



BULLDOG BARKS

By DAVID HALL

During the spring season, the Athletic Department has four different active sports. These are baseball, golf, track, boys' and girls' tennis. In these sports, the Albemarle teams have set records.

Congratulations to Benton Dry, Bruce Smith, Ralph Burleson, Cynthia Noah, and Johnny Little, April's Athletes of the Month.

Benton Dry is an outstanding track man. He runs on the 440, 880, and mile relay teams. Through his work and determination, Benton has become a fine trackster.

Bruce Smith and Ralph Burleson are co-captains of the boys' tennis team. Both are seniors and veterans of the game. Both boys have been superior netters this year. Bruce is number one on the team; Ralph is number two.

Cynthia Noah is Mrs. Bogle's choice for Athlete of the Month. Cynthia has made many contributions to the team. She has won six singles matches.

From the baseball squad, Coach Bill Merritt has chosen Johnny Little. "Johnny is a great defensive player and has shown a great deal of skill in base-running for a high school player," remarked the baseball mentor.

Coach Bill Cain and Coach A. W. McGee represented the coaching staff at a two-day gridiron coaching clinic on the University of Tennessee campus at Knoxville, Tennessee, April 14-16.

Accompanying them were Coach Jim Norton of West Stanly and Coach Ed Emory of Wadesboro.

The men left Albemarle early Friday morning and returned Sunday afternoon.

In the conferences the coaches discussed the defensive and offensive strategy of football.

In the Albemarle Senior High School Coaches Tennis Classic, Coach Frazer retained the cup by defeating Coach Cain in a netted singles dual.

However, the champ ran into trouble soon after as he fell 6-0, 6-1 to Bruce Smith who reportedly laughed his way through the last game. Congratulations Coach, but better luck next time against the boys!

Would you believe that Susan Wolf, sophomore standout on the girls' tennis team, learned all she knows from her big brother?

Even though she has been in regular training lately, it was reported that Keith still defeated her 6-4 in a recent singles battle staged on the ASHS courts.



Billy Freeman returns the ball to his opponent in a recent tennis match.

NETTERS WRECK RACKET

Kannapolis

Coach Bill Cain's tennis team defeated the Kannapolis squad, 7-0, March 30, on local courts.

Bruce Smith, Ralph Burleson, Billy Freeman, Jimmy Holder, and Edwin Sides tallied one point each for the home team in singles.

In doubles, Bruce Smith and Donnie Burgess, and Ralph Burleson and Phillip Tucker defeated their opponents to score an additional two points for the Bulldogs.

Thomasville

Coach Cain's netters tripped the Thomasville Bulldogs in a 7-2 win on the local courts March 31.

Results of singles matches were as follows:

Bruce Smith (A) over Harris 9-7, 3-6, 6-4.

Ralph Burleson (A) over Pennington 6-1, 6-3.

Billy Freeman (A) over Palmer 6-2, 6-4.

Noblitt (T) over Jimmy Holder 8-6, 3-6, 7-5.

Bodenheimer (T) over Edwin Sides 6-4, 8-10, 6-1.

Phil Tucker (A) over Anderson 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

In doubles play, Smith and Burleson downed Harrison and Pennington 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Burleson and Freeman beat Noblitt and Bodenheimer 6-2, 6-1; and Sides and Nance tripped Anderson and Jasper 8-6, 2-6, 8-6.

Statesville

Statesville's Greyhounds proved too strong for the Bulldogs by defeating them 7-2 in an out-of-town match, April 4.

Phil Tucker, no. 6 man, was the only winner from the Bulldogs' 6 singles.

In doubles play, Freeman and

Burleson were the only victors for the home team, while Smith and Burgess were put down in 3 sets, and Sides and Tucker lost in 2 sets.

South Rowan

In SPC matches played April 7 on local courts, Bulldogs shut out South Rowan 9-0. This was the third victory to only one loss.

Bruce Smith, Ralph Burleson, Billy Freeman, Jimmy Holder, Edwin Sides, and Phillip Tucker gained victories over their singles opponents.

In doubles Smith and Burgess, Burleson and Freeman, and Jimmy Nance and Holder defeated South's Rebels. Nance and Holder overwhelmed the opposition in a shut out 6-0, 6-0.

Asheboro

The Asheboro boys tripped the Bulldogs 7-2 in tennis matches staged on local courts, April 11.

Results of singles matches were:

Johnson (Asheboro) over Bruce Smith 6-2, 6-1.

Delk (Ash) over Ralph Burleson 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

Billy Freeman (Albemarle) over Burns 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Bulla (Ash) over Jim Holder 6-0, 6-2.

Arnold (Ash) over Edwin Sides 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Moore (Ash) over Phil Tucker 6-0, 6-0.

Results of double matches were:

Smith and Donnie Burgess (Albemarle) over Delk and Bulla 6-0, 6-0.

Burrow and Johnson (Ash) over Burleson and Freeman 6-0, 6-3.

Arnold and Moore (Ash) over Holder and Jimmy Nance 6-4, 6-2.

K-Town

The boys' tennis squad outscored the Kannapolis Little Wonders, 8-1, in the match staged on local courts April 18.

In singles action, Bruce Smith, Billy Freeman, Jimmy Holder, Donnie Burgess, and Jimmy Nance defeated their opponents to gain one point each for the Bulldogs.

Bruce Smith and Billy Freeman, Phillip Tucker and Ralph Burleson, and David Hall and Lanny Mabry tallied three points for the winning team in the doubles event.

Females Volley

The Bulldogettes were edged by South Rowan girls 5-4 in matches staged at South Rowan April 6, 4-6.

Noah, Little, and Eddins were singles winners, with Eddins-Little combinations in doubles action for the total four wins.

Mrs. Jo Bogle's Bulldogettes bagged their first win over the visiting Little Wonders, March 28.

Kannapolis fell by an overwhelming 1-7 to Albemarle.

Coach Bogle's Bulldogettes edged the Statesville girls 5-4 April 4 for their second straight victory.

Golfers Swing

The Bulldogs came in second out of six schools competing in the North-South Piedmont Conference golf meet staged at the Statesville Country Club, April 13.


The Bulldogs scored 336 points, losing by only one stroke to the Statesville Greyhounds. Other schools participating in the event were Asheboro, Kannapolis, North Stanly, and Thomasville.

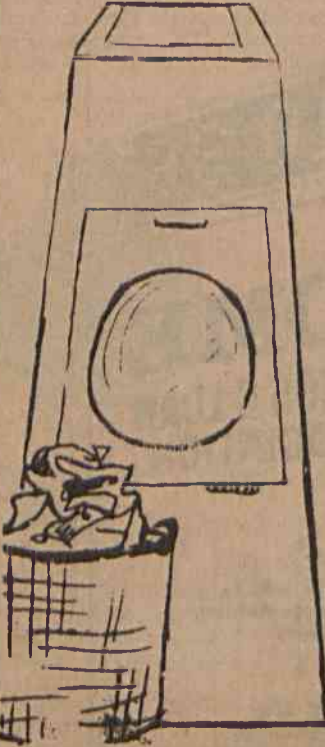
Banks Garrison led the Bulldogs with a 79, Terry Lewis had 83, Kirk Dustin, 86, and Joe Harwood shot an 87.

Albemarle's golfers defeated Asheboro at the McCanles Golf Club in Salisbury with combined scores of 316 (Albemarle) to 324 (Asheboro), April 6.

Terry Lewis rolled in with a 77, and Banks Garrison followed close behind with a 78. Kirk Dustin entered the Clubhouse with an 80; David Plyler ended with an 81.


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