

B-ball Bows to Page

Grimsley after having been in contention for the top spot in the conference throughout the season, faltered towards the end stumbled to a regular season finish of fourth in the conference behind Page, North Forsyth, and East Forsyth.

After the Whirlies suffered their third straight loss to Dudley, they ventured to strong East Forsyth. There, Grimsley suffered another close defeat 77-75. At the half, the Whirlies trailed East by four points. The Whirlies then fought back on top and began exchanging leads with the Eagles. The fourth quarter saw the Whirlies break on top by five points only to see it vanish. This set the stage for the disappointing ending. With the game knotted at 75-75, a shot by Eric Summers was blocked and the ball was recovered by East Forsyth who then scored the decisive basket. Summers blasted in 28 points for Grimsley.

Following this heartbreaking loss, the Whirlies entertained North Forsyth. In the early stages, Grimsley took control as well as the lead as they spurred ahead to a seven point half-time lead. The second half proved no different as hot shooting Hugh Elkins helped stretch the Whirlie lead to 10 points at one point during the game. With less than two minutes left and the Whirlies in control, the Vikings exploded with the help of several Grimsley turnovers as they incredibly took the lead and then the game 77-71. Hugh Elkins and Eric Summers collected 20 points apiece for Grimsley.

Grimsley snapped its three game losing skid by whipping Smith 63-52. The Whirlies and Eagles were deadlocked at 24 apiece at the end of an extremely boring first half, but the second half proved different. The Whirlie sharpshooters began to connect and they pulled ahead of Smith to stay. Eric Summers led the Whirlie attack with 22 points.

The Whirlies then traveled to

High Point Central who had upset Grimsley earlier in the season. This time Grimsley changed the finish as they put together a fine performance enroute to a 71-61 victory. Summers again led the Whirlies with 21 points.

In the final regular season game, the Whirlies battled arch-rival Page to the last second until finally falling 60-57.

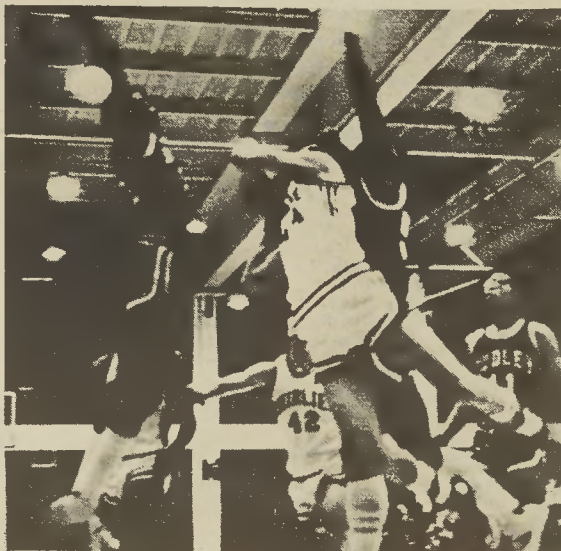
Grimsley, after slipping behind early, took a seven point lead into the dressing room at the half as everything appeared rosey. But in the second half, the Whirlies wilted as Page fought back with increased momentum as they finally took the lead. While Page held a two point lead, the Whirlies held the ball wanting to take a high percentage shot. Instead a difficult shot was missed and Grimsley was defeated. The Whirlies finished with a conference record of 8-6 and an overall record of 15-7 for the regular season.

In the opening round of the conference tournament the Whirlies faced old nemesis Dudley who had already tagged Grimsley with three defeats.

As the game opened it looked as though it would be a long night for the Whirlies as they trailed at the end of the first quarter by 11 points. But somehow Grimsley managed to cut the halftime deficit to eight.

The third quarter shooting of the Whirlies showed great improvement as they blazed hot enough to slice the Panther margin to two points.

This led to the final showdown between the two opposing forces. Grimsley finally took the lead only to see it change hands several times before they finally grabbed a 61-60 advantage thanks to a David Cox shot. Dudley then stalled, awaiting a final shot at the win. But victory for the Panthers never came as their last second shot missed and the Whirlies had finally beaten them. Thus Grimsley now advanced to take on Page.



Elkins drives against Dudley.

In the semi-finals, the Whirlies faced top seeded Page. Again, as in the previous Page game, Grimsley shot out to a big lead in the first half and held a seven point margin at intermission. The second half proved to be all Page as they blew past the Whirlies to end their season with a 64-59 loss.

March 11

State Meet Upcoming

As the 1976-77 swimming season draws to a close, the Grimsley swimmers are continuing their dominance on the North Carolina aquatic scene. The team is building up a powerful head of steam as the state meet approaches. This meet will be held at the John Dewey pool March 11. Many outstanding performances in the Eastern Seaboard Invitational and the Emory Invitational are a tribute to the teams skill and potential. If the times posted in these two highly competitive meets are any indication of the things to come in the state and conference meets, there will be numerous records that will be broken by Whirlie swimmers.

Some of the team's younger swimmers have improved greatly as the season has moved into full swing. Of these, the most notable have been Bruce Proctor, Ronnie Styers, and Chris Hipps. Bruce, only a sophomore, has been impressive in the breaststroke and freestyle; his times were good enough to earn him a trip to Atlanta for the Emory meet. Even though Ronnie missed a trip to Emory by less than one-half of a second he has come on strong in the butterfly and in recent weeks and has improved his times by better than one second. Chris Hipps is another of the sophomores who have given the team the depth required to run up a score and ice the victory. Chris competes in the 500 freestyle and the individual medley. These swimmers can be looked for in the state meet.

Robert Bingham had a singular honor in the Atlantic Seaboard Invitational. He was the only North Carolina swimmer to take a first place in the meet. His victory was in the 100 breaststroke in a sparkling time of 1:01. Robert, the defending state champion in the breaststroke, has also been outstanding in the individual medley. John Grzeszczak has been phenomenal in the individual medley and the backstroke. He is the man to beat in the state in both of these events. In the backstroke he has been in the :56 area and has gone sub-2:00 in the

Next season Grimsley will return their two all-conference big men, Eric Summers and David Cox, whose injury held him out of 3 games, 2 of which the Whirlies lost. Also returning will be a host of players who obtained needed experience which will become vital in next season's campaign.



Lambe rests after win.

200 individual medley. Rusty Lambe has been an ace distance man throughout the season and will be tough in the 500 and 200 freestyle races come March 11.

The girls team has been steadily improving as the season has progressed into its final stages. In their latest meet, this improvement was clearly evident, as the Whirlies easily disposed of High Point Central 115-59. A good indicator of the girls domination in the meet was the fact that they lost only one of the evenings eleven events. Beth Grantham and Lynn Proctor were outstanding in the High Point meet with each winning two individual events. Teresa Maupin wrapped up first place in the diving with 160.55 points.

Grapplers Third In Sectionals

by Charlie Brown

Jimmy Bowen and Scott MacDonald are representatives of Grimsley in the State Wrestling Championship.

In the sectional matches, Grimsley captured a fine third place only 1/2 point behind Smith. The final score was Ragsdale 137 1/2, Smith 97 and the Whirlies 96 1/2. Grimsley also beat Page and High Point Andrews as both teams had beaten the Whirlies before. The team had a young contingent that wrestled at the sectional. Only the top two teams in the sectional go to the State Championship which is held at Winston-Salem Parkland High School.

Jimmy Bowen, a senior, stormed his way to the final through the 185 pound weight class. Beating E. Bean of Morehead in the Semi-Final and losing a close one to Frick of Ragsdale in the final. Junior Scott MacDonald won his way to the final in the 115 pound class where he was beaten by Clark of Ragsdale. Clarence Mitchell lost a controversial match to get third as Mitchell may not have gotten a fair match in the 122 pound semi-final.

Junior Victor White placed third in the 129 weight class and sophomore Frank Carpenter at 135 pounds placed third as both wrestlers had fine performances. Senior Gary Maynard, in his first year of wrestling ever, placed a great fourth place in the 155 pound class. All of Grimsley's wrestlers who placed third and fourth in the Semi-Finals won their consolation matches.

A very good 10-5-1 record was accomplished this season as the team was very young. In the last half of the season, Coach Barbour was starting eight sophomores out of the 13 weight classes. Page gained the conference championship.

Coach Barbour was honored by the North Carolina Coaches Association as its nomination for coach of the year in high school. If he wins the district nomination of eight southern states he will be one of eight national candidates. Coach Barbour was elected by his peers, the coaches, to be their candidate and it is a great honor.

"We had a very good season considering the youth of our team," said Coach Barbour, and he also said, "We could be building a base for the future years with our sophomores."

McDonald's Student Scholarship Winner



McDonalds would like to congratulate Gene Sanders, Jr. on being selected the February Youth of the Month. This honor is co-sponsored by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department and the Greensboro Record, and is awarded to two outstanding city high school seniors monthly.

Gene is President of the Grimsley Inter-Club Council, a member of the Student Government and a member of the Symphony, Pep and Marching Bands. He was chosen as a member for the All-State Band for two years, has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, and was a nominee for a Morehead Scholarship. Gene is a Junior Deacon at his church. For these and his many other activities and accomplishments McDonalds has awarded Gene a \$100 scholarship payable to the school of his choice.



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