

PIGSKIN REPORT

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GEORGE and MARLAND

The Blackbirds now have a record of wins and losses. Their conference record is and..... Durham, last years champs, have been beaten twice, once each by Burlington, 9-7 and Raleigh, 12-0.

The football team has been well reported in the last two games. A large crowd went to Goldsboro by cars and a train, "Blackbird Special," carried a load to the big game with Wilmington.

The Birds will probably be in better shape for the Fayetteville game than any other game so far this year with the exception of the opening game. Billy Cooper and Eddi Pennington will be in good condition but Cooper's leg still bothers him.

The Babybirds have a very unimpressive record of three straight losses and one victory. They have a lot of good boys but most of them are inexperienced. In Durham the Bulpuppies used seven men that are on the thirty-five man traveling squad of the Bulldogs. The Durham coach came over after the game and told Coach Lundy there had been some mistake about the varsity being on the team.

The New York Yankees won the American League pennant, although they had only two men hitting over .300. They were Gil McDougale and Hank Bauer. New York had three top pitchers. They were Alie Reynolds, Vic Rashi and Ed Lopat.

The Boston Red Sox had seven men hitting over .300.

Whitley Shines In Opening Games



—Photo by Killebrew

Pinetops Boy Becomes Star For Blackbirds

"It's Pinetops' loss and our gain," says Rocky Mount high school fans of Dudley Whitley, a transfer student from Pinetops.

Dudley, a star halfback, has already helped Rocky Mount in four games. He has made long runs off sixty-three and eighty-nine yards for touchdowns and has gone through the line at the goal for many more.

Besides football he played short-stop on the Pinetops semi-pro team. He is also a fine basket ball player. He is fast as lightning and has the drive of a bulldozer. The school expects a lot from him and if they received his best, R. M. will be high in all the sports this year.

Thorpe At It Again

"Bo" Thorpe, former Rocky Mount High School student, was recently elected as head cheerleader at Eastern Carolina College in Greenville. This is Thorpe's first year at E. C. C. and his election to the post is quite an honor, a mark of merit, not only for himself but also for RMHS.

This year E. C. C. officials have voted a sum of money to be spent on card tricks, which Thorpe will introduce for the first time in the North Carolina State Football conference. "Bo" was also responsible for the card tricks in the local high school last year.

"Bo" entered High School in 1947 but was not elected cheerleader until his sophomore year. He served on the squad for two years, acting as head cheerleader his senior year. Thorpe is majoring in Physical Education at E. C. C.

Boys Lose Hard Fight, 26-0

R. M. Beats Goldsboro After Stubborn Fight

Rocky Mount's Blackbirds squeezed out a victory over the stubborn Earthquakes in Goldsboro on the 28th of this month. It was a hard fought battle with the Birds' offense moving only twice as it had in preceding games. Both these drives ended in T. D.'s.

The Blackbirds drew first blood by scoring in the opening quarter. With Bobby Owens and Doug Whitley leading the running attack down to the Quakes' two yard line, Clarence Skinner plowed over to pay the. Norman Casey made good the conversion but it was called back to the 17 yard line on a holding penalty. Bob Patterson was caught behind the line on an attempted pass on the second try.

Goldsboro went out ahead later in the first quarter when Billy Gibson, took a kickoff and raced 90 yards down the sideline after making a hand off. They made their kick to make the score Goldsboro 7—Rocky Mount 6.

The Blackbirds went ahead to stay in the second quarter when Bobby Patterson passed to Doug Whitley from the Goldsboro thirty to their three yard line. On the very next play Owens scampered over for the touchdown. Again Casey's kick was good but called back on penalties. This time Patterson again was caught behind the scrimmage on a pass play.

Injury Ridden Birds Hold Cats First Half

R. M. Blackbirds lost their first game of the year when they met the wild cats in Wilmington last Friday night. The Wildcats, who are rated to win the conference played heads up ball against the injury ridden Blackbirds, who played excellent ball considering the condition of the boys.

The first half was a fairly equal battle with the difference being an eight yard run by Worrell. Worrell and Wilkins together brought the ball to this point from the Cat's 17 yard line. Tim Kermon blocked the kick. The score was 6-0 at the end of the half.

When the second half opened, the Wildcats broke loose. Worrell took Ed Bandy's kick-off and scampered 77 yards for the T. D. Grant's kick was good, making it 13-0. After battling it at midfield for a while, Worrell and Grant brought the pigskin to the R. M. 5 yard line. Taen Grant bucked over for the touchdown. Grant made the conversion good to make it 20-0.

The last score came in the fading minutes of the game when Grant passed to Rogers who raced 60 yards for the score. The extra point failed and the final score was 26-0.

Ed Pennington, Baxter Savage, and Dickie Taylor played excellent defensive ball. Doug Whitley hurt his knee in the second quarter to make the backfield, with the exception of Skinner, second string

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