

J.V. Gridders Integral Part Of Grid Action

Another outstanding part of Rocky Mount Senior High School athletics is the junior varsity football team. Even though they are the younger set of the school, these eager boys make up the future Blackbirds.

Head Coach Jerry Carter, a former coach from George R. Edwards, has had to work extra hard this year because of limited personnel. Both he and Coach Ben Utley think that "They have the material to win some games," but both agree that "If the boys believe in themselves and go all out to win the team will be pretty good."

Because of the limited turn out, the boys have had to learn more than one position, and Coach Carter says "Our winning or losing depends on how well they respond to this." There are a total of 23 boys on the team and three of these have been sidelined because of injuries. Another six have been drafted into the varsity, but will help out during the year.

The team's experience varies, but most of the boys have had at least one year of experience in football. Coach Carter has coached several of the boys in the past and is really looking forward to this season. The head coach named several boys who he felt would go far this year. These included members of both the defensive and offensive teams. Marvin Whitley, Troy Brown, Danny Jones and Joe Lancaster, all sophomores, were mentioned as promising defensive players. Glenn Medlin, Butch Barbee, Josh Munden, Stewart Edwards, and Julius Turner were among the first line offensive players mentioned.

Coach Carter said that his strongest challenge would be to develop the material available and to teach the fundamentals.



Shown are the players of the 1967 football squad. From left to right the boys on the team are: (FIRST ROW) Rob Pitt, Vince Joyner, Nikki Wicher, Bill Griffin, Johnny Worrell; (SECOND ROW) Kenneth Williams, Mike Viverette, Tommy Cox, Wayne Hall, Tommy Minges, Jim Hart; (THIRD ROW) Dane May, Stephen Draper, Harry Threat, R. L. Downing, Jimmy Roberts,

Ross Horner, Mike Easley, (FOURTH ROW) Charlie Rose, Ken Thompson, Page Lea, Tommy Delbridge, Colin Murchison, Buddy Edgerton, Ed Griffin; (FIFTH ROW) Steve Shearin, Denny Allen, Kirby Carrington, Jay Bobbitt, Russell Lee, Steve Parker, Bruce Rose, Billy Joyner, Ernie Fleming. Scott Hammond (65) and Bruce Rose (34) are no longer on the team.

The boys are co-operating as a team and are as hard working as a team can be. When they met Raleigh Broughton last Thursday, the team was not as full strength, but it is clearly evident that they are willing and able to work for all victories. This spirit which has been stressed so much with the varsity, is what makes a team work and excel in all sports and not football. With this spirit, along with the excellent coaching staff, the 'Baby Birds' should have no trouble in making the 1967 football season both a successful and prosperous one.

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