

Wonders Daze Bulldogs

Albemarle's Bulldogs were downed by the Little Wonders 34-0 as the Bulldogs journeyed to K-town for a South Piedmont Conference gridiron meet, October 14.

Albemarle, winning the toss, elected to receive, but after several minutes of play, the Little Wonders made the initial touchdown of the game, making the score 6-0. As the first quarter ended, the Bulldogs had the ball on the Kannapolis nine yard line. Gerald Whitley ran two yards and "Rip" Furr picked up three yards for a first down. Furr made a two yard scamper but the visitors lost the ball as an Albemarle fumble was recovered by the Little Wonders.

During the second stanza, the host team advanced across the Bulldog goal-line and the extra point "boot" was good. The score at halftime was 13-0.

Is Football Just A Game?

"Attack! Charge! Reinforce the front! Form a trap! Blitz the left flank! Attack! Attack!

The General was not to be outdone. The orders came faster as the fighting ascended. Complex tactics were devised to foul the enemy's intense aggression. Intricate plots and counterplots were prepared and put into action. The arduous war was complicated elements of man pitted against man; but the matter was not one to forsake, the General, certainly, not one to give up.

Although, occasionally, it did seem futile, considering the support had attained a perspective nadir. This in turn was partly at fault for the troops' morale. They were well-equipped, but inexperienced, and even though led by the General's veterans, defeat was often imminent. The deficient mental attitude seemed to invite failure. Delay was possible by encouraging words, fear of defeat, a win, or hope for the future. The success of life is obscured by indifference, but enlightened by determination and individualism.

The war is real; it is the General's life. He realizes that the rookies, as they mature, will redeem themselves in the glory of success, instead of enduring the shame of defeat. However, the inefficiency is but a pause; if oftentimes takes a lost battle to win a war.

Even though the current campaign is drawing to a close, the war is not over, for it seems there will always be another football season.

In the early part of the third period of play, K-town tallied seven more points on a 28-yard run, bringing the score up to 20-0.

During the final period of the battle, the Little Wonders again scampered across Albemarle's goal-line and the extra point kick was successful. A 22-yard run and a good extra point for Kannapolis ended the game with a score of 34-0.

Bill Hartsell received a 32-yard aerial thrown by Whitley. This was the longest pass completion for the Bulldogs. Ricky Russell looked good for Albemarle in punts.

Ulcers, Anyone?

Any young person remembers the first time he received his first toy. So much joy and happiness was exhibited that one could hardly go near the recipient, and for weeks afterwards, the owner was the only one who could ever touch the toy. So it has been recently with Coach Frazier upon finding his spanking-clean, newly sanded gym.

Under careful supervision, the gym was carefully sanded and revarnished. New blue and white lines are painted on the floor.

An added attraction that caused much worry was the Bulldog that is painted in the center circle.

No student can realize the anxiety and anticipation that was felt by Mr. Frazier, the guardian of the gym. How are your ulcers, Coach?

Different But Successful

A week of festivities lead to the annual homecoming game in which the Bulldogs battled the Monroe Rebels.

During the week of October 24-28, students participated in a unique homecoming celebration. On Tuesday, both girls and boys wore unmatched socks of various colors. Wednesday the girls sported "pigtailed" and the boys wore tennis shoes. Between classes, everyone wore sunglasses. Thursday was known as "Village Day." Students dressed in a variety of unusual costumes and combinations. "Blue and White Day" was observed on Friday; everyone dressed in school colors.

This unusual week was climaxed by the Homecoming game Friday night and the crowning of

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Ricky Russell snags a pass from Gerald Whitley in a football game against Thomasville.

Dogs Eat Dogs, 38-7

Thomasville's Bulldogs proved victorious over the Albemarle squad in a South Piedmont Conference

gridiron encounter by a score of 38-7.

Albemarle won the toss, electing to receive, and gained four yards before punting. The visiting team, after picking up one first down and needing only one yard for another, completed a pass and carried the ball across the Albemarle goal-line for six points. The attempt to run for the extra-point failed and the quarter ended with Thomasville leading 6-0.

During the second stanza, the visiting team chalked up six more points after a five-yard scamper and a successful extra point "boot" and later in the initial half ran six yards to reach "paydirt" and tally another six points.

Thomasville increased the margin to 25-0 as they scored another TD in the third period of play.

During the final quarter of play, the visiting squad crossed the Albemarle goal-line on a nine-yard carry and ran for a good "point after." Late in the period,

Albemarle recovered a Thomasville fumble on their own 10-yard line and after several plays, Ricky Russell proceeded across the line for a TD. "Rip" Furr ran for a successful point and the score was 32-7. Moments later, Thomasville came back on a scoring pass to make the score 38-7 as the game ended.

Ricky Russell and Lanny Mabry did some outstanding punting and Gerald Whitley, Joe Lowder, "Rip" Furr, and Billy Howell gained a considerable amount of yardage for the Albemarle squad.

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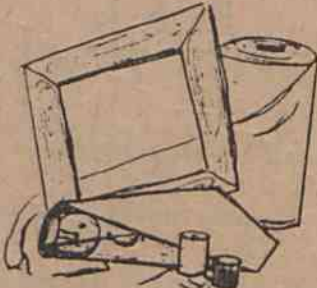
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