

BULLDOG BARKS

Athletes of the Month

DOTTIE WALKER

As co-captain of the Albemarle High School girls' basketball team and also one of the most outstanding guards on the team, Dotty Walker does a fine job. Although she does not get a chance to run the score up, she certainly shines when it comes to keeping the opposite teams down. She has played on the varsity team for three years, and before that, she was a hard worker on the Tri-Hi Y team.

Dotty not only is an experienced athlete, but possesses many other qualities. Dependable, friendly, an active member in a number of clubs, and always ready to lend a helping hand are just a few of Dotty's qualities.

Dotty Walker, this month's outstanding athlete, is a fine girl, a fine athlete, and a credit to her school.

JIMMY COGGINS

This issue's Athlete of the Month goes to the most outstanding basketball player of A. H. S., center Jimmy Coggins.

Jimmy started playing basketball in his sophomore year. He practiced a lot, even had a court in his own yard, and quickly became one of the most outstanding players. He served one year on the junior varsity, and this is his second on the varsity.

You never get enough practice, seems to be his motto, for if you were to ride by his home some times, you might see him practicing in his own yard. Even at the school practice, he stays after all the others have gone.

He has served four years on the baseball team as pitcher, although he can play any position as well as anyone. He is also the leading basehitter and made the All-Star Legion Baseball team.

He is always eager to make friends and is as friendly as anyone you could meet. He is a good sport in all the games he plays, and you'll never see him mad because of a game.

Jimmy is truly the most outstanding basketball player of A. H. S.

Big Bag of Tricks Awaits Cage Foes

The Bulldog basketball teams have already begun another season of keen competition and the teams look as though they may surprise many of their conference opponents.

Co-captains Dotty Walker and Libby Sue McLeod will see plenty of action at their respective positions of forward and guard. Bobby Kimrey and Linda Moose will probably round out the starting forward positions. Bobby was a mainstay last year and will be a dependent this year.

Linda Moose played guard last year and was an outstanding defensive player, but this year she may see quite a bit of action at the forward position. In practice she shows she's capable of holding this position. Martha Huckabee is seeing a lot of first string action in practice and she looks to be an effective forward. Susie Culp and Betty Boone are both very good forwards, and if they don't start they'll surely be first rate substitutes.

As for the guards, Jeanette Hinson, who saw quite a bit of action last year is looking good in practice this season. Dotty Walker, with her experience and height will be one of the Bulldogs' dependables this year. Judy Klutz, a freshman, may have a starting berth. In practice she appears to have what it takes. Sandra Poplin is pushing the other guards for a starting position; although she didn't play last year, she is showing up well. Hunter Hearne, Jo Ellen Brooks and Myrna Mills are guards that will see action in many games.

Bulldog Team Is Tops In Practice

Jimmy Coggins will be the main attraction for the boy cagers, but the tall, dead eye center will have lots of support from the forwards, who are yet to decide who will start because of the competition.

Franchot Palmer looks sharp in practice and will see a lot of action, but David Grigg and Rat Lisk are looking sharp too, so the forwards will provide the team with a lot of points this year.

Wade Smith hasn't started practicing yet, but he is depended up by all to do his usual this season.

Guards Buddy Stoker and Edshay Brunson appear to be the first stringers, but competition from Burnie Miller and Ronnie Morris is enough to make them work hard. Buddy didn't play high school ball last year, but he has had a lot of experience at the "Y". Edshay was first string last year and shows he wants that same position this year. Burnie Miller looks tops in practice and it's a fact he'll see lots of action.

All in all, the Bulldog teams look like the teams to follow this season.

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Wade Smith Is Chosen Co-Capt. Of All-State Team

Wade Smith, Albemarle's workhorse, has been chosen co-captain of the *Charlotte Observer* All-State team and also a member of the *Charlotte News* All-State team.

Smith was one of the top stars in the Shrine Bowl game. He helped North Carolina defeat South Carolina by a score of 19 to 13.

Smith's selection for the Shrine Bowl game was the fifth year in a row that Albemarle has been represented.

Bulldogs Honored By State Papers

The Albemarle Bulldogs have just finished one of the most successful campaigns they have ever experienced, winning eleven straight games. They have remained at the top of the list of ratings for double A teams the entire season, being followed closely by Kingston, Henderson, and Valdese.

There have been many honors received by members of the team. Wade Smith was chosen to participate on the Shrine Bowl team and made the first string of the All-State team selected by the *Charlotte News*, and was chosen co-captain of the All-State team selected by the *Charlotte Observer*. Drag Kimery was chosen for the second team by the *Charlotte Observer* and third team by the *Charlotte News*.

Wade, Drag, Edshay Brunson, and Punk Gantt were picked for the SPC All-Conference team. All four of these boys have appeared on the All-State check lists numerous times during the season.

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Girls Team Beats Wadesboro Here

The Albemarle High School girls' basketball team upset Wadesboro here in a thriller, 41 to 26.

Albemarle's defense was led by Linda Moose, Jeanette Hinson, Dotty Walker, and Judy Klutz. Bobbie Kimery, center forward, played an outstanding game by racking up 21 points for the girls. Betty Boone was close behind with 16 points. Sylvia Mauldin, Sue Page, and Martha Huckabee also did a fine job on the offense.

This was the Bulldogs' second game of the season.

Webb Is Named Coach Of Year

AHS was again honored in football by having Coach Toby Webb selected as the Coach of the Year in N. C. by the *Greensboro News*. This is the second year Webb has been selected to this position. In 1953 he was named co-coach along with Dane Harris of Harding.

Webb has always been a winning coach regardless of the strength of the material he had to work with. He is referred to this year as the coach who has done the "most with the least."

Boys' Team Wins By 70-44 Score

Standing head and shoulders over the Wadesboro Pirates, the AHS Bulldogs collected their first win of the season December 6 by a score of 70 to 44.

Jimmy Coggins led the AHS team with 25 points, followed by Edshay Brunson and Franchot Palmer with 12 and 17 points respectively. The Bulldogs never were in serious trouble and led at the halftime 38 to 21.

Griffith was the high man for Wadesboro with 13 points.

Smith And Fisher Are Nominated

Two Albemarle High School students, Wade Smith and Bill Fisher, have been nominated for Morehead Scholarships at the University of North Carolina, it was reported December 1.

The two boys were chosen from a field of 12 applicants. The applications of the two boys chosen have been forwarded to the district board, the winners there being sent to Chapel Hill for final selections.

Both Smith and Fisher are outstanding members of the student body. They are exceptionally good students and leaders in the high school. Both are active in church and community affairs also.

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 6	— Monroe	..... There	..... Friday
10	— Winecoff	..... There	..... Tuesday
12	— Mooresville	..... Here	..... Thursday
20	— Landis	..... There	..... Friday
24	— Kannapolis	..... There	..... Tuesday
27	— China Grove	..... Here	..... Friday
31	— Concord	..... There	..... Tuesday
Feb. 3	— Winecoff	..... Here	..... Friday
7	— Mooresville	..... There	..... Tuesday
10	— Monroe	..... Here	..... Friday
14	— Landis	..... Here	..... Tuesday
17	— Kannapolis Here Friday
21	— China Grove There Tuesday
24	— Concord Here Friday

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