



# Birds Take 1st Tilt Of Baseball Season As Godwin Fans 14 Cage Season Over, Baseball Takes Spot

## Sports Teams In and Out; Pictured Above

Manley Godwin fanned 14 batters allowing only six singles as the Blackbirds took their first diamond tilt of the season against Kinston 3-1.

A hit batter, a sacrifice, a single and a wild pitch brought the winning score in the top half of the ninth inning.

Neither team showed too much power at the plate as the Birds collected six hits also. George Pearce came through with two for three to lead the locals at bat.

RM took a 1-0 lead in the first frame on a hit, two walks and a hit batter. Kinston's single came in the third when Godwin gave up three straight singles.

William Green, who was scheduled to hurl the game, was injured in an auto accident last week and was unable to play. He will probably pitch the next game on March 25 against Greenville in the local stadium.

Head basketball coach Bill Lundy, left, and head baseball coach C. C. Cleetwood (pictured center) put basketball behind and look ahead to baseball matters. Members of varsity basketball team pictured at left are, front row, Bobby Patterson, Cle mEdwards, Stan Still, Jim-Daughtridg, Billy Proctor, George Pearce, Bobby Deans, James Manning, and team manager Jimmy Davis; back row, George Patseavoras, Smokey Lancaster, Donald Edwards, Dave Barnes, Eddie Pennington, Lloyd Hedgepeth and Carter Hedrick.

Baseball team members at right are, front row, Bobby Patterson, Stan Still, James Manning, George Pearce, Gordon Waters, Clem Edwards, Edward Braswell, Bobby Deans, Albert Parker, Carlton Ruffin, Charles Landin, Sammy Mouson and William Green; back row, Addison Wimberly, Manley Godwin, Billy Adams, Eddie Pennington, Bobby Cummings, Ray Harper, Raymond Highsmith, Billy Pearce, Fred Harris, Jimmy Lancaster, Bunny Bell and Harold Gilbert.

## RM Wins Last 3 Of Season

### Goldsboro Defeated

After trailing Goldsboro in the opening minutes of the game, the Blackbirds went on to defeat the Quakes, 51 to 32. The Birds built up an 11 point lead in the first half, holding the Quakes scoring to only 10 points.

In the third period Goldsboro came back and scored 10 points and in the last period scored 12 points. This was not enough for Goldsboro with Joe Lancaster controlling the backboard and Billy Proctor playing one of the best games of the season. Lancaster was high man with 14 points.

### RM 87, Bulldogs 57

Fayetteville visited Rocky Mount next and the Bulldogs left with a solid defeat.

Getting off to a slow start, the Blackbirds stayed behind during the first quarter. During the rest of the game the Bulldogs could

not stop the fast ball handling of the Birds and Rocky Mount walked off with an easy 87 to 57 win. Donald Edwards was high scorer with 23 and Lancaster was next with 22.

### Birds Get Revenge

Seeking revenge over Wilson, the Blackbirds led by Joe Lancaster high scorer with 16 points, defeated the Cyclones 48 to 40. The Blackbirds pulled out in front in the first quarter with Bobby Patterson and "Weno" Pearce doing some fine ball handling.

In the last quarter the Cyclones used a full court press and the Birds, not being able to break through, their lead dropped to 6 points, but this was still too much for the Cyclones.

Smokey Lancaster broke the school's individual scoring record when he brought his total up to 318 points.

## Lancaster, Edwards, Patterson, Pearce Lead Team which won 14 Out Of 19 Games; 8 Lettermen Return To Baseball

### It's Baseball Now

With basketball gone and baseball on its way, the Blackbirds have plenty of energy to give the best of teams a real fight for baseball's number one spot. Looking back into the cage season, RMHS realizes it has had a fine team with a record which carried it to the State AAA playoffs.

"Smokey" Joe Lancaster with 318 points, Donald Edwards with 201, Bobby Patterson with 193, and captain "Weno" Pearce were the big guns of the team which won fourteen out of nineteen games during season play. In conference play Rocky Mount took seven of twelve games, whipping Durham, Fayetteville and Goldsboro twice each and Wilson once. The locals looked good both offensively and defensively. They averaged 60 points per game against 51.2 points for their opponents.

At present the Blackbirds boast a 3-1 victory in baseball over Kinston, the only game of the season so far. Manly Godwin, the teams number one pitcher, struck out 14 batters in this win last Wednesday. Besides Manly, seven lettermen have returned to the squad this year to fill in most of the positions. They are Bobby Patterson at first base, George Pearce at second, William Green at shortstop, Raymond Highsmith, "Gator" Braswell, and Stan Still in the outfield, and Addison Wimberly, another moundsman.

Regular conference play begins against Durham April 2. Two additional nonconference games are scheduled beforehand—Greenville, March 25, and a return match with Kinston, March 31.

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