

RMSH Batmen Open Up The 16

Spring Sports Debut Coming Up

The Gryphons are but 11 days from their first game and have been rushing to meet and be ready for the opening game.

Rocky's Mount weak spot will be pitching as only one veteran ace, Charles Bell, is back this year. All other positions seem to look good with two or three boys fighting for the starting signal.

Hitting, which is always a question, will never have it's answer until the first of the game. Rocky Mount has some fine hitters in Sonny Wooten,

Mike Ruffin, Pete Thompson, Mike Hines, Mike Jacobs and Randy Warrick.

If pitching comes through for Rocky Mount this year, it could mean a championship for the Gryphons. Rocky Mount's strong competition will again be Kinston, last year's champs. Wilson seems to be the only team to offer Rocky Mount any competition, outside of Kinston.

Rocky Mount has some fine sophomores in Sonny Wooten, Randy Warrick, James Lewis and future ace Larry Daughtridge. Wooten is a probable

starter and Daughtridge will see a lot of mound duty before the season is out.

There are no definite starters yet due to good competition within the team members. By March 16, opening game with Enloe at home the Gryphs will be set. All you students support the Gryphons baseball team and all other spring sports.



Coaches Guion Davis and Walt Wiggins will guide the RMSH trackmen this year.

Baseball

★ Slate ★

March 16 . . . Enloe . . . Here
 March 19 . . . Enloe . . . There
 March 23 . . . Broughton . . . Here
 March 26 . . . Hoggard . . . There
 March 30 . . . Broughton . . . There
 April 8 . . . New Hanover . . . Here
 April 13 . . . Rose . . . Here*
 April 16 . . . New Bern . . . Away*
 April 17 . . . Northern Nash . . . Here
 April 20 . . . Fike . . . Away*
 April 23 . . . Kinston . . . Here*
 April 24 . . . Northern Nash . . . There
 April 27 . . . Goldsboro . . . Here*
 April 30 . . . Rose . . . There*
 May 4 . . . New Bern . . . Here*
 May 7 . . . Fike . . . Here*
 May 11 . . . Kinston . . . There*
 May 14 . . . Goldsboro . . . There*
 *--denotes conference games.

SPORT LIGHTS

By MIKE RUFFIN

Overall attendance at athletic events has been on the decline ever since football has ended. It has reduced sharply during basketball season.

With the arrival of spring sports on the scene students are encouraged to watch frequently the numerous sports of track, tennis, and baseball.

The track team this year is expecting to be ranked high in the state since they have a lot of veterans returning. This years tennis team is expecting to find competition rough but are hoping for an improved season.

The baseball team is expecting to be in contention for the state title this year with the help of 13 veterans from last year.

Hardy Sets Record

Lewis Hardy, a two year varsity forward here at senior high has set a scoring record with the most points in a varsity career. Hardy took the title away from Mitchell Wiggins, who is now playing for Livingston College in a starting role.

Not Too Long

Not long from now, many students will be roaming the shores of North Carolina. These students are the "Easters Holiday Brigade" which invades the beach once each year.

Within one month, these students will be once again migrating due to warm weather in hopes of a surfer's paradise or a lover's dream. I'll be there.

RMSH Thinclads Looking Forward To Good Year

This years track team has much potential but that potential must turn into performance for this team to be champions.

The Gryphon's track team has some of the finest runners in the state and could win if everybody would work and get a winning attitude. Thus far this season the attitude has been good and Rocky Mount seems to be once again thinking about possibilities of a state berth or even a championship.

The Gryphon's have some fine coaches in Guion Davis and Walt Wiggins. Davis seems to believe that his team has a good shot in the Division II standings but that their hopes may be blasted when they enter the sectionals and face a tough

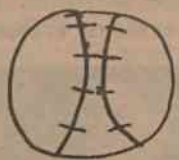
Fayetteville Smith High track team.

With Carlester and the crew from Wilson gone, the Rocky Mount's chances of a championship seem to be much better than they were last year. Wilson was Rocky Mount's toughest opponent last year and it was always a good meet to see these two teams go at it.

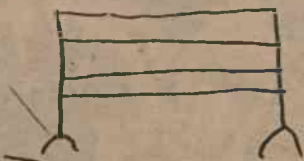
The thinclads of RMSH have some fine veterans returning and this experience encourages to exert full time to winning a championship. Dennis Jones is perhaps Rocky Mount's best performer along with Dwight "Tootie" Battle, Walt Sherrod, Tim Brinn, Gray Capps Wayne Mercer, James Ray Mitchell, and Deacon Jones.

Spring Sports Come

Baseball



Track



Tennis



Spring Sports Come

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real thing.
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Thanks Fans

In speaking for the Gryphons' basketball team, this newspaper would like to thank all the people for all the support on road and at home. We feel your students support has not only helped the team but in doing so you have helped one another in the field of black-white relations. So the GRYPHON newspaper would like to say thanks fans.

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