

BULLDOG BARKS

Athletes Of The Month ROBERT T. SMITH

Just to prevent any confusion about who Robert T. Smith is, he is much better known as "Q".

"Q" holds a cherished position as co-captain of the Albemarle High School Bulldogs' football team, of which he has been a member for three years. He mans the No. 1 wingback and defensive safety positions in typical Bulldog style with his 5 ft. 10 in., 170 lb. frame. The A. H. S. Track team gets "Q" as a squad member in the Spring.

"Q", a member of the newly formed DeMolay, is very active in church work at Central Methodist, where he is a member of the M. Y. F. and the church choir.

School activities find "Q" in the Hi-y, Monogram Club, Business Staff of the Crossroads, as well as Student Lion for the month of September.

To mention "Q" without mentioning his personal cheer-leader girl friend, Myrna Mills, would be like looking at the sky without seeing the stars.

MICKEY DRY

If you'd like to see a real Bulldog in action, giving the game everything possible in every minute of play, watch Mickey Dry. Here is Albemarle's stalwart right end on offense and a defensive end who makes life somewhat of a frightening experience for opposing backs who choose to run his way.

A 6 ft. 2 in., 170-lb. pass catcher, Mickey has been a member of the A. H. S. Bulldogs for three years, as well as a track team squad member.

It isn't hard to understand why Mickey is the kind of fine fellow he is, since he takes an active part in church work, being President of Luther League and choir member at the local church. Mickey's school work receives equally devoted attention. Here he is president of Mixed Chorus and home room. He may also be found at meetings of the Monogram Club, Hi-Y, and the Sports Staff of the Crossroads.

Great Season Seen For Bulldogs

Another football season has rolled around, and the potent A. H. S. Bulldogs have started the season with a devastating offense and as tough a defense as is to be seen anywhere.

The first foe to be downed by the bruising Bulldogs was Winecoff, who, as per-expectations, was pushed up and down the field to the tune of 54-0. Punk Gantt, a converted center from last year's undefeated team, was in the fullback slot and ran roughshod through the Winecoff defenses. People from Albemarle had memories of Charlie Justice brought to their minds as Graham Harwood twisted, turned, and shook as he rocked and rolled for two touchdowns. Que Smith and Don Taylor played an outstanding game also. The line for the Bulldogs was outstanding in every respect. They blocked and tackled superbly. Roger Whitley, David Grigg, Jerry Lowder, and James Johnson were the outstanding players in the defense.

The second game of the season the Bulldogs traveled to Kannapolis. The rivalry of these two teams is reason enough for both teams to be in top condition for this game. The game ended in a tie. It seemed to Kannapolis like a win, but to the Bulldogs it was the same as a defeat. Punk Gantt was the outstanding player on offense and Roger Whitley was a mainstay in the line at defensive end.

One of the toughest games to face the Bulldogs was the next one. The night was perfect for football and the opponent was a powerful Lexington eleven. The Bulldogs came out on top, but it was a real battle to the very end. Graham Harwood and Punk Gantt were two of the main reasons in the Albemarle victory, but let us not forget who really won the game for us—the true toe of Jerry Lowder, powerful tackle for the Bulldogs and extra point kicker.

Credit must be given to the coaches behind the Bulldogs this year: Coach Webb, Coach Robinette, and the two new coaches, Don Knotts and Bill Lippard.

For these three exhibitions of a powerful offense and a great defense, the Bulldogs should be the top team again this year.

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Bulldogs Defeat Lexington 14-13 In Real Breath-taker

Lexington roared into the AHS stadium with a win on their minds two weeks ago, but left a 14-13 loser.

Lexington took the opening kickoff and drove for a quick touchdown. Late in the first quarter the Bulldogs scored on a short plunge by Harwood.

The second quarter saw Albemarle score again on a 15-yard pass play from Harwood to Lisk. In the third quarter Lexington started a 96-yard sustained drive for their final touchdown, but couldn't make that important P. A. T.

The fourth quarter was mostly a defensive battle. Albemarle drove down to the 10-yard line but couldn't push it over so it ended a 14-13 victory for the Bulldogs. The outstanding linemen were Lowder, Whitley, and Grigg.

Two Coaches Are Added To Staff

Two new coaches, Don M. Knotts and William L. Lippard Jr., have been added to the coaching staff at A. H. S.

Mr. Knotts in addition to coaching the football team teaches physical education and U. S. history.

While attending A. H. S. and Duke University he played varsity football. He also served four years in the Air Force prior to graduation from Duke. Mr. Knotts, his wife, and child make their home on Montgomery Avenue.

Mr. Lippard, who teaches general math, physical education, and world history, is head basketball and baseball coach. He graduated from Catawba College in 1953. He then taught in Kannapolis for one year, after which he served with the army for two years.

Salisbury is his hometown. He is single and lives on Montgomery Avenue.

Transceivers Help To Coaches

Transceivers allow coaches to spot games from above as the speaker system gives the fans an excellent play by play description of the football games this year.

Through Mr. Hatley, Coach Webb has obtained two transceivers which enable the coaches to get a better view of the field. Coach Robinette, high in the school building, can give Coach Webb at the side line a vivid description of the football game, its difficulties, and its opportunities with the aid of these small radios.

These transceivers can get their power from either batteries or from A. C. current. They are the very newest model.

The fans this year are also getting a good account of the game by way of the speaker system arranged by Mr. Hatley and Robert L. Smith, G. C. Wilhoit, Winfred

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AHS Steamrolls Landis, 41 to 6

Albemarle coasted to a 41-6 victory over Landis Friday night. Graham Harwood tallied twice for Albemarle, on a 6-yard buck and a 70-yard punt return. "Q" Smith scored twice, once on a pass from Roger Smith.

Roger Smith ran 22 yards for one touchdown, and Glenn Talbert carried back a punt 56 yards for another. Jerry Lowder booted 5 extra points.

Lovette bucked over from the two for Landis after a 50-yard march.

Teams Tied 13-13 At Kannapolis

Albemarle Bulldogs invaded Kannapolis territory to battle the Little Wonders scored early in the first quarter on a fumbled punt, but the Bulldogs came back and Graham Harwood went over to score. Both extra points were missed, and the half ended 6-6.

In the second half Punk Gantt early in the third quarter tore loose to score on a 45-yard jaunt. Jerry Lowder booted the extra point, and the Bulldogs led 13-6. Late in the last quarter Kannapolis recovered an Albemarle fumble and marched 65 yards for a touchdown. Their extra point was good, and the game ended in a 13-13 tie.

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