

BULLDOG BARKS

Athletes of the Month

MICKEY GREENE

Athlete of the Month honor goes, this issue, to a boy who has done a most commendable job at one of the unsung positions on the state's top double A team. Holding down the right guard position and turning in numerous top performances at the tough defensive end spot, Mickey Greene has proven himself a dependable and very capable athlete. On many occasions he has demonstrated his spectacular blocking form and never fails to keep team spirit at its highest.

Always a good sport, Mickey never passes up a chance to add a friend to his long list. He is one of the most popular boys in the A. H. S. student body.

Mickey is an active member of the Hi-Y, of which he was chaplain last year. He has always taken part in the Hi-Y basketball program.

Those students who saw the junior play, "The Calamity Kids", will remember Mickey's antics as Elmer, the spoiled brat of the family. As a member of the Student Council, Mickey is very dependable. He served his school's athletic program in another way by managing the basketball team in 1953.

Mickey has never been friendless in his years at A. H. S. A leader in anything he undertakes to do, Mickey will always be remembered by students and teachers at A. H. S.

JOE KLUTTZ

One of the surprises to come out of football camp this year was Joe Kluttz. Joe was an understudy in his junior year at blocking back, but this year he really came into his own. Although he does not have a great many opportunities to carry the ball, Kluttz, as his friends call him, lets the opposition know he is around more than once during the course of a game. Whenever one of the other backs breaks into the clear, Joe is usually a man who throws one of the key blocks. Joe is no tenderfoot at football, having played guard his first two years in high school.

And who said that football players have brawn and no brain? Kluttz was tapped into the National Honor Society this fall and was selected to take the National Merit Scholarship test along with the top five students in his class.

Yes, Joe Kluttz is truly one of AHS's outstanding scholars and athletes.

Thanks, Red Team

One group of people who are not given due credit are members of the Red team, who work hard and boost the varsity to greater heights. Without the Red team it's doubtful that the varsity could play the game of football that it does. The Red team practices every day and works just as hard as the first string boys.

Boys who work hard on the Red team know that their hard work will be rewarded in years to come, for they will be the number one boys then.

These boys who play on the Red team play as big a role in Bulldog victories as the ones who play the full game.

Older boys kid their scrimmage mates and make it rough for them sometimes, but all these boys received the same treatment in their earlier days. All the boys really respect these "Red Team Regulars" and know the real value of having these boys working with them.

Boys like Richard Peck, Drip Kimrey, Eddie Burleson, George Weaver, Clyde Hill, Wayne Spivey, Mickey Dry, Tommy Murrell, Charlie Smith, and Glenn Talbert deserve much credit for their work, spirit, and assistance in making the Bulldogs a winning team. All the boys are not listed, of course, but everyone knows who they are, so here is a tribute to the Red team.

Football Superlatives

- Best looking: Junior Dennis.
- Most likely to succeed: Rat Lisk.
- Most dependable: Wayne Spivey.
- Meekest (on the field): Wade Smith.
- Biggest: Mickey Greene.
- Most studious: Punk Gantt.
- Best dancer: Zeke Johnson.
- Biggest talker: Bobby Coggins.
- Best kicker: Drag Kimrey.
- Most likely to run over Mr. Grigg: Lane Lowder.
- Best athlete: Clyde Hill.
- Biggest lover: Edshay Brunson.
- Shiftest: Polio Pendergraft.

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Albemarle Boys Are Conference Champs

Bulldogs Knock Fire From Devils In Last Thriller

For the third successive year, the Albemarle Bulldogs are the conference champions, assuring the title this year by the win over China Grove on November 4, with a score of 19-12.

This was a well-earned, hard-fought victory. The China Grove team was by no means a push-over. They were well-coached and had the advantage in weight.

This makes 39 wins out of 40 games and the tenth straight for the powerful Bulldogs. The Bulldogs, tagged the "state's winningest team and the top double-A outfit," closed out their regular season of play undefeated and untied for the third straight time.

Although playing at half-speed with injuries, Wade Smith and Edshay Brunson played brilliantly throughout the whole game, Steve "Punk" Gantt gave the defense a heavy boost.

Physically, this was the hardest game of the season, and the Bulldogs were on their guard every minute of the game.

The action started quickly with both teams registering touchdowns. The Red Devils won the toss, received and scored before surrendering possession. Albemarle retaliated, and that was all the scoring for the first half.

Albemarle struck quickly in the third period, gave up a score in the fourth quarter, and added another TD for themselves late in the game.

Buddy McClure scored first for the Red Devils, but the Bulldogs were quick to even the score with an onside kick, which was covered by Gantt on the 47. In five plays the Bulldogs scored.

The big play in the drive was a pass, Brunson to Gerald Johnson, good for 31 yards to the Devil nine. Wade Smith then bulled through the center for the TD.

John Shinn, of the Red Devils, recovered a fumble, the only one in the game, on the Albemarle 32. From there they drove for their second and last score.

Then Wade Smith took over on the 46 when another onside kick backfired. Wade broke loose for the final touchdown of the Bulldogs in eight plays.

Then the game was over.

Atkins Is Chosen

Pat Atkins was elected MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS by the senior class, to represent Albemarle High School in the local Christmas parade, which will be held November 29.

Maxine Harwood, Carolyn Helms, and Sybil Eford were the others nominated from various senior homerooms, and the entire senior class voted upon the one to represent them. Sybil Eford was the runner-up.

Pat, wearing a suit, will ride on a float during the parade.



Smith Selected For Shrine Team

For the sixth straight year Albemarle will be represented on the Shrine Bowl team which plays in Charlotte on December 3. This year's selection is Wade Smith, co-captain of the Bulldogs.

Bob Gantt, now assistant coach of the team, was the first player to go to the Bowl, participating in 1947.

Ed Patterson played in the game in 1950. He was followed by Doug Knotts in 1951, David Bruton in 1952, Ken Smith in 1953, and Charles James and John David Moose in 1954. All of these were outstanding in the game.

Being the latest of Webb's players to be nominated for the honor, Wade carries a great responsibility on his shoulders as he goes to Charlotte. Every Bulldog who has gone to the Shrine Bowl has done a more than creditable job.

Outfight Comets, 19-14, For South Piedmont Crown.

A crowd of 6,000 watched the Albemarle Bulldogs outfight the Asheboro Blue Comets Friday night to win their second South Piedmont championship in three years, by a score of 19 to 14.

Edshay Brunson and Wade Smith shouldered the offensive push for Albemarle. Wade constantly ripping the Asheboro line with long gains, though handicapped with a sprained ankle. Edshay came through with his hard running and passed to Que Smith for two touchdowns. Que caught the first pass and raced 85 yards for the TD with the help of a fine block by left end Larry Lisk. Later in the fourth quarter Edshay tossed to Que the touchdown pass that was the game's deciding tally.

The Bulldogs' first score came on an Asheboro fumble of a punt, where Punk Gantt scooped up the ball and raced 20 yards to score.

Drag Kimrey played his usual excellent game on offense and defense, as he kicked one extra point and continually stopping the Asheboro backs for no gains.

The win was clearly a team effort, in which the Bulldogs exhibited sharp blocking and tackling. They showed their courage and stamina by coming from behind to win.

An archeologist just back from Pompeii reports that he has dug up an old penitentiary in which he has found a lot of petrified prisoners.

"This," says the archeologist, "is perhaps the earliest evidence we have of hardened criminals."

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