

Chilly Fans See Last-Second Win

Excitement was an understatement Friday night as huddled and heavily clad local fans watched the Bulldogs catch fire within the last minute of the Landis Homecoming game.

After playing a seesaw battle during the first half, the Bulldogs held the Yellow Jackets of Landis several times very deep in their territory. With last minutes running out, the Bulldogs' "do-or-die" determination played an important factor as Albemarle, with several long runs, penetrated deep into Landis' territory.

Nelson Smith threw a beautiful pass to Kent Montgomery, who ran the ball to the two-yard line. The scoreboard clock showed 15 seconds left in the game. A cold chill ran over the stands. "Will they be able to outrun the clock?" was the predominate question. With 12 seconds left, Mike Wolfe rammed up the middle for the score. The extra point was no good and the score remained 6-0 in favor of Albemarle. Words alone are insufficient to describe the rejoicing and feelings of the Bulldog fans. Perhaps one way to describe the victory was when the band played for its last number, "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

For Landis, it was truly a heartbreaker. During the time when the two teams have met, Landis has never won a football game over the Bulldogs. Next year China Grove and Landis will consolidate to form South Rowan High School.



NELSON SMITH PICKS 'EM UP

Tailback Nelson Smith evades several Rockingham tacklers to break into the Rockets' secondary for substantial yardage in the fourth quarter. Rockingham held a decisive edge in game statistics, but had to fight hard to down Coach Gantt's Bulldogs. Final score was 20-0.

Last Game Lost To Blue Comets

In the last game of the season Albemarle lost a thriller to the Asheboro Blue Comets by the score of 13-0.

It was late in the third period before Asheboro could squeeze a touchdown out of the strong Albemarle defense. This touchdown was set up by a penalty that put

Asheboro deep in the Bulldogs' territory.

The second touchdown came in the fourth period and the P.A.T. was missed.

The Bulldogs' best offense show of the night came from the T-formation with sweeps around he ends.

For Co-captains Mike Wolfe and Bo Burris, Gary Mauldin, William Walker, Kent Montgomery, Mike Fusonie, Steve Isen-

hour and Craven Morton, it was their last game for Albemarle Senior High School.

Albemarle Loses Homecoming Tilt

Action was fast and furious at the Senior High Stadium on Friday night, with the Bulldogs coming out on the short end of a 19-7 score in a game with Statesville.

The Statesville Greyhounds tallied first when fullback Jim Elsley scored in the second period. The P. A. T. try was no good. Again during the second period end Gilmer Murdock took a pass from quarterback Tommy Neely for the score. This made the score 12-0, the P. A. T. being no good.

After intermission the Bulldogs came out fighting mad. Albemarle marched for two first downs before giving up the ball on downs. The Bulldogs got the ball again and marched 85 yards for a score, Jerry Smith carrying the ball over. Jerry Smith ran the ball over for the P-A-T. This made the score 17-7 in favor of Statesville.

During the fourth period Statesville tallied their last score on a fine run by quarterback Tommy Neely. The P. A. T. was good also. This ended the scoring for the evening at 19-7.

The Bulldogs showed some of their power when they switched into the T-formation and made several first downs on the running of Smith and Mabe.

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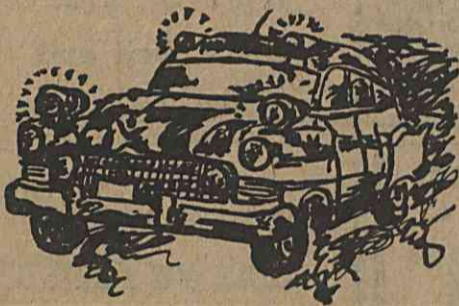
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