

### SPORTS SCOPE

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Johnnie and James

The baseball team has been doing fine so far this year and is looking better all the time. Hopes are high and Rocky Mount may be sporting a championship team this year.

Officially baseball is here again. The season started April 16 and the race is on. The big question is "Who will wind up on top?"

Homeroom 11 defeated homeroom 2 in the first game, 6 to 3. It was a free scoring affair and another inning could have meant another winner.

Intramural sports has started on the softball games. The first game was played by homerooms, 11 and 2, which are junior homerooms.

We like the way Coach Lundy's office has been decorated, but the question and problem is who did the decorating.

In the first sophomore intramural game of the season, the boys of homeroom 13 trounced the boys of homeroom 12, 21-3.

Homeroom 1 defeated homeroom 102 in a close game last Wednesday, 1-0. It was the first senior game of the year.

In another junior clash, homeroom 14 overpowered homeroom 202, 14-1. Homeroom 14 scored most of its runs on errors.

After a rather rough start this season, the tennis team has settled down and is looking fine. If nothing else occurs, this group should finish in top place.

### Lundy Picks Gregory For Sports Personality

By James Johnson

For this issue Coach Lundy chose Dick Gregory, captain of the tennis team, for the sports personality.

Coach Lundy, who coaches the tennis team, said that he chose Dick because "Dick is a fine tennis player and has worked hard for the past four years on his game."

Dick, a 160 pound, 17 year old senior from Miss Vause's homeroom is president of the student body and is very active in the student organization. He is also a member of the Hi-Noc-Ar staff, Service club, and the National Honor Society.

He was chosen class president his sophomore year and has served as chairman of the House and Grounds committee of the student council. Among other things he has been a delegate to several meetings including the Boy's state, National Honor Society, and student council.

Dick is a member of the Boy Scouts, and assistant scout master of Troop 11. He is also an Eagle Scout and is active in the work.

He has been playing tennis for the past five years, been on the school team for four years, and has been a letterman for the past three years.

When asked about the teams' chances this season, Dick said, "We have a strong, experienced, well-balanced team, but we have been hurt by bad weather so far. If we beat Goldsboro, who have won 35 consecutive high school matches, our team could end the season with a 11-1 record."

Dick plans to attend Davidson college after graduation and then, if nothing happens, he plans to enter law school.

Joe DiMaggio has announced that his first official home run of the season will be hit for George Newby.

### Ed Bandy



Above is Ed Bandy, captain of next year's basketball squad. —Photo by Killebrew

### Birds Defeat Bulldogs In Conference Win, 8-2

Rocky Mount Blackbirds won their fifth conference victory April 13, when they turned back the Fayetteville Bulldogs with a score of 8-2.

Playing before some approximately 30 fans, the locals gathered their first run in the first inning, then came back in the second inning for four smash-hits. They then added a run in the sixth inning to this, then received their last three hits in the seventh and eighth.

Bobby Carpenter, who started for the Blackbirds, gave up the mound to Manley Godwin in the second inning.

Bobby Craft, Bird leftfielder, homered in the seventh inning when he poled a hit over the left field wall.

Big "Zollie," Wheelless again led the Birds at bat with three hits in four times at bat.

### Blackbirds In First Place

#### Cycs Lose To RMHS

A four run rally in the seventh inning enabled the Blackbirds to come out with their second conference win in as many games when they defeated Wilson high school April 11, in Wilson.

With the game tied up at the beginning of the first inning, outfielder Bobby Craft singled to start things off. Manly Godwin struck out, and catcher Bo Thorpe reached first after being struck by a pitched ball. Billy Calhoun, who had a giant's day at bat, singled to score Craft. West Spain in the clean-up spot, blasted a double that scored two runs. Manley Godwin, the small right-hander, started the game for the Blackbirds, but gave way to "Jack-of-all-trades, West Spain.

Calhoun, the short lead-off man, had a big day at bat against the Wilson pitching, getting four hits in six times at bat. He hit three singles and a three-bagger that he clouted in the first inning.

All the Blackbirds made hay at the plate at the expense of the Wilson pitchers, and collected a total of 19 hits.

The Blackbirds are shaping up as one of the classiest teams in the whole conference, but are lacking in the fan department.

#### Birds Bow To Cats In Second Loss, 15-4

Rocky Mount took a 15-4 beating at the hands of Wilmington Wildcats, in their second conference loss last Tuesday.

It was a field day for the visitors who hit the ball all over the park.

Cloud King, Wilmington first baseman, led his team mates by collecting 6 for 6. King collected four singles and two home runs.

Charlie Niven, outfielder for the Wildcats, and Bobby Lee Brown, the pitcher, also made homeruns.

Spain kept the Wildcats scoreless the first inning, but the visitors finally connected with the ball. Godwin relieved Spain in the fifth inning, but was replaced by Carpenter, who later gave way to Kenneth Fussell.

Billy Calhoun, co-captain of the Blackbirds, led the locals with 2 for 4. The locals collected seven hits to Wilmington's 22.

Rocky Mount is back in first place in the Eastern Carolina division after defeating the Raleigh Capitals, 4-3.

Manley Godwin started for the Blackbirds and went seven innings, keeping the Capitals down to five hits and two runs.

West Spain took to the mound in the seventh and allowed one hit and fanned five batters.

In the eighth inning Raleigh tied the game up, but the Blackbirds came back in their turn to the bat and scored the winning run when Tommy Bass came across on a Raleigh error.

This afternoon the Blackbirds face a strong Goldsboro team that has handed them one defeat this year. The Blackbirds want revenge and would like to take this game since it might decide the conference champions.

The Rocky Mount high school tennis team, coached by Bill Lundy, successfully invaded the Wilson netters with a score of 8-1, last April 11.

Last Tuesday the Rocky Mount Golf team defeated Wilmington Golf team in their first win of the year.

Johnny Hopp of the New York Yankees is a nephew of Jake Gettman who once made 10 consecutive hits in the National League.

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