

# RMSH Blackbirds Lose To Kinston Red Devils In Opening Game Of 1962 Basketball Season

## Fine Potential Is Shown By JV's; Win First Game

### Blackbirds Lose Opener, 55-49; Kinston Gets Win

Senior High's highly ranked Blackbirds could never overcome an early point splurge by Kinston and lost to the Red Devils, 55-49. In the Birds' season opener here last Friday night, the Red Devils were losing 5-1 early in the first quarter but scored 12 straight points to go ahead until a tie in the closing minutes.

field goals, and team mate John Mann added four points. The half-time busser sounded with Kinston leading the Birds, 31-22.

#### Statistics

	FG	FT	TP	Reb.	PF
Parrish	12-7	8-3	17	6	1
Talbott	21-4	6-6	14	1	3
Wester	9-3	2-2	8	2	3
Strickland	5-2	1-1	5	10	1
Ricks	3-1	0-0	2	3	3
Rose	3-1	1-1	3	2	0
RM	54-18	18-13	49	24	11

#### Third Quarter

The third quarter was basket-for-basket scoring. Parrish hit his favorite jump shot to give the Blackbirds a two point edge for that period, and cut Kinston's lead to seven points.

#### Fourth Quarter

In the final quarter, the action was fast and furious. Both teams scored more in the fourth than in any other period. Rocky Mount, in a desperate effort to pull the game out, outscored Kinston 8-1 for a 40-40 tie. Kinston then jumped to 44-40 and the Birds never got closer than two points for the remainder of the game.

Martin led all scorers with 18 points. Parrish was second with 17, and Talbott finished third with 14.

Kinston edged Rocky Mount at the foul line, hitting on 15 of

#### First Quarter

Danny Talbott scored the first point of the game on a free throw. Allen Wester and Tom Parrish scored a basket each for the 5-1 lead.

Willie Taylor sank a field goal and four free throws to spark the Kinston rally, and the other four starters chipped in two points apiece.

Talbott stole a Kinston pass and laid it up for two. Parrish hit a field goal and a free throw to end the first quarter scoring.

#### Second Quarter

The second quarter was much the same as the first as Kinston increased their lead to nine points. Wester and Parrish each hit two free throws and a basket.

Titus Martin, the big Red Devil center, got hot and sank three



**RICKS TIES SCORE**—Robert Ricks lays in two points to tie the score at 40-40 in the Birds opener with Kinston. Kinston went on to take a 55-49 win. (Photo by Killebrew)

18. Kinston hit 43.5% from the floor, while RM hit only 33.3%. The rebounding of the Birds was also poor as they collared 24. Sophomore Henry Strickland hauled in 10 rebounds for RM.

The American League had four 20-game winners last season, led by Yankee Ralph Terry's 23. Dick Donovan of Cleveland, Ray Herbert of the White Sox and Camilo Pascual of the Twins won 20 games each.

The Rocky Mount Junior Varsity opened their season with a 39-31 win over the Kinston JV's behind a well-balanced attack. There was no doubt as to the outcome until the third quarter when Kinston pulled within four points of a tie.

In the first quarter, RM, outscored Kinston 10-6 and in the second period by 9-5.

Kinston came into the game after halftime with new life, and found holes in the RM defense to score 14 points in eight minutes.

Rocky Mount now tightened up the defense and pulled away to the final score, 39-31.

Big Jimmy Clack led in both the rebounding and scoring departments. His 12 points came on three field goals and six free throws. Randy Randall led th Kinston team with 10.

Other Rocky Mount scoring was Ronald Barnes 7, Steve Caddell 5, Jimmy Arrington 3, Bunn Woodward 3, Digit Laughtridge 3, Joe Swaim 3, and Frank Harrison 2.

After the Yankees released Robin Roberts without a pitching turn last spring, the right hander compiled a 10-9 record with Baltimore. His earned run mark of 2.78 was second in the American League.

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