

## Student Profile: Joe Franks

If you ever recall seeing Grimsley senior Joe Franks with a Grimsley athletic team and thought that he was a waterboy or ankle taper, you've never been so far from the truth in your life.

Joe Franks' professional title is medical trainer and basically what he does is prevent and care for injuries and players. He accepted a scholarship from Clemson and will join their twelve person staff. But in addition to caring for injuries, he also devotes about 20-21 hours a week to this art. Now you're probably thinking what can this guy do that anyone else cannot. Franks was a manger at Kiser when he was invited by Bob Maye, faculty trainer at GHS, to attend the All-Star Clinic held here in Greensboro in 1975. "The job is great and the people you meet are unreal," vows Franks who has,



photo by Chuck Franks

because of his training, made friends all over the state. He would like to graduate from Clemson then become an assistant at a college while working on his masters degree.

"Football is the toughest sport to prepare for because there is so much to do," implies Franks. At 2:30 he gets out of class and gets ice, prepares six ice bags so if an injury occurs there will be an ice pack ready. At 3:30 he leaves with the team for their pre-game meal where he distributes salt tablets. Around 4:15 he returns to separate uniforms and a half hour later works on the pre-game taping. Fifteen minutes later he sets up the sidelines. This task takes about 45 minutes then it's more taping. At halftime he takes care of minor injuries that occurred in the first half.

After the game is over, he cleans up the dressing room puts everything away. He get home at about 11:15 so all in all he puts in about eight hours into one football game. And away games are even tougher because he has to take all of his equipment on the road with him.

Franks gave us four things that separates Grimsley's sports medical staff from any other in the state. (1) Good staff (2) Qualified faculty trainers and three certified medical technicians and competent student trainers. (3) team doctor (4) Highly qualified female trainer in Linda McCaskill.

Any other students interested in this type of work should get in touch with Bob May through Coach Sawyer.

The "Legend of Joe Franks" is moving on to Clemson, and in a final statement to the Whirlie coaches, Franks said, "I owe everything to the Grimsley Athletic staff and players." The Whirlie Coaches and players also owe a lot to "Smokin'" Joe and it has been made clear that he will be missed next year.

## The Benchwarmer

by Anthony Beard

I'm sure that many of you have noticed that we have a new name under the title BENCH WARMER. You have no idea how much this depresses me. I was never as great a athlete as Roger Staubach, David Thompson, or Reggie Jackson, but still I see no reason for these people to put my name under BENCH WARMER. In a baseball dugout no one can see that I warm the bench, so why embarrass me like this? Well, I guess I may as well finish making a complete fool out of myself.

Since I have been sentenced, I mean selected to write this great column, I may as well let you folks know what I think a bench warmer is. Now, everyone has a different idea of what a bench warmer is, and I'm sure that my view of bench warming may differ with the view of Lisa McDowell, the former writer of this column.

One might think that a bench warmer is not a player -- but someone that wants a good view of the game and assumes the title of scorer, trainer, batboy (or girl), waterboy, or manager. But since I have had many of those titles I think that view is wrong. I asked this one girl what she thought a bench warmer was and she said it was a person that brings heaters to ball games so that football players wouldn't get cold.

That's close but not quite there yet. On television, a bench warm-

er is one that wasn't good enough for the team, but makes it because his dad either owns the team or is the coach. In the story's end, the boy wins the championship for the team and falls in love with the head cheerleader and lives happily ever after.

Well, I'll let you ponder around with the idea while I explore the many fields of bench warming.

Everytime Grimsley has a Varsity baseball game, and the opposing pitcher is being "rocked" (several hits or runs off of), Joe Franks, a piece of tape soiled with red clay. But Franks holds this rag out in front of him and screams to the pitcher "RAG-ARM!" "HEY, THIS IS YOUR ARM! FACE!" Interesting, isn't it?

Franks is not so bad though. He takes money from his own pocket and keeps the baseball team in supply with punch. It has been rumored however that at times, someone has spiked the game punch. Have you ever tried to hit a baseball while your head is spinning? Take it from one who always batted as though his head was spinning, it's not an easy task.

Finally, I've decided to let you know what a bench warmer is. Here is the definition. Benchwarm-er) n. the article you've just read.

### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE BEST KIND

GHS rallied to score three runs in the top of the final inning and Billy Livingston, in relief of Willie Baynes, picked up his second win against Page as the Whirlies won their 15 straight ball game.

Down 4-2 in the top of the seventh Billy Livingston singled to score start things for Grimsley after one out. Chuck Fesmire

followed with a single that advanced Livingston to second. Mel Melton couldn't handle Don Dempsey's hit at second as Livingston scored. After a strike out recorded by Page ace Tom McLaughlin, Maurice Jolly singled after a steal by Dempsey scoring he and Fesmire as Grimsley pulled down another close victory.

## Whirlies Keep Win Streak Alive

by Wayne Early

The Grimsley JV baseball team is off to a very successful second month with four victories plus a narrow loss to Western Guilford. In games played the last month of the season, (games played late April to early May), Grimsley has held a bid hedge mostly because of solid all around play.

The season, (second month) looks almost the same as the first. The whirlies accurate defense was held most opponents down, even the loss to Western, Grimsley allowed only four runs.

The offense continues to generate, with the only exception being the three run game against the Hornets, same as in the last month, when Grimsley could manage only two runs in the Page game.

Grimsley which has four games remaining has still a chance to finish 12-2 overall. As it said before we are in no conference so our record only consists for personal pride. Page being the only other team in the city with a JV. So all our wins or losses will be for nothing.

## Whirlie Booters Boost Record

In its first year of existence, the GHS Girls soccer team has had a season they can be proud of. Rain or shine the lady booters booted their way to the championship of the Senior High Girls division of the City Soccer League.

Leading up to their tremendous finish, the girls defeated the Pumas 6-0. Kathy Kelley and Martha Hughes had two goals each in the Whirlie win. Amanda Stang and Kelly Haines also had goals in the victory.

In a make-up game with Page, Grimsley leveled their record by shutting out the Pirates 1-0. Colleen Baldwin set-up Kelly Haines for the game's only score. The Whirlies scored in the first period and held off a Pirate rally for the final three periods.

Kelly Haines scored her third goal in as many contests, but in this case it wasn't enough as Grimsley was upset by the Angels 2-1.

The play-offs began and Grimsley, at the end of the regulation period was involved in a scoreless tie. They went into two five minute overtimes which produced still a scoreless deadlock. The Unified Tigers and Grimsley Tigers then moved into a penalty kick period due to the deadlock. In this period the best players are picked to participate. In the first kick, Shaun Carter scored the first point of the evening. June Thomas missed on their opportunity. After another round of misses by both teams, Kelly Haines scored and Grimsley waltzed away with one of the most exciting games of the season.

Due to rain-outs, we wouldn't get the results of the championship in time to go into this edition of the paper. But we're sure the girls will give it "a hundred percent" effort.

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