

# Sports Summary

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## Varsity Football

The Grimsley Whirlie football team began the season under the reigns of new head coach Dr. Henry Vansant. Coach Vansant arrived at Grimsley from a successful program at Fayetteville Seventy-First. His goals for the season were to obtain a finish of above .500 and possibly the conference championship. Needless to say, his goals were not reached.

The Whirlies finished the campaign with a 4-6 mark as they were led by Sr. quarterback David Irvin along with junior sensation, Glen Ford.

The Whirlies opener was a 7-3 victory over powerful High Point Andrews who would later become the 4-A champions. After this effort the season was a series of ups and downs as injuries played a big role, especially in the quarterback position.

In the battle against arch-rival Page, it turned out to be no more than a slight skirmish as the Pirates thrashed Grimsley 25-7.

Throughout the season, no matter how badly the Whirlies played, running back Glen Ford remained outstanding. Ford obtained the 1000 yard plateau with his brilliant speed and elusiveness as well as obtaining important help from his excellent offensive line.

The powerful Whirlie offensive line was anchored by center Mark Kronenfeld, who was accompanied by Russ Walton, Vernon Greene, Chuck Fesmier, and massive Mark Sugg. Sugg received all-city, all-conference, all-metro as well as all-state and he also participated in the Shrine Bowl and during the summer he will play in the East-West all-star game.

## Girls Volleyball

Grimsley's Girl Volleyball team was the only team in the State to beat Dudley the state champion.

The Whirlies were tied with Dudley in the conference for first with identical records. Through only one team from each conference could go to the playoffs. In the playoff game Dudley edged Grimsley 5-4, 4-5, 5-10, and 5-3 which sent Dudley on to the State Championship having only been beaten by Grimsley.

Seniors Lynne Gilbert and Les Saleeby will be the only ones missing from next year's starting line up which featured Juniors Martha Alspaugh, Rita Barrett, Laura Wolfe and Shell Spruill. Others who could fill positions of the seniors are Teresa Arnold, Kris Gross, Nina Heard, Terri Wallace and Laura Watson.

Coach Addison feels that next year's team will be even better than this year's and that is something to look at. This year's team with it's defeat of Dudley could realistically be no. 2 in the State with it's fine season.

## J.V. Basketball

The Grimsley Whirlie Jayvees coached by Raymond Johnson achieved excellence this season by compiling a 20-3 record along with the conference championship.

The Whirlies were led by the intimidating play of center Jeff Anderson. Besides scoring

## Girls Softball

Domination. This word best describes the way the girls softball team overcame all of its opponents this past season on their way to a highly impressive 17-0 record and the conference championship. The two girls who have been outstanding throughout the season are Terry Wallace and Rita Barrett. Both girls are juniors and will welcome

returners next year. In fact, the team is losing only two players to graduation. They are Sue Rizzo, who plays third base, and Lynne Gilbert, who plays second.

Terry Wallace is the teams highly acclaimed pitcher. She has pitched every one of the games this season. It has been largely due to her talent, with strong support from the hitters, that the team has been so successful this

season. Her earned run average is an outstanding 1.536. Rita Barrett heads the teams hitters as well as holding down the center field position. She has been batting a sizzling .612 clip. Her fielding has also been superb. Her play was especially standing in teams recent 9-5 victory over Dudley.

The team will now advance to the state playoffs.



points, Anderson produced many a rebound and shot rejection in leading the Whirlies to the title.

Not quite midway during the season, super-guard Rod Elkins was elevated to the varsity but this did not disgruntle the Whirlies as they received excellent support from the rest of its cast of characters. Kyle Neve shined as he progressed greatly as the season went along. Other members who produced importantly during the assault on the title were Delany Bush, and Ronald Miller.

The Whirlies achieved their success with a fine running game to go along with a tight defense which enabled them to throttle opponents.

With a fine nucleus remaining on the varsity team, the help that these champion jayvees will be bringing could also give the varsity what it needs to become a champion.

## Cross Country

Dan Morton, a junior, raced through the cross-country season with five course records, and a 2nd place in the State Championship. Morton in the State Championship broke the old course record but still finished close behind winner Billy Lynch of Sanderson. On the way to the State, Dan set the Grimsley, conference, and sectional records and he is recognized as the best distance prospect in North Carolina in 10 years.

In the team battle, Grimsley placed 3rd in the Conference behind State Champ Reynolds and Page. Out of the 45 teams in the sectional meet, the Whirlies placed 4th which was good, but it did not qualify them for the State. Cliff Abels, Kent Benfield, Sophomore Paul Bailey, Scott Imhus, Gary Hoagland, and

Junior Jay Bennett were the team's top runners who finished a good season. 2nd place was earned by Grimsley in the J.V. conference championship as Sophs Keith Miller and Scott Toben, Seniors Charlie Brown and Garcia Chavis, and junior female Molly Berry who beat many guys.

Coach Richard Smith organized the first annual Grimsley Cross-Country invitational which was won by Reynolds and it featured the best teams around the state. Hopes for next year's team will be put on newcomers who could help Dan and the other runners.

## Swimming

The Grimsley swimming program was again the superior power in the state as the boys team captured their thirteenth consecutive state title while the girls team placed fourth in their competition. Although the boys team is losing several key swimmers to graduation the remaining swimmers provide an excellent nucleus with which another championship caliber team can be molded. The girls team are also losing several top competitors but do not have the depth the boys team has and will have a hard job replacing the graduating seniors.

The boys' were led through out the season by John Grezeszczak, Rusty Lambe, and Robert Bingham. Grezeszczak set state records in the 100 backstroke and in the 200 individual medley. Bingham set a new state record in 100 breaststroke. He also placed second in the 200 individual medley. Lambe set a new standard in the 200 freestyle and captured the 500 freestyle championship. The two relay teams were also outstanding.

both teams set new records. The medley relay team was composed of John Grezeszczak, Robert Bingham, Pete Gratale, and Wes Benbow. The members of the 400 freestyle were Pete Gratale, Rusty Lambe, Mark Kronenfeld, and Jim Raines.

The girls who provided the talent that enabled the team to finish as successfully as they did were Teresa Maupin, Beth Grantham, Carolyn Haines, Emily Hepler, Kathy Jones, and Lynn Procton. Teresa Maupin finished first in the one meter diving in the state meet.

## Girls Tennis

The Girls Tennis Team here at Grimsley had its season in the fall. They begin with school and end sometime in November following the State Tournaments. This year's team finished with the record at 6-8 for the City Conference.

There was quite a mixture of class on the team. Seniors, juniors, and even sophomores, made up the team. Some of the members are: Janice Hall, Karen Greenberg, Paula Christian, Elizabeth Staley, Barbara Bartis, Claire Wilson, Allyson Pentz, and Kathy Pearlman.

Congratulations to the team and thanks for their great effort in the making of the GHS Girls Tennis Team a good one.

## Wrestling

The Wrestling Team suffered through a touch rebuild year during which they delt their first defeats in six years. The defeat, which occurred about the middle of the season, stopped the teams winning streak at 57 games. Nonetheless, the team finished with a fine record of 11-4-1. The team was represented by Scott Macdonald and Jimmy Bowen in the state championship meet. Macdonald, only a junior, finished third in the state while Bowen was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

The team is losing several very valuable seniors. These wrestlers are Gary Maynard, Jimmy Bowen, Clarence Mitchell, Ricky Buckner, Rodney Mintz. The outlook for the team is very promising. The sophomores who made up the majority of the team gained very important experience during the season and they will be returning next year to lead the team to better things.

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The girl's have wrapped up their season as the State meet was won by Western Guilford. Breaking school records was the Grimsley girl's main concern.

Grimsley placed 2nd in the City-County, conference meet and sectional behind Dudley.

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