

BULLDOGS SINK 60, CAPTURE WNCHSAA

Cagers Conquer Valdese Tigers 60 to 42

Albemarle's Bulldogs conquered the Valdese Tigers 60-42 at Kannapolis March 8 to become Western North Carolina High School Activities Association champions in class 3-A Basketball finals for 1966. A large gold basketball trophy was awarded for their top-action performance.

Early in the first quarter the Bulldogs gained a quick 3-0 lead, and the first quarter ended with the Bulldogs out in front 14-8 over the Tigers. At half-time the Bulldogs were in a 22-19 leading position.

In the third quarter, Albemarle captured 14 points and Valdese got 5. In the final period the Bulldogs hit the bucket for 24 points while the Tigers managed only 18.

From the floor, Albemarle hit on 17-of-44 shots for 39 per cent and connected on 26-of-37 free throws for 70 per cent. Valdese hit on 13-of-47 floor shots for 28 per cent and converted 16-of-20 charity tosses for 80 per cent.

Co-Captain David Smith led Albemarle scoring by copping 24 markers. He hit on five-of-11 floor shots and had an excellent 14-for-14 performance from the free throw line.

Tommy Smith, Co-Captain, tallied 14 points on six-of-16 floor shots and two free throws.

Tommy Smith and David Smith were selected to the South Piedmont all-conference squad and the Piedmont all-tourney team.

Ricky Russell gained eight markers and captured seven rebounds.

Bob Overcash and Tom Webb each garnered seven points for the champions.

A total of 12 Bulldogs saw action in the championship game for Albemarle.

Albemarle led 36-22 in the rebounding department.

Tommy Triplett led the Valdese scoring by getting 23 points.

After the championship had been gained, Coach Frazier stated, "We were so glad that we won the gold basketball but hope that it isn't so long until we win another one."

Following the contest, Albemarle players went forward three times to receive trophies from W. C. Clary, secretary of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association.

Bob Townsend, Bill Trivette and Ricky Russell teamed up to get the regular season championship trophy for the Bulldogs, Tom Webb and Bob Overcash went on the court to carry the North-South Piedmont Tournament first-place trophy back to the bench; and Co-Captains, Tommy Smith and David Smith, joined forces to receive the gold basketball trophy representing the championship in the WNCHSAA finals.

ALBEMARLE (60)—Webb 7, Russell 8, T. Smith 14, Overcash 7, D. Smith 24, Trivette, Townsend, Harwood, Hathcock, Mabry, Little, Cain.

VALDESE (42) — Martin 4,



Ricky Russell taps in a shot during the association finals at Kannapolis. Tommy Smith (42) is ready for the rebound. The bulldogs won 60-42.

Rebels Fall 56-47 In Tourney Finals

Coach Frazier's Bulldogs copped the championship of the North-South Piedmont Basket-

ball Tournament for their third straight year with a 56-47 victory over the Rebels of South Rowan Saturday, March 5, in the East Rowan High School Gymnasium. This marked the 13th straight victory for the Bulldogs.

With this victory over South Rowan, the Bulldogs earned their chance to play in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Tournament in Kannapolis March 8. This marked the third straight year that Coach Frazier has guided his team to the WNCHSAA finals, only to come out runner-up in both previous tries at the championship.

The Bulldogs hit on 20-of-41 shots from the floor for a percentage of 49%, as compared to a 31% mark for the Rebels. From the foul-line, the Bulldogs connected on 16-of-25 for 64%; while their opponents hit 11-of-15 from the line.

28, D. Smith 13, Overcash 7, Webb 2, Russell 2, Townsend, Howell.

EAST ROWAN (49)—Robbins 11, Beaver 12, Wood 8, Ridenhour 9, Lowman 4, Cline 3, Smith 2.

Score by quarters: Albemarle 15 6 18 13—52 East Rowan 13 11 9 16—49

Mustangs Eliminated

Coach Frazier's Bulldogs grabbed a 52-49 victory in the basketball encounter with the East Rowan Mustangs March 1 in the East Rowan gymnasium.

Albemarle led in the first quarter 15-13 over the Mustangs, but trailed 24-21 at halftime. Albemarle got 31 points in the final half compared to the Mustangs' 25 and won by a 52-49 margin.

The Bulldogs hit on 22-of-40 floor shots for an outstanding 55 per cent mark. Albemarle connected on 10-of-23 free throws for 43 per cent. East Rowan hit on 16-of-45 floor shots for 36 per cent and converted 15-of-21 charity throws for 71 per cent.

Tommy Smith hit on 12-of-16 floor shots and four-of-ten from the line to score 28 markers for the Bulldogs. David Smith tallied 13 points on six-of-eight from the line. Bob Overcash racked up seven points while Ricky Russell and Tom Webb each tallied two.

Dan Beaver led East Rowan scoring with 12 points.

ALBEMARLE (52)—T. Smith

Triplett 23, Potet 5, Warren 2, Pons 6, Moose 2, Carswell, Ogle.

Score by quarters: Albemarle 14 8 14 24—60 Valdese 8 11 5 18—42

For the two years prior to this championship the Bulldogs have been runnerups in the WNCHSAA but this year copped the coveted first place.

Overall, the Bulldogs compiled a 20-2 won-lost record, including a 10-2 mark in South Piedmont action.

"We're No. 1"

Greyhounds Submit To Bulldog Strength

Albemarle's Fighting Bulldogs came through with a 39-38 victory mark over Statesville's Greyhounds in the WNCHSAA semi-finals, March 4.

Statesville held an early lead throughout the first quarters but the Bulldog-strength would not be defeated and third quarter ended with a close 27-25 lead in the Greyhounds' favor. Albemarle racked up 14 points during the last period compared to the 11 made by Statesville.

Ricky Russell made the essential two points in the last seconds of the game by making good on a jump shot.

From the floor, Albemarle hit on 15-of-40 shots for 38 per cent and connected on nine-of-21 free throws for 13 per cent; Statesville hit on 15-of-45 floor shots for 33 per cent and on eight-of-16 foul shots for 50 per cent.

Statesville led in rebounds 35-27.

Ricky Russell and Tommy Smith had eight and seven rebounds to lead the Bulldogs in this department.


Tommy Smith scored 13 points to be top-scorer; David Smith took nine; Russell grabbed seven; Bob Overcash poured in six and Tom Webb got four.

Albemarle (39) — Webb, Townsend, T. Smith 13, Overcash 6, D. Smith 9, Russell 7.

Statesville (38)—Gambell 10, Brandford 16, Mills 5, McGill 2, Woolen 5.

Score by quarters: Albemarle 9 7 9 14—39 Statesville 10 9 8 11—38

cash 16, D. Smith 20, Russell 10. SOUTH ROWAN (47)—Hogan 17, Basinger 9, Gibson 4, Teague 9, Overcash 6, Deal 2, Cannon, Goodnight, Press, Freeze.

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