Furr, and Otty Lynn.

The most outstanding player on the AHS baseball team this year is more widely known as "Lou," but his official title is Ray Gene Smith. Ray, who is a junior and who is considered a very good athlete, has shown up very well in two sports, both baseball and football. Playing right end for AHS in football, Ray was found to be one of the toughest boys in the game.

Being ace pitcher for Coach Webb's strong diamond nine, Ray has won four games and dropped only two decisions. Ray, also a strong hitter, it now batting clean up and doing a very good job. He won his own ball game against Asheboro by hitting a home-run with two men on base, which put his team out in the lead 5-4. He also keeps men staying close to the bag when he pitches. He has picked out six men since the beginning of the season, two of them being picked from second base.

The date set for Field Day, in which all grades will participate, is May 8.

The grade scoring the most points on Field Day is usually the winner of the Intramural trophy. This trophy is awarded to the grade with the most points for the year.

No one grade has a good hold on the trophy thus far, but after May 8 the trophy will be well secured. Any grade who expects to be in the finish will have to get down and work and make this the best Field Day ever held.

The new coach seen at baseball practice and around the school is Bill Burgess. Bill is a physical education major from UNC, where he starred in tennis and track. He is doing his practice teaching under Coach Web.

Bill is originally from Raleigh, where he attended Needham-Broughton High School.

His plans are uncertain when he finishes teaching at AHS. He plans to go back to UNC and work on his masters degree or join the army.

The volley ball tournament is in full swing now and the competition is really hot. The official standings haven't been announced as yet, but all teams are really fighting for first place.

The games are held on the tennis courts at dinner. Another net has been erected and now four teams can play at once.

## Kannapolis Beats Albemarle Again

An error in the seventh inning and another in the eighth enabled Kannapolis to win by a 3-2 decision over the Bulldogs on Friday at Kannapolis.

The error in the seventh allowed the Kannaps to tie up the game at 2 all, and another in the eighth let in the winning run to score in the overtime period.

James Gibson started on the mound for the Bulldogs and gave up only three hits in six full innings of play.

Leading 2-1 in the seventh, Coach Webb put Raygene Smith on the mound. Raygene got the first batter to face him, and the next popped out. Then Raygene struck out the next and would have had the last, but it was muffed and a run scored on the play, tying the game at 2-2.

In the eighth a stolen base and a wild throw resulted in the win for Kannapolis.

## Smith Hurls And Bats Team To Win

Raygene Smith, Albemarle pitcher, hit a three-run homer and pitched a five-hit game against Asheboro for a 6-4 win.

Behind 4-0 in the bottom of the fourth, Ken Smith reached second on an error and then came in on a single by Raygene Smith.

In the fifth Larry Chance led off with a double; Jerry Traywick got a single; Chance scored on Claude Lawhon's fielder's choice; and J. W. Foster got a base on balls.

Ken Smith delivered the scoring with his three run homer.

Asheboro did all of its scoring in the third and fourth innings.

The 2,320 invitations ordered by the Seniors have arrived and have been distributed, according to Jean Barringer, secretary of the class.

## Albemarle Bulldogs Beat Spencer Railroaders, 11-2

### Albemarle Opens Season With Win

Scoring in all but one inning, the Albemarle high school baseball team opened its 1952 schedule by defeating Lexington, 16-5. Playing on the Lexington diamond, the Bulldogs were handed 29 bases on balls which accounted for most of the Albemarle runs.

Raygene Smith pitched the whole game, allowing only five hits, Ray walked seven and struck out ten.

Swain and Shipward pitched for Lexington; neither was successful in stopping the Bulldog's attacks. Claud Lawhon, the Bulldog shortstop, led the hitting for Albemarle by getting two hits for three times at the plate. Jake Foster, Raygene Smith, and Jerry Traywick contributed one hit each for the Bulldogs.

Lexington took a short lead in the first inning. The Bulldogs scored once while the Yellow Jackets scored three times. In the second inning the Bulldogs crossed the plate three times, and from then on it was Albemarle's game. Lexington's only other rally came in the last inning, when they scored twice.

### Bulldogs Suffer Loss To Kannaps

In the second South Piedmont Conference game, the Bulldogs were beaten by a score of 23-0.

Ronnie Blackburn, 16-year-old brother of Gerald Blackburn, Cincinnati Reds bonus player, was the winning pitcher for Kannapolis. Blackburn pitched the complete seven innings, allowing only three hits while striking out thirteen and walking three. He also got four hits for five times at the plate. In the second inning, Blackburn hit a home-run with the bases loaded.

Three Bulldog pitchers went to the mound, but neither was successful in stopping the Little Wonders attack. Kannapolis got 14 hits and 12 bases on balls, and a host of errors kept the Little Wonders circling the bases.

Blackburn had a no-hit in the making until T-Boe McLendon slapped a single through the infield for the first hit, and he also got the second hit. T-Boe advanced to second on Tub Russell's single. Second base was as far as the Bulldogs got at any time in the game.

The defeat left the Bulldogs with one win and one loss in conference play.

Albemarle's Bulldogs won their fourth South Piedmont Conference baseball game in six starts by overwhelming Spencer 11 - 2. Raygene Smith was the winning pitcher, boosting his record to that of the team, four wins and six losses. Crooks was the losing pitcher for the Railroaders.

Leading sluggers for Albemarle were Jerry Traywick, first baseman, and Donny Smith, right fielder, who each collected two hits for four times at bat. The Albemarle infield outclassed the Spencer infield by making no errors and getting a double play from Lawhon to Foster to Traywick in the fifth inning.

Gene Connell, shortstop for Spencer, made three errors. Four hits for Spencer were kept scattered by Smith, with no player getting more than one.

### Albemarle Takes Second Win, 3-2

The Albemarle high school Bulldogs pushed a run over in the last inning to beat Thomasville 3-2 in a home contest Tuesday, April 15.

Raygene Smith went the full seven innings for the Bulldogs, giving up only six hits, striking out eleven, and walking three.

Ballard, on the hill for Thomasville, gave up six hits, walked one, and struck out five.

Jerry Traywick got two hits for three times at bat, one a triple, for the batting honors.

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