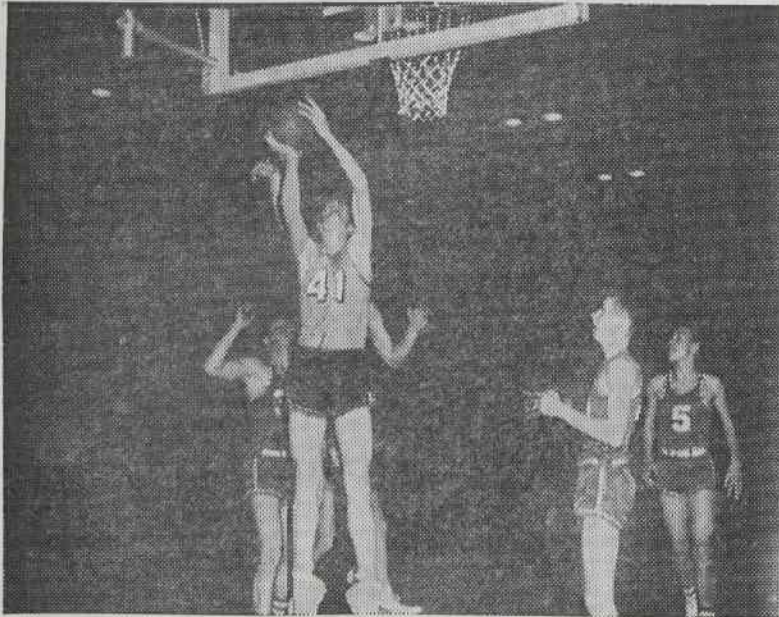


Parker Sinks Two



Roland Parker, senior center, goes up for two among a hord of Fayetteville's Bulldogs who disappointedly waited for what could have been a rebound.

Blackbirds, Fayetteville Clash; Birds Come Out on Top 68-59

Early leads, strong offenses and strategical playing characterized the game in which the Birds emerged victors with a 68-59 triumph over Fayetteville's Bulldogs here Tuesday, February 2.

Haywood Evans scored 11 points for the Birds in the first quarter with Roland Parker hitting 5 and Ronnie Jackson 2, giving RM an early 18-15 lead. In the second, all 5 starters got in the act, leaving the score for the half at 39-20.

In the third quarter, the Birds slowed down, gaining only 9 points. Jackson started to shine in the fourth, and hooked 7 more points for RM.

Birds Defeat Caps in Overtime

With 15 seconds left in the overtime period, Rocky Mount's Roland Parker made the final goal which sent the Birds into a 63-62 victory over Raleigh in the State Fair Arena, January 30.

Parker also made the shot, with one second remaining, which tied up the game and sent it into overtime. High scorers for the game were Evans with 27 points and Parker with 22. John Bandy played an outstanding defensive game.

Birds Fall 55-48 to Durham

After a fast start against Durham's Bulldogs, the Birds toppled 55-48 despite the early 19-15 lead in the first quarter. Adding only 8 points by the end of the half, RM began to feel Durham's onslaught.

Losing their lead after only five points in the third quarter, the Birds rallied in the fourth quarter for 16 more, but their efforts proved useless against the Bulldog's heavy scoring.

Jayvees Top Pups By 1 Point Margin For Fifth Victory

RM's Jayvees topped Fayetteville's Bullpups by a 48-47 score for their fifth victory, here, February 3. Leading the Babybird victory were Harry Felton with 14 points and Tony Woodcock with 12.

With 15 seconds left to play Felton came through with a jump shot to break a tie and send the Babybirds ahead. The victory ended a three game losing streak for the locals.

Despite a full court press, Raleigh's Jayvees defeated the Babybirds by a 56-43 score at the State Fair Arena in Raleigh, January 30. John Griffin and Gus Tulloss led the locals in scoring with 12 points each.

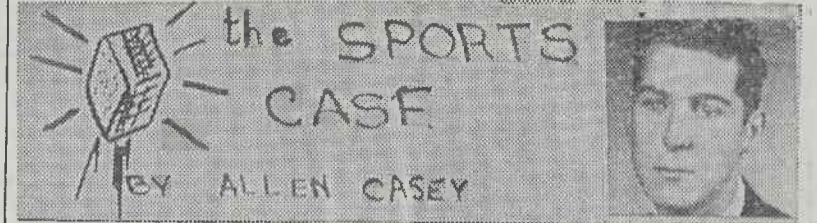
As the fourth quarter began the Babybirds started pressing successfully and narrowed the Raleigh margin to 46-42. However, the Caps hit a hot streak for ten points.

Wilmington's Wildkittens topped the Babybirds, 50-40, in a fast, hard-fought game, here, January 27. The Wildkittens used accuracy at the free throw line to insure the victory.

With RM's pressing tactics and excessive fouling in the second half, Wilmington got 31 chances from the charity line and hit 23 of them. High scorer for the locals was Woodcock with 14 points.

RM dropped a close game to Durham, 51-48, in Durham, January 23. Tulloss led the Babybirds with 15 points. Others scoring were Larry Pelt, Terry Newell and Woodcock with nine points each.

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With four lettermen returning, RM's golfers prepare to tee off for another season's jaunt around the fairways with Henry Waters, Kitt Ellington, John Tulloss and Haywood Evans leading the pack.

Commenting on the team, Coach Chris Carpenter said, "Evans appears to be the outstanding man on this year's team." Approximately nine boys have indicated a desire to play when practice begins February 16. The first match is in Henderson, March 24.

Physical Development Begins

In order to prepare Senior High boys for athletics, a progressive physical development program began this year. "This program is to prepare our boys for all phases of athletic life," stated Coach Don Hipps, director of the program.

Weight lifting is the most popu-



lar part of the workouts as many boys discover new muscles. However, some others think they are missing their biceps and their triceps.

Baseball Team Shows Prospects

RM's baseball team is in good shape according to Coach Carpenter and his assistant, Jim Horne. "If our pitching staff comes through, we should have a successful season," Carpenter stated. Seeking mound honors are Jimmy Mooring, Buck Roney, Bernie Moss and Kenneth Phelps.

Several positions are "open" for competition among the players. Any boys interested in playing should see Coach Carpenter or Coach Horne immediately.

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