



Dan Morton sprints ahead.

## Cross Country

# Grimsley and Page Duel

By Charlie Brown

Up and down goes the Grimsley Cross-Country team through the season.

Dan Morton has broken every course record that he has raced on, including the courses of Reynolds, Grimsley, Page and East Forsyth. Dan's only loss came at the hand of Billy Lynch of Sanderson, who is defending cross-country state champion, but bringing both under the Grimsley course record at the Grimsley Invitational.

The team has been plagued by injuries throughout the season bringing its record to 3-8. In the city rivalry between Grimsley and Page, the outcome is 3 meets to 2 in favor of Page but with Grimsley getting healthy for the all important City Championship and Conference meet. The top three teams in the conference are Reynolds, Grimsley and Page with no other real competition.

In the Grimsley Cross-Country Invitational, Reynolds came out the winner by far with a low score of 43, that totally beat all other teams. The Whirlies placed 5th and Page was 6th in the mini-state meet. It was a 2-way race for the individual first placed as Lynch broke away from Morton in the last 3/8 of a mile, to bring both under the all course record.

Steady performances by Kent Benfield and Cliff Abels have kept Grimsley in the running. Up and down, describes Scott Imbus's season as he is trying to get it together for the big meets ahead. Gary Hoagland is getting over hay fever but will compete to round out Grimsley's top five. Vastly improving soph. Paul Bailey could be a surprise at the end of the season followed closely by junior Jay Bennett. Both Coach Richard Smith and Coach Jed Jones see a close race in the

sectional between Grimsley and Page, while Grimsley has not lost a sectional in the last year Reynolds will go to a different sectional than Grimsley and Page.

Molly Berry is the Grimsley Cross-Country team's star girl runner. She has competed against and beaten boys from other teams with her best meet at East Forsyth beating eight male runners. Molly has trained hard the entire season, and because of this she could be the best high school female distance runner in the state. In the 10,000 meter (6.2 miles) race held at Greensboro, Miss Berry placed third in the women's division against other women older than she. Only a Junior, she could be challenging more male runners next year and frighten a few guys to go faster. In the spring, Molly will compete in the mile in Girl's Track.

There will be four sectional cross-country meets to determine who goes to the State Championship. The sectional will be held at Duke University on November 5 with the top 2 teams advancing to the State Meet. North Carolina's State Cross-Country Championship will be run at Chapel Hill on November 13. Forty teams and over 280 runners will compete in the sectional with the top 15 runners and 2 teams going to the state. The major powers in the state are Reynolds, who looks undefeatable, Cary, Sanderson and maybe Grimsley and Page.

If Grimsley does make it to the State, the best hope is for a high finish as Reynolds just about has the title locked up. Inexperience has hurt the Whirlies, as only 3 of the top 7 have run cross-country before. As the saying goes, one runner does not make a team.

# Varsity Football Whirlies in Slump

By Gary Sue and Steve Theriot

The Grimsley Whirlie varsity football team has fallen on bad times lately including a blistering defeat at the hands of arch-rival Page.

It seems like ages have passed since the Whirlies upset High Point Andrews and held bright hopes for a successful season. But since that time the Whirlies lone victory has come against hapless High Point Central and is coupled along with five defeats.

The Page game turned out to be the turning point for the Whirlie season as it decided whether the Whirlies would be attending the playoffs as participants or spectators. As it turned out the Whirlies will be sitting in the stands during post-season action. Page demolished the Whirlies behind a punishing rushing attack that simply wore the Whirlies down until their defense completely collapsed. The final tally of 25-7 reflected the spirited but hopeless effort.

Although the Whirlies are having their problems, halfback Glen Ford has proved to be the most outstanding player of all. It seems that 100-yard rushing performances come naturally to him; nevertheless the blocking of such standouts as big Mark Sugg and powerful Vernon Greene are what springs him to his successful nights.

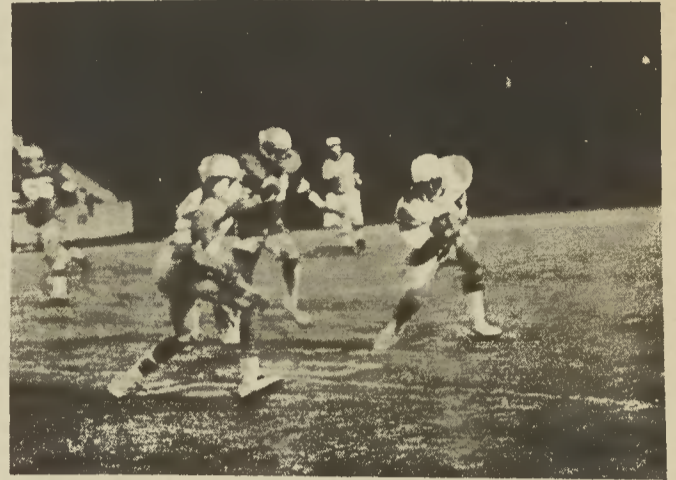
The Whirlies have also suffered injuries in key positions, mainly at quarterback. Starter David Irvin and backup Don Dempsey were both injured in the same game which opened the gate for Alan Leake to enter the spotlight. Although he put in a fine effort, the Whirlie offense has really failed to click in past games.

In their duel with the Vikings of North Forsyth they fell victim to eight turnovers which proved to be fatal to the Whirlie cause as they were toppled 14-8. Nevertheless Glen Ford recorded another excellent performance as he again exceeded the 100-yard plateau.

### J.V. Football

The Junior Varsity football team has rallied from a poor start and now proudly posts a 3-2-1 record. After losing its first two contests to High Point Andrews by a score of 34-14 and to Durham 6-0 the team seems to have gotten on top of their game, as they have not lost in their last four outings. Coach Whitley attributes this turnaround in their play, to game improvement, the team has experienced. Especially cited were the linemen, who the Coach added will be able to step "right in" the Varsity ranks next year if they continue their great improvement.

The team's first win was in a home game against Ragsdale. When the final buzzer had sounded it signaled a big win for the Whirlies; the Tigers went down 46-20. Next on the agenda for the team was High Point Central, in a hard fought battle the Whirlies slipped away with a close victory, 18-14. With an even record the team was ready to host Western Guilford at Jamison Stadium. For the Whirlie fans at the game the undisputed high-light of the evening was the



Glen Ford evades Pirate.

half time display presented by the son of one of Western's coaches. This little blond haired tot showed the crowd blazing speed and a unique style of running. His style played on the fans emotions by causing them to want him to score maybe more than he did. Anyhow he ran to the 15 yard line and made an abrupt U-turn. The crowd led by Mark Yost began to yell "turn around, run the other way." When the kid heard this he made another about-face and again raced towards the goal line. As he reached the five yard line he once again made a 180 degree turn. The aspiring runningback ran this direction for about 20 yards then convinced by Yost, that he should be traveling in the other direction, one more turn had him facing the right goal line. In a matter of seconds he had crossed the goal line and reached paydirt Now only one task lay

before our hero and what else than a little dance followed by a spike of the ball. Fortunately, he was the only Hornet to reach paydirt as Western fell 42-0. Next on the list was cross-town rival Page. In this all important game the Whirlies fought to a tie. As the game ended, there were two obvious facts; (1) the final score was 22-22; (2) one Page receiver did not get much sleep that night. You might wonder why he lost sleep over the game, well it went like this, there were less than 50 seconds left in the game and because of a break-down in the Whirlie secondary he found himself wide open, the quarterback threw him the ball and he started to run towards the goal line and a sure victory. After running five yards like this he became bored with this easy

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