

# Webb's '57 Bulldog Team Reigns As Supreme Champions

## BULLDOG BARKS

### Athletes Of The Month

#### LARRY MULLIS

Mr. "Golden Toe", the 100-carat PAT man on the Bulldog squad, has racked up a brilliant 80.5% record for points kicked after touchdowns. In eight games Larry Mullis successfully booted 37 out of 46 extra-point attempts.

Larry's biggest night came when the team growled against Mooresville. The plungers, passers, and sprinters tasted touchdown dirt eight times, and after every 6-point gain, Larry came through with the seventh point.

The post-season swim with Lexington was clinched for Albemarle by Larry's conversion. His steady performance also extended to frequent reserve action.

To a dependable blocking back with the trigger toe, we give an Athlete-of-the-Month salute.

#### AL FUSONIE

To industry and the North we shout our thanks for sending down South the Bulldogs' left linebacker. This hard hitter would be a Fuse-on-any team. On offense, Al ran the reserve fullback position with the same ready spirit and enthusiastic determination that sparked his every performance.

He kept the opposition screaming for relief with his solid tackles and touchdowns.

In recognition of Al Fusonie's willing, plucky participation in this lazy-speaking Webb country, we award him the honor of being an Athlete-of-the-Month for December.

### Seniors Cite Favorite Game

QUESTION: What game did you enjoy most and why?

Marion — It was fun beating them.—James Norton.

The last Lexington game.—Because we outplayed them in the mud and beat them on their field.—James Johnson.

Harding — They thought that they were number one and that they could really whip us.—Roger Eudy.

Lexington — Because all you could do was slip and slide.—Stanley Lawhon.

Lexington — You could make pattycakes with the mud.—Tommy Murrell.

Winecoff — Because I got to play a few minutes.—Norris Jeffrey.

Marion — It proved us to be the best team in the state and also that you got to do more than talk a good game.—Al Fusonie.

Harding — Because it put to shame my own cousin who goes there.—Richard Peck.

Mooresville — I almost scored.—Cary McSwain.

Mooresville — That was my best night.—Larry Mullis.

Harding — We were supposed to have been on the short end of the score.—Wade McSwain.

### Co-Captains Elected

The members of the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams have elected their co-captains for this season.

Co-captains for the boys' team are Stanley Lawhon and Graham Harwood. Both were starting men in last year's games and were also key men on the football team this season.

Co-captains for the girls' team are two girls who were outstanding as first string players last year, Martha Huckabee and Gail Buck.

## A.H.S. Varsity Wins WNCHSAA Crown From Inspired Marion Team By 54 to 6

### Wrestling New Sport At AHS

AHS now has a new sport to add to the extracurricular. This new sport is wrestling.

Teaching the new sport are Coach Don Knotts and John Callaway, principal of West Albemarle.

These coaches emphasize the fact that a wrestler doesn't have to be a giant in size to wrestle. The weights are from 105 pounds on up.

The coaches are working hard on this new sport and point out that the success of the team can be no more than the effort put into it.

All boys interested in this new sport should see Coach Knotts to get more information.

The Albemarle Bulldogs completed their season by mangling a fired up Marion team in the Boyden High School stadium at Salisbury, thus defending their rank and winning the championship of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association.

After the kick-off to the Marion team, the Bulldogs showed their supremacy. Marion moved the ball down to the Albemarle 25 with what seemed to be a successful touchdown drive before having to give the ball over to the Bulldog team. Albemarle took over on its own 25-yard line and began a 75-yard march for the touchdown. Roger Whitley, Roger Smith, and Graham Harwood sparked the Bulldogs' offense all the way down the field. Whitley took over on the Marion 17 and entered the end zone for the first touchdown of the night. Larry Mullis' attempt for the extra point was perfect, and the clock glowed a bright 7-0 score for the Bulldogs.

Early in the second quarter, Marion launched what turned out to be its only scoring drive of the night. Taking over on their own 37-yard line, Marion drove all the way for the TD with Barry Ramsey and Leonard Goforth sparking the unit. Goforth went into the end zone from three yards out for the TD. The extra point attempt was wide and the margin narrowed, as the score stood 7-6, Albemarle.

On and on the Bulldogs went as the offense and defense began to click. The Bulldogs chalked up 469 yards rushing and 54 points for the night. Albemarle's wingback, Roger Smith,

scored three times on his famous reverse, and fullback Roger Whitley crossed the line three times. Graham Harwood went over for one TD and passed for another to Don Montgomery. Larry Mullis converted for six extra points, and the scoring column was complete.

### Roger Whitley Is Shrine Bowl Back

Roger Whitley, the star fullback and co-captain of the champion A.H.S. Bulldogs, was selected as "one of the chosen few" high school seniors to participate in the Shrine Bowl classic.

Whitley, who has sparked the Bulldogs all season, gaining over 2,000 yards rushing, pulled double duty last week as he helped his teammates beat Marion for the Western North Carolina championship, Wednesday night.

The big, 215-pound, human bulldozer is the eleventh player to be sent to the Shrine Bowl by Coach Toby Webb. Jerry Lowder and Lane Lowder were the 1956 players, while Wade Smith played in the honor game in 1955.

Whitley, a converted tackle, has recently been named by the coaches of several colleges as the number one choice of this state's high school players. As soon as Saturday's game was over he was the object of many college scouts, as he has one of the finest records that any schoolboy has ever made.

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