

# Round-Up Baseball

by Anthony Beard

## GRIMSLEY POWERS PAST WILLIAMS

"Play ball!" And with that signal, Glenn Ford hurled the first pitch of the GHS baseball season. "Strike" called the umpire and Grimsley's Varsity Baseball team was off and running en route to a shut out of Burlington Williams

Grimsley's quartet of Glenn Ford, Tom Williams, Willie Baynes, and Billy Livingston combined to pitch a three-hitter as Grimsley cleared the bench in a 6-0 white-washing of Williams. Rod Elkins, Steve Wile, and Glenn Ford earned two hits each as they paced the win.

Willie Baynes and Billy Livingston came in the latter innings to secure the win. Livingston struck out the side in the final inning.

In the third inning, after a walk to Apple, and a single by Wile, Glenn Ford tripled to the left bringing home both Apple and Wile. But the home plate umpire disqualified the point by Wile because he removed his hat before crossing the plate.

Williams 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2  
Grimsley 1 0 2 1 0 2 x-6 9 1  
G-Ford, T. Williams 4, Baynes, 6, Livingston 7, and Fesmire. W-Troxler, Sharpe 3, and Smith 3B-Ford W-Ford L-Troxler

## WHIRLIES EDGE TIGERS

"You love to win the close ones," spoke an exuberant Coach Barbour after Grimsley's 1-0 thriller over Ragsdale.

Ashley Apple scored the game's only run as he ran non-stop around the bases and scored when the Tigers' Ben Monroe throw was in the dirt at third. Glenn Ford hurled a two-hitter as he collected his second win of the young season.

Ben Monroe started the seventh inning by going down on strikes. Andy Fields singled but Ford rebounded by striking out pinch hitter Ron Lea. Ragsdale then loaded the bases as Frank Foster drew a walk and Grimsley second baseman Steve Wile couldn't find the handle on a Maurice Pate grounder. Bob Howe approached the plate with team mates on every base and ran the count to three and two before going down swinging.

Ford, on the day, faced only 24 batters. That's three over the minimum. He struck out eleven Tigers while yielding only three walks. Grimsley pitching has a string of 14 scoreless innings.

Ragsdale 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1  
Grimsley 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 3 3  
G-Ford, and Fesmire  
R-Fields, and Willard,  
3B-Apple; SB-Wile, Jolly, Pate; HR-none

## WILLIAMS-RESULT THE SAME

Grimsley went into Burlington with back to back shut outs including one over this same Burlington club. One might have

given the edge to Burlington especially after the Whirlie's emotion-draining 1-0 victory of a night before.

But Grimsley was not to be denied their third win. Willie Baynes and Tom Williams combined to hurl a five hitter as Tom Williams, in relief, picked up the win. With the score tied at one going into the seventh inning, Tom Williams started things off with a single. Pinch-runner Tim Leitner came in to run for the pitcher and scored as Maurice Jolly came through with a clutch double. Glenn Ford went down on strikes for the first out the Apple drew a walk. Andre Blount sacrificed the runners up then Rod Elkins tripled to right-center scoring both Jolly and Apple.

Tom Williams returned in the bottom half of that inning and, after yielding a single to Williams' Murr and a walk to Walker, he struck out pinch hitter Joe Maulsby and got Tim Latham to fly to right. Murr scored, but a perfect throw to third by Andre Blount picked off Walker and Grimsley had won another thriller.

Grimsley 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 4 7 2  
Williams 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 5 1  
G-Baynes, T. Williams 5, and Fesmire  
W-Hamlett, and Smith; W-T Williams  
L-Hamlet 2B-Jolly B Elkins  
HR-none

## GRIMSLEY HOLDS OFF REYNOLDS

"I waited on it and popped it!" Those were the words of Roger Jenkins after driving in the winning run at the top of the seventh inning to help Grimsley shave Reynolds 7-6.

Pitcher Tom Williams helped himself with a lead-off triple and scored on Jenkins' single. "If I had more speed, it (his triple) would have been a homer," claimed Williams of his hit.

Maurice Jolly had a field day at the plate recording three hits, two singles and a triple, scoring two runs. Ashley Apple also scored twice. Tom Williams picked up his second win and Willie Baynes earned a save in the Whirlies fourth win of the season.

Grimsley 3 2 1 0 1 0 0 7 10 0  
Reynolds 2 0 0 0 4 0 0 6 7 3  
G-Williams, Baynes 5, and Fesmire:  
R-Webster, Howard 4, and Cashion:  
3B-Jolly, T. Williams, Came-  
ron, Petree.  
W-T. Williams L-Webster

## EXTRA INNINGS!

Grimsley was tied with A.L. Brown (Kannapolis) going into the ninth inning. The eight, nine and one batter were up for Grimsley and usually when that order is up, very little happens. But in this case it was all the

Whirlies needed.

After Andre Blount fled to left field, pitcher Glenn Ford ended the game with a dramatic homer to right. Chuck Fesmire had a perfect day at the plate as he walked twice, singled and homered. Ford pitched the full game, including the two extra innings. He struck out 13 while yielding only one walk in the 3-2 win. Both Kannapolis runs were unearned.

Grimsley 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 8 3  
Kannapolis 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 6 2  
G-Ford, and Fesmire: K-Martin, Linker 8, and Griffin.  
HR-Fesmire (2nd-0) Ford (9-0)  
W-Ford L-Linker

## WHIRLIES ROCK PAST PANTHERS

Tom Williams and Glenn Ford combined to pitch a five hitter and Don Dempsey, Rod Elkins and Ashley Apple each pounded two hits and scored a Grimsley rocked defending conference champion Dudley, six to one.

After holding Grimsley hitless for the first four innings, Dudley pitcher Pete Priester saw his bubble burst as the Whirlies erupted for four runs on four singles by Dempsey, Steve Wile, Andre Blount and Apple. Johnson's Strategy of playing Wile in the eighth batting position and Blount in the ninth position payed off as it kept speed and power through the line-up.

Steve Wile electrified the crowd as he and Dempsey joined forces to record a triple play that put an end to a serious Panther threat.

Grimsley 0 0 0 0 4 0 2 6 8 3  
Dudley 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 5 1  
G-Williams, Ford 6, and Fesmire;  
D-Priester, and Shelton

## WHIRLIES NIP FORSYTH

Willie Baynes hurled a five hitter and Ashley Apple scored a to cap a Whirlie rally as Grimsley defeated West Forsyth 2-1.

"Smilin'" Willie outdueled the West Forsyth combination of Chris Mackie and Joe Friday to pick his first win of the season. Grimsley stretched out nine hits in the win and increased its record to 7-0.

West Forsyth 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 5 1  
Grimsley 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 9 1  
G-Baynes, and Fesmire: WF-Mackie, Friday 6, and Myers and Everhart.  
W-Baynes L-Friday

by Bryan Smith

You have heard a lot about the Whirlies lately, what about the Grimsley Whirlie golf team.

The team is led by sophomore John Inman, Larry Spivey and Mark Tucker. Grimsley is coached by Mr. Holley. The Whirlies have compiled a record

# A Farewell To Coach Woodward

by Andrea Gantz

"Get on the Green", "Pick it up", "Suck it up and go", "Full speed ahead", and "Get on your Butterfly", "Loose as a goose." if these phrases sound familiar to you then you are a member of a very fortunate group. These are a few of the patented sayings of Russell Woodward, former track coach at Grimsley. Coach Woodward is now working with runners at Jackson Junior High School, but for a year and a half, he coached our Whirlie sprinters with more pride than can be imagined. His loss to the program is much more than that of a coach.

As one of Coach Woodward's runners I can speak from personal experience when I say that the coach's influence goes beyond that of a coach. He truly cared about each of his runners like his own children as he guided them through the long, hot afternoons of spring. His fatherly image united the team into a family of young men and women that ran together, and grew together.

For the many Grimsley students that were not fortunate enough to come in contact with Coach Woodward, I feel very sorry. Although his stay was so short, and his name will not be remembered by some students, for me and a handful of other faithful runners, he will never be forgotten.

Coach Woodward was a man of action, a man of few words...and as a senior looking back on her three years at Grimsley, these actions have had greater influence on me than anything else I can remember. He was truly a great man.

# Morton Sets Precedent

Hank Howard

Spring has come into full bloom, GHS track has plunged into full-swing, and Dan Morton, Grimsley's star distance runner is now realizing and utilizing his full potential. The front runner of Coach Smith's distance team holds down a time of 9:05.7 in the grueling two-mile run, a goal which was achieved at the Volunteer Track Classic in Knoxville, Tennessee, last Saturday. His new record is an improvement of 8.7 seconds over his previous personal best time of 9:14.4 set Wednesday, three weeks ago at Grimsley. Though the skilled distance runner has now beat the North Carolina state two-mile record (9:13.7), by the safe margin of eight seconds in Tennessee, the pressure will be on the runner to better that time on North Carolina soil.

But few who know Dan doubt that this obstacle will be overcome. His better than ideal peaking schedule has astonished even his coach, Richard Smith, who calls his star runner's performance "surprising" because "We haven't done any kind of speed work at all." Morton has been consistent in surprising many track observers with a newly acquired habit of "negative splits", that is, he runs the second mile of his race faster than the first. In his record -- breaking time of three weeks ago, his second mile split was ten seconds faster than his first. At Knoxville his respective mile splits were 4:34 and 4:32, two times that most milers would envy having on their records.

Dan Morton is not only the number one two-mile runner in North Carolina, but holds the Grimsley school record in the mile with a time of 4:18.0, seven

seconds ahead of contender and close friend, John George of Page. He also recently ran a 2:02 in the 880-yard run, a superior time for a long distance runner.

Morton is now aiming for a new personal best time under nine minutes in time for the State Track Championship, May 26 in Cary. He will certainly be missed at Grimsley next year. However, a GHS loss is an NCSU win, for Morton plans to attend that institution on a scholarship this fall and will help the Wolfpack Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Spring Track teams in their attempts to overthrow the reigning champion Terrapins of the University of Maryland.

From his title of "Super Soph" to "Supreme Senior", Dan Morton has contributed greatly to Grimsley's running strength. He has run three years of cross country, (leading his senior year team to the conference championship), a year of winter track, and three years of spring track, breaking records all the way. The tough runner has left his mark alongside great athletes such as John Dewey. But Dan's is a different sport. It is not a glory-filled spectator extravaganza. Absent is the roar of thousands of raging enthusiasts. Absent are the cheerleaders. "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Dan has gotten going and is leaving many behind him in a wisp of wind with broken hearts.

His influence on the team will be noticeable even next year, and he will be missed. But the lone distance runner with his own psyche, his own heartbeat, his own pride in self and school as his cheerleader must run out into a world beyond high school. The lone distance runner must run on. And he will.

# Inman Leads Golfers

of wins and losses.

Making up the team is sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Only six of the golfers are chosen to play in the matches. They are selected on the basis of their scores in practice. Coach Holley notifies the six players one day before a match.

Grimsley has defeated Ragsdale, High Point Central, and High Point Andrews. Larry Spivey was the medalist in the match and John Inman was the medalist against

Inman is the brother of touring professional Joe Inman.