

SPORTS PARADE

Jimmy Skidmore

Henry Carpenter

In this final issue of the Full Moon for the class of '52 we will try to bring you the highlights of the past year's athletics.

FOOTBALL.

Football was the big sport for AHS this year. Coach Webb had his first undefeated team since his arrival in 1947. With only two starters returning from last year's team, Coach Webb built one of the finest teams ever to take to the gridiron for AHS. This team under the leadership of its co-captains, Leslie Swanner and Doug Knotts, rolled up 162 points to its opponents' 31 points.

Doug, ace defensive man for AHS, accomplished something this year few boys have ever done. After being elected co-captain for AHS and showing up very well, he received an invitation to the Shrine Bowl, where he also served as co-captain. Polling 12 out of 13 votes for All-Conference, he became honorary captain for the All-Conference team. Doug has become a real star in high school football, as he made All-Conference, All-State, All-Southern, and All-American. Doug plans to continue his career in football next year at his one love, Duke University.

Leslie Swanner, co-captain for AHS, has also made a great name for himself, making both the All-Conference and All-State teams. Leslie, a 192 pound, 5 foot 10 senior, showed his real heart for football in the Barium Springs game, as he carried the ball nine times in succession to score and make one of the greatest drives ever presented in high school football. He was also elected the most valuable player and attended the UNC vs. Notre Dame game at Chapel Hill. Leslie is undecided where he will attend college, although Catawba is a strong prospect.

The great pass catching of Bruce Lowder, Keith Byrd, and Tub Russell will also be missed from next year's team. Keith and Bruce were both standouts on offense as well as defense and both were honorable mention All-Conference.

The strong line play of Johnny Youngblood, Bud Griffin, and Ham Morton was also a great contribution to this undefeated team of '52.

We would like to thank these boys for the great work which they did in this past football season. Thanks also to "Bear" Knotts and "Goo-Goo" Gantt for the valuable time which they spent helping coach our team to victory.

BASKETBALL.

The basketball skill which the seniors showed very much this year will be missed next year.

Leslie Swanner, who did a fine job holding down the position of fullback in football, also did an equally fine job as guard on the basketball squad. Leslie won his fame due to his calmness during a game, and was a fine ball-handler who was a threat for the basket from any position.

Bruce Lowder was also a double threat, in football and basketball. Bruce played the other position as guard on the basketball court. He was a wide-awake player who did his share of stealing the ball and setting it up for crisp shots.

The only south-paw on the squad was Keith Byrd. Keith made great progress by faking his opponents and pulling them out of position in order to set up for a play.

Jimmy Skidmore and Henry Carpenter, two outstanding boys on the team, contributed much to the spirit and playing of the team.

These boys also scored countless numbers of points and aided greatly in winning certain games.

We hope that the team next year will hold down the positions that the seniors held down so very well this year.

BASEBALL.

Coach Webb's diamond nine have shown great skill this past season, as they won 4 and lost 7. After winning the conference last year, Coach Webb had only two boys returning. He has built a team from underclassmen who will be looked to as one of the strongest teams in the conference next year and in the following years. Lots of luck next year, and may you again become conference kings.

TENNIS TEAM.

Since the school was not supporting a tennis team this year, a group of boys decided to get together and get a team of their own. The team, consisting of Harold Smith, Jimmy Skidmore, Henry Carpenter, Keith Byrd, Joe Gaskin, Junior Josey, and William Litaker, defeated Salisbury 6-3 matches. The matches were played at Boyden High School in Salisbury.

The team had to fix up a court of their own since the school courts were not fixed up. They are planning a return match with Salisbury and have several other teams lined up to play.

INTRAMURALS.

The intramural program under the direction of Coach Webb, was a great success at AHS this year.

Glenn Almond was the outstanding intramural athlete. He received an award for having the highest number of points during the year.

The seniors were declared winners of the intramural trophy by Coach Webb at the annual awards day. The trophy was presented to Harold Smith, president of the senior class.

We would like to thank the coaches of Albemarle High School for the fine work and time which they have contributed to our athletic program.

Juniors Win Field Day; Slight Margin Over Seniors

Uncoached Tennis Team Wins Match

An uncoached tennis team composed of six AHS seniors traveled to Salisbury May 7 to defeat the Boyden High tennis team coached by J. P. Morgan, Jr.

Albemarle took all but two singles matches and one doubles match to win easily, 6 to 3. In the singles matches Pat Davis (Boyden) defeated Harold Smith 6-2, 6-4; Dan Smiley (B) defeated Jimmy Skidmore 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; Keith Byrd (A) defeated Johnny Goodman 6-2, 6-2; Henry Carpenter (A) defeated Jerry Sechrist 6-2, 6-2; Junior Josey (A) defeated Pete Coleman 6-0, 6-0; Joe Gaskin (A) defeated John Cross 6-2, 6-0.

In the doubles Smith and Skidmore (A) defeated Davis and Sechrist 6-3, 6-1; Carpenter and Byrd (A) defeated Coleman and Cross 6-0, 6-1; Goodman and Smiley (B) defeated Josey and Gaskin by forfeit.

A return match was to be scheduled soon in which the Boyden team would come to Albemarle.

Yellow Jackets Defeat Bulldogs

Lexington's Yellow Jackets stung the Bulldogs on the home field May 7 by a score of 10 to 3.

Raygene Smith started off the game for Albemarle and was the losing pitcher. He was relieved with two away and two on base in the fourth inning by Claud Lawhon, who finished the game. Covington, the winning pitcher for Lexington, and Atkins led the visiting team at bat with three for five each. Wade Hearne led Albemarle in the hitting with a perfect two for two.

New Cheerleaders Have Been Chosen

Three new cheerleaders, Lydia Hall, Ellen Palmer, and Jerry Vismor, were chosen from approximately twenty students who tried out for cheerleading for the next year.

The old cheerleaders next year will be Martha Rae Harris, Mona Rae Crotts, and Marilyn Greene, seniors; Margaret Brunson, junior, and Elaine Mills, sophomore.

A truth is as comfortable in homely language as in fine speech.—Charles Spurgeon.

The fifth annual Field Day was held Thursday, May 8, and was won by the eleventh grade with the twelfth coming in a close second. Not until the final event was over did any one know who had won.

The eleventh grade rolled up 1210 points; the twelfth, 1150; the tenth, 1020; the ninth, 460; and last place, the eighth, 100 points.

The first place winners in the day's events are as follows: softball throw, Raygene Smith; football kick, Jimmy Skidmore; shot-put throw, Leslie Swanner; broad jump, Randall Plyler; high jump, Keith Byrd; three-legged race, Ralph Setzler and Larry Talbert; fifty yard dash, Gene Snuggs and Keith Byrd (tie); sack race, Bill Huckabee; one-hundred yard dash, Claud Grigg; potato race, Glenn Almond; two-hundred yard relay, Larry Tucker, Ralph Setzler, Claud Grigg, and Victor Drye, and Bill Freeman.

The winners of the girls' events were high jump, Marjan Stiller and Anita Mauldin (tie); broad jump, Carolyn Miller; softball throw, Frances Ross; three-legged race, Dixie Schadt and Janet Glover; fifty yard dash, Betty Brunson; sack race, Carolyn Williams; potato race, Peggy Jo Lowder; rolling pin contest, Katherine Elalock; two-hundred yard relay, Carolyn Miller, Bettie Gantt, Martha Harris, Mona Crotts; two-hundred yard boy and girl relay, Emily Milton, Bruce Lowder, Henry Carpenter, and Betty Brunson.

The competition was very keen this year among the grades and should be very close next year.

Coach Webb said that he had never seen the events in Field Day go off so easily.

Concord Defeats Bulldogs Twice

The Bulldogs went to Concord to play the Spiders a double-header and lost both games by scores of 19-4 and 10-0.

In the first game Larry Chance, Raygene Smith, and Ken Smith got the only three hits that the Bulldogs got.

Smith was the winning pitcher for the Spiders and Lawhon was the losing pitcher.

In the second game the Bulldogs got six hits. No one on Albemarle's team got over one hit.

Lapish was the winning pitcher for the Spiders, and Raygene Smith was the losing pitcher for the Bulldogs.

These two games finished the Bulldogs' season with four wins and eight losses.

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