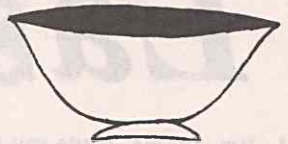


Seniors can take pride in winning the Wachovia Cup every year since they were freshmen.

# Bulldog Sports

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## Hitting the High Notes 1986-87

By JIM ADAMS

Well, we've come to the end of another school year, the last year for some, including me. When this paper goes out, in fact, we seniors will be counting down the hours, and even minutes, to graduation. There have been some interesting sports happenings this year. We were given new champions in every major sport, college and pro. Going back to last October, we remember the New York Mets, who won the World Series. The fact that the Mets won it all was no surprise, but the manner in which they won was. They faced elimination in both the National League Championship Series and the World Series. The "Miracle Mets" took advantage of every opportunity awarded to them to cap of a dominating year. They were never challenged in the regular season, and won their division in a walk. The Atlanta Braves had a very disappointing season, so many people in this area lost interest in baseball. Football was not a good season for area teams either, however.

Penn State surprised a lot of people by defeating Miami on January 2 in the Fiesta Bowl for the NCAA championship. The game was a first, because none of the "major" bowl games involved the number one team. This dream game between the two highest ranked teams was set up by NBC, and the whole country approved, except possibly for Oklahoma Sooners fans, who wanted a rematch with then number one Miami, who had defeated them soundly early in the season. Vinny Testaverde was a lock to win the Heisman Trophy, and he did. The hottest personality in the game was not Vinny but a linebacker named Brian. The "Boz" made headlines with his haircut, his "modesty," his one-game suspension for steroid use, and his anti-NCAA T-shirt. Since the end of the season Barry Switzer, Bosworth's coach at Oklahoma, has stated several times that Bosworth, who has one year of eligibility remaining, will not be returning to Oklahoma for another season. He has also welcomed his back a couple of times, however. It now appears that Bosworth will make himself available for the NFL supplemental draft. In this area, N.C. State had its best season in several years. The Wolfpack went to the Peach Bowl, where they narrowly lost to Virginia Tech. U.N.C. had a decent season, but it was nothing to get excited about.

New York won its second professional championship in five months when the Giants clobbered the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXI in January. The Giants, who made Gatorade "showers" in vogue, dominated the NFL. Lawrence Taylor was a celebrity, along with Joe Morris and Phil Simms. Jim McMahon, the talk of the league two years ago, played very little due to a shoulder injury. The Atlanta Falcons were a disappointment to area fans, again. The Washington Redskins had a good year, but they could never quite match the Giants. Tampa Bay again had the worst record in the league, entitling them to the first pick in the draft. The Buccaneers made sure that another Bo Jackson disaster didn't happen by signing Vinny Testaverde before they drafted him.

Basketball season was in full swing by the end of football season. Only three teams were number one during the entire regular season: UNLV, Iowa, and North Carolina. The Tarheels lost to eventual runner-up Syracuse in the national quarterfinals, but loyal fans would have been satisfied only with a national championship. N.C. State had an up-and-down season, losing several games in a row at one point, then winning the ACC Tournament by defeating U.N.C. in the final in a big upset. The Wolfpack then proceeded to lose in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers surprised a lot of people by winning it all (right, Lamar?), but some had their money on them all the way. Some people even made a lot of money by betting on them. Michigan and North Carolina look like strong contenders for next year's title. Both schools have a lot of talent returning, and Michigan has an incredible crop of new players, some of them incoming freshmen and some of them sophomores deemed academically ineligible this year. Carolina will probably choke, so look for the Wolverines to take the title. In other sports, the Cincinnati Reds will win the World Series, the New England Patriots will win Super Bowl XXII, and the Oklahoma Sooners will be NCAA champs in football. I might be wrong, but I doubt it. Finally, I would like to say that it has been fun writing (and typing) this column this year, only because I was free to write (and type) whatever I wanted to. Until this year, I never really liked to write at all. Now I only hate assigned writing!

## Looking Back

By BEN JOLLY

"One more year for the record books." Yes, this statement can be used to describe the past year in sports at ASHS. It all began in the fall, when a cross-country team was introduced. The team did rather well considering its first year of existence. Coach Ginny Owens' girls' tennis team continued their success in conference by placing 2nd. Probably the only surprising thing of the fall was the outcome of the football team. The Bulldogs were highly rated in the preseason polls. Unfortunately, the team never managed to maintain a level of consistency, but we were still able to experience some special moments. Our 27-0 thrashing of North Stanly gave us the upper hand over our crosstown rival. Paul Cameron and Sky 3 picked the right night to check us out. Mid-season brought tantalizing losses that should not have been. However, we pulled it together for two weeks and traveled to West Stanly where we destroyed the Colts, 27-0. The following week, we capped off an exciting homecoming week by humiliating Piedmont, 49-0, the most points and largest margin of victory by any Dave Bright Bulldog Squad.

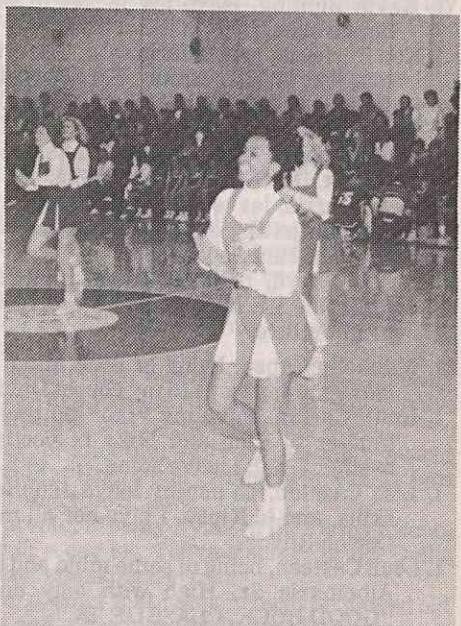
As winter approached, fans began to gear up for basketball, a sport which ASHS has been the most successful in. This year was no exception. Both the boys and girls won the regular season and tournament championships. In addition to the teams' accomplishments, Coaches Dave Holcomb and Bob Johnston received the "Coach of the Year" award. The girls' team managed to make it through the conference schedule without a loss while the boys extended their home game winning streak to 37. This year marked the first time in over 11 years that a girls' basketball team won a championship. As for both boys and girls winning both championships, well, you saw history made this year.

History continued to be made in the spring season, or I should say is still being made. At press time, the boys' baseball and golf team, along with the girls' track, are all on top of the conference. I'd like to send special congratulations to Coach Al Andrew for his leadership to a group of fundamentally sound players. You have to go back 22 years in the annals of baseball

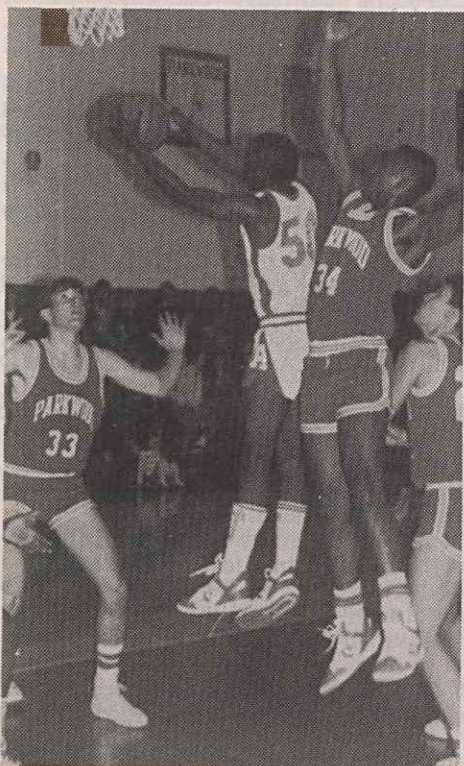
to find a Bulldog championship, but the wait may be over at season's end. The girls' track team continued its dominance which has spanned over the past several years.

Now that the brief look back is complete, I'd like to express my thanks to the rest of the FULL MOON staff. I've enjoyed working with all of you this year. Last, but certainly not least, I thank all of the readers for without your support we would not have had the success we've enjoyed.

Varsity Football	..... 3-5 RRC
	3-7 overall
J.V. Football	..... 2-7-1
Girls' Tennis	..... 8-1 RRC
	11-1 overall
Cross Country Track	.....
Varsity Girls' Basketball	..... 19-0 RRC
	24-1 overall
J.V. Girls' Basketball	..... 4-12
Varsity Boys' Basketball	..... 18-1 RRC
	24-4 overall
J.V. Boys' Basketball	..... 7-9
Wrestling	..... 1-4 RRC
	4-9 overall
Boys' Tennis	..... 3-5 RRC
	5-9 overall
Golf	..... 10-0 RRC
	14-0 overall
Varsity Baseball	..... 13-3 RRC
	17-3-1 overall
Softball	..... 6-10 RRC
	7-14 overall
Girls' Track	..... 16-0 RRC
	18-1 overall
Boys' Track	..... 10-6 RRC
	10-9 overall



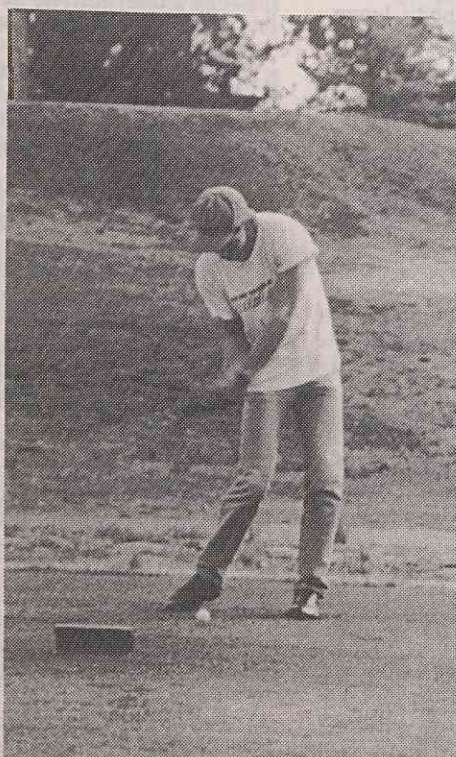
Erinn flashes her world-famous smile.



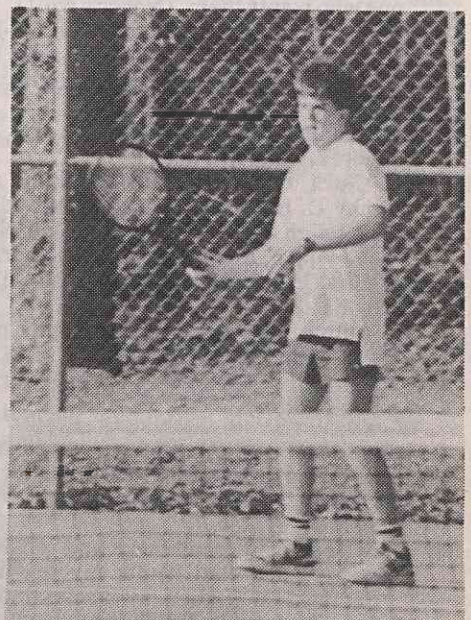
Steve pulls down a rebound.



"Shim Dog" lugs the leather.



Rich goes for the green on #2 at SCCC.



Adam exhibits his fine form.