

Hick's Shooting For 8-2 Mark

Jayvees March On To Victory

The Rocky Mount Senior High Junior Varsity is at least assured of equalling its win output of last year and hopes to end up the year with an 8-2 mark. Coach Richard Hicks squad enters the final games with a 20-6 victory over Goldsboro, 21-14 over Fayetteville and 39-8 over Kinston.

The Junior Gryphons have been led by Ronnie Hedgepeth, who gained over 200 yards against Kinston. Randy Warrick, John Dinan and Charles Jones have aided the offensive punch. Warrick has found his favorite receiver in Worsley and will continue to do so. Jones and Dinan have aided the ground game. Dinan scored two touchdowns against Kinston and Jones added one.

On defense, John Worsley, Randy Warrick and Jerry Powell, Walt Pollard and the entire Gryphons defensive line have been outstanding. Warrick and Worsley have done fine jobs on pass defense. Warrick set up a T.D. against Kinston with a 20-yard interception. Worsley scored a vital touchdown against Goldsboro when he grabbed the ball from a Goldsboro player and scampered some 60-yards to paydirt. Powell and Pollard have furnished the bulk of the defensive line

and both have seen steady action all year.

Blow By Goldsboro

Rocky Mount journeyed to Goldsboro and came back with a big victory. The Gryphons were never behind and Goldsboro was never in the game. Rocky Mount simply outclassed Goldsboro from the beginning when John Worsley took the ball from the Goldsboro runner and dashed 60 yards for the touchdown.

Jerry Powell and Walt Pollard were outstanding for Rocky

Mount and J. B. Warren and Randy Warrick also shined in the win.

Beat Fayetteville

For the first time in school's history, the Gryphons beat the J. V. team of Fayetteville 21-14. Ronny Hedgepeth gained some 218 yards for the victors and scored twice in the win.

Sonny Wooten booted the first field goal in the school's history and it was a 27 yard boot. Wooten's field goal was complemented when Junior Tank Leonard booted a 27 yard field goal the same week.



HOME OF ROCKY MOUNT GRYPHONS

Gryphon Grounds Should Be New Name Of Stadium

The Rocky Mount Gryphons have nearly finished their season and are approaching the final game with Wilson tonight. The Gryphons are 8-1 on the year and will be going after their ninth win tonight.

Last year the Gryphons played the Cyclones (now the Titans) at Fike Stadium which Wilson called "Cyclone Country". Well the Titans have changed that name to "Titan Country", and rightfully so. The Titans have lost only two games this year and enter tonight's clash with a 7-2 ledger. Wilson drowned Rocky Mount's hopes when they lost to Goldsboro last week, 14-12.

Well, Wilson will encounter another tough game tonight and this time it will take place at Municipal Stadium or should we say "Gryphons Grounds" and rightfully so since Rocky Mount has compiled an 8-1 ledger and have stomped such teams at Rocky Mount with such scores as 21-12, 14-6, 33-0, 35-7, and what ever tonight's outcome will be will certainly go on the win column for Rocky Mount.

A lot of people are saying since Rocky Mount and Wilson both lost to Goldsboro that tonight's clash should be a close one. But most people are destined to believe that the final score will be in favor of Wilson, since Wilson only lost to Goldsboro by two points and Rocky Mount lost by 11. Well maybe some should read the sport's scores a little closer because the tides can turn the other way too. Wilson lost to Durham High School at Titan Country 6-3 while Rocky Mount

stomped Durham 31-14 at Durham.

So, tonight's clash will be important but most of all it will be played at home, not at Municipal Stadium but at "Gryphon Grounds" home of the Rocky Mount Gryphons football team and stomping grounds for the Gryph's.

RMSH Grapplers Expecting Tough '71 Season Ahead

The Rocky Mount Senior High wrestling team is expecting a fine campaign this year. The squad is under the direction of rookie mentor Phil Harris, who is also looking forward to the upcoming campaign.

After one year one the sport in our school, there will be a great amount of experience. Last year's squad had some fine prospects and they will all be returning to the mat. Last year's squad will have seniors Doug Braswell, Craig Williams, Rod Hoell, and junior Ronny Lee. Braswell and Lee are the only returning wrestlers to have won in the 1970 campaign. Some possible prospects to look forward to this year are junior Deacon Jones and senior Carson Robinson.

The team will miss greatly the services of division II champion Ricky Leonard. Leonard was the only beaten once in 14 matches and that was the Eastern 4-A Championship loss.

The wrestling season begins shortly and all students and interested people are urged to support the program.

SPORT LIGHTS

By MIKE RUFFIN

Well, tonight ends the 1970 campaign for the Gryphons and it hasn't been a bad one either. In fact, it has been one the most impressive this city has ever seen. The Gryphons enter tonight's skirmish with a 8-1 record and have only lost to Goldsboro. All of Rocky Mount's wins have been shattering defeats and the closest to Greenville by a score of 14-6. Rocky Mount's most shattering win was to Durham Hillside 35-7. This town has also read about such scores as 33-0, 21-12, 19-15 and 31-14.

So much about statistics and let's look at a more heart-breaking aspect of the game. Tonight 19 seniors play their final skirmish on Senior High turf. For many of these young men, it will be the last time they will step on a football field to win or put on their war-torn cleats and definitely will be the last time they will wear the school colors of blue-black and gold! These young men are like thousands of other high schools seniors who for fi-

nal time will be doing what they like most, playing football.

Our seniors are special because they are ours and because they have set a fine standard for our future grid-ders to follow. They have won! To these 19 young men we the students of RMSH pay final tribute. So when tonight's game is over, whether we win or lose, think how these young men will feel. They for some 9 odd years have been playing football and looking forward to playing football for a high school team. Tonight they will have a tear of regret for it will be over for most of them.

The GRYPHON newspaper staff pays tribute to these men and would like to wish them best of luck in future years. It would be fair for them to win tonight and to give some 6,000 people the happiness that they shared. Chuck Laught-ridge, John Vaughn, Taylor Beattie, Gray Capps, Craig Williams, Doug Braswell, Mike Ruffin, Pete Thompson, James Hargrove, Walt Sherrod, Carson Robinson, Dwight Battle, Mike McGee, Darnell Kimball, Wayne Mercer, Dennis Pittman, Andre Sparrow, Errol Warren, James Mitchell. To these 19 seniors we wish you luck and may God bless you all.

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