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Blackbirds Cap Eastern Championship



These are the Rocky Mount Blackbirds and the champions of the Eastern 4-A Conference who defeated the Wilson Cyclones but lost to the

Garinger Wildcats in a state playoff game in Charlotte to finish the season with a 7-3-1 grid-iron record.

Photo by Killebrew

Locals Win First Grid Crown In 19 Years; Defeat Wilson

Rocky Mount's Blackbirds clinched their first Eastern 4-A Conference crown in 19 years by defeating arch-rival Wilson, 10-7, in a thrill-packed pigskin clash in Wilson's Fleming Stadium, November 20.

Big Mike "The Toe" Lundy and little Ronnie "The Rocket" Jackson led the Birds through a nerve-ringing battle, on the second play of the second quarter, Jackson took the ball from Gus Tulloss and raced down the sideline for an 88-yard touchdown. Shortly before the half ended, Lundy booted his first field goal from 20 yards out to give RM a 10-0 lead.

Wilson Offensive Explodes

Wilson's offense exploded as the second half opened when the Cycs forced the Blackbirds to punt and then marched for a TD set up by a pass from Henry Rodgers to Jack Manchrow.

In the first quarter, the Cyclones drove to the RM 21; however, the Birds' forward wall held the drive. Later in the period Wilson drove down to the 24, but once again the Blackbirds halted the attack.

Late, Late Rally Fails

With one minute and 25 seconds remaining in the game, the Cycs launched a drive powered by passing. With 40 seconds left Rodgers' pass to Andy Edwards for 19 yards, Galloway snagged a pass, but Terry Newell snowed him as the game ended.

When asked to point out the stars of the game, Coach Chris Carpenter exclaimed, "Gosh, but just about everybody was terrific on defense."

Coach Praises Boys

Coach Carpenter had special praise for Roger Waters who played both offense and defense for RM. He also lauded Purvis Edwards, Silas Snow, Phil Harris, Ranny Batts, Bernie Moss, Bernie Isgett, and Newell.

Quarterback Tandy Fitts and Tulloss spearheaded the Blackbird offense. Jackson led the Bird ground attack with 116 yards and a 9.6 average.

Uniforms Arrive For School Band Given By Civitans

Sixty-six members of the Rocky Mount Senior High School marching band received their new French-blue, double-breasted uniforms with black and gold stripes up the legs and gold and black trim on the coat and hat, made in the typical cadet style, and given by the Civitan Club of this city.

John Fleming, drum major, and Wilma Shearin, head majorette, have hats sporting a white plume, Wilma's outfit has short pants while the six other majorettes have white pleated skirts.

Mr. Frank Hammond, band director, received his first band uniform while serving as director of the RM band. It is a navy blue double-breasted suit.

This band has marched in several parades including the annual Rocky Mount Christmas parade and the Weldon Christmas parade. The first showing of the uniforms was at the football game in Charlotte, N. C. when the Blackbirds played the Garinger Wildcats for semi-final rights to the state championship playoffs.

Drum major Fleming and the majorettes have two uniforms. One is a marching uniform and the other, a French-blue suit for concerts.

Senior High's band will be seen again at the annual Azalea Festival in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Outstanding Seniors Chosen

Six Girls — Six Boys

Charlotte McIntyre, Ralph Williams, Margaret Carmichael, Bobby Branch, Lucy Aldridge, Bernie Isgett, Betty Brock, Allen Whitaker, Patsy Warren, Mike Lundy, Frannie Harrison, and J. T. Webb are the twelve students elected from this year's graduating class as outstanding seniors.

Charlotte is editor of the Ki-Noc-Ar and was recently elected as DAR citizen.

Ralph is vice-president of the Student Organization and has been both Kiwanis Boy of the Month and Rotary of the Month.

Margaret, a very active member of The Blackbird has served her

school as cheerleader and in many other jobs.

Bobby is president of the senior class and has served a Kiwanis Boy of the Month.

Lucy is serving as vice-president of her homeroom and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Bernie is now serving his school as treasurer of the Student Organization and is now Rotary Boy of the Month.

Betty along with many other duties is serving as secretary of the Student Organization and secretary of the National Honor Society.

Allen is serving as president of the Service club and serves as a

member of the Senior High golf team.

Patsy has served her school as head cheerleader and was recently chosen "Homecoming Queen" by the student body.

Mike has recently honored his school as a member of the starting team in the Shriners Bowl.

Frannie as president of Student Organization and AFS summer exchange student is showing her interest in school work.

J. T. serves his school as treasurer of the senior class, president of the National Honor Society and temporary president of the SOS club.



Shown above from (l-r) are the 1959-60 outstanding seniors: Lucy Aldridge, Bernie Isgett, Patsy Warren, Allen Whitaker, Margaret Carmi-

chael, Bobby Branch, Charlotte McIntyre, J. T. Webb, Betty Brock, Mike Lundy, Frannie Harrison, and Ralph Williams. Photo by Barringer

Seniors Do Paper As Part of Exam

Senior members of The Blackbird after choosing a page, writing the stories and seeing that this paper "hits the streets" on time will have finished part of their mid-term examinations.

Next semester the junior members will be able to use their knowledge and ability to put out the February issue of The Blackbird.

Pages four and five have been combined in order to give readers the complete sports story.

Editors of the pages are as follows: Sandra Wiggins, page one; Bobbie Shreve, page two; Ann Adkins, page three; Allen Casey, pages four and five; Burt White, page six, and Jayne Crumpler, advertising manager.