



As Seen By Russ and Joe

Bueno, sports fanatics, this is your two "Dim Viewers" taking you behind the sport scenes, in the first appearance of this column (and may probably be the last) so we shall do our best.

RMSHS may be in a new athletic classification, if the plan, now up before the NCHSAA (the governing body of North Carolina High School Athletics) goes through. The regrouping plan states that schools with an enrollment of 300 to 600 will be Class AAA and all above 600 will be Class AAAA. But any school which has up to 650 students can make a choice as to which classification it would like to become. If Rocky Mount has to make this decision and decides to stay in the AAA, she will play schools much smaller and will probably be "tops" in everything as she will be the largest school in the conference. If she changes to AAAA, she will face the same teams she is facing now.

As tonight is the last regular season basketball game, let's everyone hop into his "Kiddie Kar" and "joy ride" to Wilmington and support the team. The players will appreciate it.

At the end of every basketball

season, coaches and sports writers put their shiny bald heads together and work out a college All-American squad. (Our heads are not bald and shiny and even though our eye-sight is dim we challenge anyone anywhere to defeat this first string quintet.)

Starting with the first team we have a center, "Wilt, the Stilt" Chamberlin from Kansas. For the forwards, we have two Carolina boys Grady Wallace of South Carolina and Lennie Rosenbluth of North Carolina. "Hot Rod" Hundley from West Virginia and Chet Forte from Columbia University capture the guard positions.

Rocky Mount has a good chance of going to the state tournament this year. Under the new ruling, which went into effect at the start of this basketball season, the top team in the league automatically goes with the other teams fighting it out. Number 2 plays 7, number 3 plays 6, and team 4 against 5.

As the Birds are in a 4-way tie for fourth spot, the team standings will have to be decided on the flip of a coin. If Rocky Mount wins the toss and captures fourth place she will have the advantage of playing on her home court.

Lose Three Seniors

Basketball Team Will Improve

Better days are expected for the RMSHS Bird Cagers in the 57-58 basketball season as they will lose only three lettermen, Jackie Williams, Clarence Williams, and Fred Fulcher.

There will be thirteen experienced boys returning to form the nucleus for both A and B squads.

Guard spot will be the best stocked as returning guards will be rising juniors, Bobby Joe Ayers, Edward Dunn, John Tulloss, and Ray Parker; seniors, Davis Harper and Russell Clack.

Returning forwards will be rising juniors, Lafrence Satterfield, Bill Parham, and Haywood Evans; senior, Norman Davis.

Centers will be juniors Roland Parker and John Bandy; senior,

Bob Moore.

Local height will be a big factor in next season's game as these will be four boys over six feet.

Bob Moore, center is 6', 5", Roland Parker, center, 6' 3", Norman Davis, forward, 6', 1", and All-State prospect, Haywood Evans, forward, 6'.

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Coach Johnny Guiton, former RMSHS football mentor, shows that life is not all work as he plays with his daughter.

Haywood Evans Hits 30 In 57-47 Loss to Caps

Haywood Evans popped the net for 30 points in a losing cause as the Black and Gold was beaten by Raleigh 57-47 in the last regular scheduled game of the season.

The sophomore sensation leads the Eastern AAA Conference in scoring with only one week of play left.

Blackbird Cagers end the regular '56-57 season against Wilmington in the Wilmington gym tonight.

Rocky Mount gained a 4-way tie for 4th place in the Eastern AAA Conference as the Birds defeated a tough Wilson team 61-58 in the Acc Gym at Wilson. Haywood

Evans led all scorers with an 18 point effort.

In other games the results are as follows:

On the home court the Birds were defeated by Fayetteville 62-58 with Evans scoring 20 points.

In a 4 overtime thriller, the locals outfought Goldsboro 45-43 with Haywood Evans dumping in the wining basket and leading the scoring with 23 points.

Wilmington Wildcats finished with a strong fourth quarter and outscored RM 63-46. Haywood Evans burned nets for 31 points, his best effort of the season.

In a game with Raleigh in the Needham Broughton gym, Rocky Mount was slaughtered 83-34 in the most onesided loss of the season. Bruce Hoadley scored 24 points for the victorious Capitals.

Bells for Brawn

Bells, to increase interest among the "boys" and to strengthen manly muscles, are now on the list of gymnastic equipment.

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Citadel Bound

Coach Guiton Leaves Post

Coach Johnny Guiton accepted the position as head wrestling coach at the Citadel, after five-months as head football coach here.

"This (job) is a promotion professionally for me and my family. And I can't very well afford to turn it down", said Coach Guiton, who left February 1 to assume his duties at this military institution in South Carolina.

"It's a chance for me to get into college football," continued Mr. Guiton, whose duties at the Citadel will include assisting in football in addition to his wrestling coaching.

Coach Bill Lundy, athletic director, commented, "I feel that in Coach Guiton we had one of the finest high school coaches in the State of North Carolina. At the time we hired him I felt this, and the outstanding job he did as both a teacher and a coach not only equaled but exceeded my expectations. He was real asset to our athletic program the school, and the city."

Mr. Lundy continued, "We have been extremely fortunate in the caliber of football coaches we have had at Rocky Mount, and I feel sure we'll replace Coach Guiton with a very capable person.

Next year's football team captain, Al Wordsworth, observed, "Coach Guiton was one of the outstanding coaches in the state and lived up to standards of past Blackbird coaches. After Coach

Guiton, the next coach will have a high standard to live up to."

At the present time there is no official word as to who will succeed Mr. Guiton.

RM To Play Host To Nash Tourney

Senior High plays host for many "outsiders" during the basketball season and this year the hottest competition is expected in the annual Nash County tournament, scheduled for the last week of February.

Invitations to the high school officials in charge of the District A Tournament have been issued. Chances for scheduling these games here are good.

Efforts by the Jaycees to get the District NAIA small college tournament here failed, but East Carolina and ACC, of the North State Conference, will play here February 23.

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