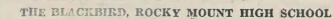
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goir squad, pictured bottom left, are, from the left, Stan Leggett, Weaver Wrenn, Fred Lee, Bill Toler, and Fred Sexton, Pictured top right are Sexton and Toler; left are Lee and Wrenn. Leggett tees off in the bottom right

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# **Baseball, Tennis, Golf, Track**

track and of course, baseball-

The tennis team has opened the



Ninth Inning Tally Tops Locals

## **Birds Sport Seasoned Team Against Strong Diamond Foes**

Rocky Mount high school's baseball boys have shown a big improvement over the past few years. Already with nearly half the season over, the Birds have topped last year's record. This year's starting group is made up of all experienced boys. Coach Cleetwood says that the same boys will probably carry the burden the rest of the season.

Clem Edwards is acting as the backbone of the team. He played last year and is doing an out-tanking job in catcher's position. Bobby is a junior and is one of the team's top hitters. He and George Fearce have worked into a classy double play pair. George, last year and is doing an out-canding job in catcher's position. The mound staff consists of three holding second, acts as captain. dependable men, Manly Godwin, He previously was the captain of William Green and Addison Wimberly. Godwin is a junior and acts e number one hurler for the Blackbirds. William Green, who is he teams number one hitter, has overed the short stop position but s pulled in to pitch when needed. Green is a senior. Wimberly, a sophomore, has shown real control and will be a big support the rest of the season.

#### Patterson Holds First Base

Robby Patterson, who has ex-celled in football, basketball, and paseball, is holding first base.

- SFORTS SCHEDULE 24-Goldsboro, Tennis; Greenville. Golf-there. April April 28 -Durham There)-
- Baseball, Tennis, Golf,

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KivinS's cage team. George will goduate this year.

Green and Bobby Deans complete the infield. Deans, recently elected editor of the school yearbook, covers third, filling in at stort when Green pitches. Bobby is a junior and has been outstanding in both football and basket-Gorden Waters fills in at third. Waters has plenty of experience and is about the only re-placement Coach Cleetwood is using. He is a junior and was a dependable ball carrier in junior varsity football.

### **Outfield Protected**

The outfielders are Raymond Highsmith, Edward Braswell, and Stan Still. Braswell, a senior, and Highsmith, a junior, are both known for their play on the var-sity football squad. Gator, as Edward is known, also was a basket-

Coach Cleetwood says that these boys make up the team this season. He will make no an-

#### **RM Handed Third Loss In Conference Play** It was nip and tuck all the way until a ninth inning score on a

nice bunt scored the winning run as Raleigh handed the Blackbirds their third conference loss 4-3.

Red Strickland, Raleigh's ace, pitched probably his best game of the season, holding the locals to three hits. Addison Wimbley, hurling for RM, nearly matched Strickland's feat holding Rathree hits. Addison Wimberly, held his own eight innings but needed William Green's assistance in the ninth after allowing the winning scorer to reach base.

RM Ace Fields Manley Godwin, Rocky Mount's ace hurler, covered left field, due o Raymond Highsmith's absence, and came through with the first Blackbird hit. He drove George Pierce home for RM's first tally. Clem Edwards singled Godwin home.

The Caps, after breaking the goose-egg in the third, scored two more in the sixth to take a 3-2 ead. Rocky Mount tied the score in the eighth at 3-3 setting the stage for the winning score for Raleigh.

Bad breaks highlighted the Bird's play. Stan Sill was caught stealing home in the sixth in a close play. In the seventh Rocky Mount loaded the bases with none-away. Luck was bad again. "oloigh's one picked the man off third and struck out the next two batters.

Rocky Mount now holds a 2-3 ecord, the same as Raleigh's,

