

Blackbirds Are Tourney Bound With Nifty Seven Game Streak

The Blackbirds' chances of going on to tournament games are steadily increasing with an outstanding seven game victory sweep and an over-all standing of 14-3. With the exception of the Wilmington game, the Birds have done exceptionally well these past few weeks, defeating one opponent after another.

Northern Nash

In their duel with Northern Nash, Rocky Mount secured a 4-1 victory with winning pitcher Terry Talbott, junior right-hander, and losing pitcher Danny Moore of Northern Nash. Although the Knights' hitting was slightly superior, a good defensive game by the Birds insured victory.

Wildcats Explode

Wilmington's fantastic hitting rally in their April 22 game with the Birds caused Rocky Mount to suffer its most crushing defeat of the season at 12-0. During the course of the

game, the Wildcats slammed 11 hits off at Rocky Mount's starting pitcher Charles Bell and relief pitcher Charlie Rose, while Wilmington's David Sandlin pitched a shut game and allowed a total of only 2 hits.

Turning Point

The Birds' most crucial game of the season occurred April 24 with the Enloe Eagles. Had the Blackbirds not secured their 4-2 victory over the Eagles, they would have lost all chances for tournament play-offs. Terry Talbott was the pitcher for RMSH who won over Cox of Enloe.

Victory Over The Cyclones

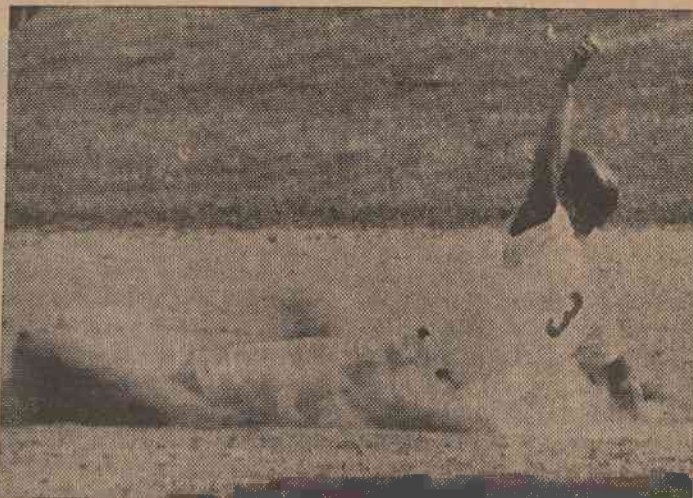
The three-man pitching combination of Bell, Wallace, and Rose stood against the Wilson Cyclones for a 5-4 victory. Rocky Mount was again outdone in hitting with the count standing at Wilson-11 hits, Rocky Mount-7 hits, but RMSH rallied to victory.

Goldshoro And Fayetteville

The Earthquakes fell to the Birds with the final score at 7-3 with Talbott starting pitcher and Rose relieving pitcher. On May 1, Rocky Mount chalked up its fourth consecutive win by defeating the Fayetteville Bulldogs. Bell Rose did the honors for the Birds on the pitching mound while the team as a whole slammed out 11 hits to Fayetteville's 1.

Sweep Continues

The Blackbirds met the Jacksonville Cardinals on their own home ground on May 6, grabbing another win with a final score of 5-2. The winning trend continued with another victory for Bell and Rose with a final score of 6-3. The sophomores who played much of the game turned in a fine performance against Southern Nash and helped the Birds to a seventh straight victory at 3-1.



SAFE AT SECOND—RMSH shortstop Edgar Brown slides into second base before and under the throw with a stolen base against the Jacksonville Cardinals. (Photo by Killebrew)

Tennis Team Has Charge; Wins Three Out Of Four

RMSH played Wilmington New Hanover for their fourth match of the season. In the singles the Birds were shut-out. The doubles gave the Birds one win when John Burnett and Dillon Coleman won out over Currie and Pridemore of New Hanover. The doubles ended with the score, Birds 1, Wilmington 2.

The match itself ended with Wilmington on top 8 to 1.

Double Shut-Out

When the Birds faced Raleigh Enloe the tides turned. In the singles Jeff Hedgepeth won over Enloe's Lane, the Birds Lewis Hardy over Fitts, and Powell Jenkins over Enloe's Jones. The single play ended and the score stood 3 to 3. The final blow came for Enloe in the doubles when Jeff Hedgepeth and Lewis Hardy won out over Abron and Lane, Dillon Coleman and John Burnett netters for the Birds won over Colbert and Lloyd, and Powell Jenkin and Woody Redick won out over Enloe's Fitts and Mitchel. The doubles were over and the Birds had shut-out Raleigh Enloe 3 to 0.

At the conclusion of the match the Birds were on top again with a score of 6 to 3.

One Point Counts

With two big wins under their belts the Birds faced Wilson Fike. The single play gave the Birds three wins. Jeff Hedgepeth over Finch, Lewis Hardy over Miller, and Powell Jenkins over Kirby of Wilson. The doubles gave the Birds the game when Jeff Hedgepeth and Lewis Hardy, our own Birds, won over Finch an Miller of Wilson, and Powell Jenkins and Woody Reddick won over Campbell and Williams.

The Birds left the court with a winning score of 5 to 4.

The Birds have accumulated three big wins and presently have a two game winning streak. When the netters faced Fayetteville the Birds wrapped up another win thus broadening their winning streak to three.

In the singles Lewis Hardy won over Dean of Fayetteville, the Bird's Johnny Barker over Woodard, Powell Jenkins over Murphy, and the Bird's Craig Smith over Hill. Single play concluded with the Birds in the lead 4 to 2. Unfortunately the tide turned for Fayetteville in the doubles and they came up with two wins. The Bird's Johny Barker and Powel Jenkins did come through to beat Dean and Schedel of Fayetteville to make the double score 2 to 1.

When the match was over the Birds had beat Fayetteville by a close score of 5 to 4.

Gym Classes Still Remain Idle

Item: a gym class that hasn't dressed out since January 1, 1969. Reason: gym repairs and renovation. Result: probably the most out of shape gym class ever to finish a year's physical education course.

The above paragraph fairly well sums up the situation for the boys gym classes at RMSH this year. Since January 1, they have sat quietly,

noisily, animatedly, or boredly in the various rooms around RMSH where they have been forced to meet. This had been very unfortunate for these fine male specimen who have often lounged for the release of energy that accompanies a violent rebound in a basketball game or a 300 foot shot to center field in a closely contested game of softball. But, such are the breaks of

life.

On the other hand, the girls have managed to dress out for both the fifth and sixth six weeks periods. However, they haven't had their dressing rooms repaired. In fact, they spent one entire six weeks running, and running, and running, until they were probably run out. Now, calmer ideas have filled their minds, and all they want to do is clout that 350 foot home run with the bases loaded to win their softball games.

Indeed, for all those involved, this has been a unique year in the RMSH gym classes.

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