



JAMES RAY MITCHELL COMES IN FIRST IN GREENVILLE TRACK MEET.

Gryphons Second In Divisional

Wilson Drops Thinclads Twice

The Rocky Mount track team's hopes of going undefeated in 4-A competition were dashed on Monday, March 19, by the Wilson Fike Titans. The Titans, who narrowly edged the RMSH squad last year to take divisional honors, netted ten first place finishes.

Overall, however, the Gryphs have been pleased by their performances to date. They stand 6-2 in District 2 competition, having beaten Goldsboro on three separate occasions, as well as Kinston and the hapless New Bern bears.

In a triangular meet held the Rocky Mount track RMSH walloped Goldsboro and Kinston by a lopsided 85/53/21 score.

Dennis Jones was the star performer for the Gryphs at that meet, netting two wins in the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes and also running an excellent leg of the 880 relay. Walt Sherrod was narrowly edged out by Goldsboro's Myrick, but took the high hurdles as usual.

Deacon Jones took a third in the lows and a second spot in the highs. While the sprinters were having their fun, the field events were also giving RMSH an added margin of comfort. Behind the efforts of Thorne, Long, Capps, Mercer, Barnhill, Kimble, and Dantzler, the "heavies" of the squad pulled in 21 points. The distance men all enjoyed good performances, as Lanier and Johnson added 7 points to the tally. Steve Thomas took a second in the grueling two mile event, while Freddy Joyner edged closer to the five minute barrier with a 5:10.4. RMSH did not enjoy its usual superiority in the quarter-mile department and the lone point-getter was James Ray Mitchell.

Surprising Freddy Joyner turned in a 4:55 mile to take a third in that event, and Thomas pulled a second out of the fire with a blazing sprint finish to take the long-distance event.

Fike enjoyed a clear superiority in field events, but Dantzler, Battle, Mercer, and Capps still placed and added 5 points to the losing cause. Gary Knight and Mitchell both took places in the quarter mile run, and teamed up with Eric Lanier and Bill Daughtridge to run a second-best mile relay.

The Gryphs were looking for revenge last Thursday, but Wilson continued their 4 year reign over RMSH track squads with a 70 1/2 / 47 1/2 / 41 decision over the number two Gryphs and last place New Bern.

Dennis Jones ran for 10 points in the super springs and Sherrod once again trounced everyone as he gathered 10 in the barrier races. Sophomore Alvis Battle managed to place third in the broad jump, and Capps took a fourth in the shot. Surprising Jimbo Long earned 2 points with a discus toss of 116' 10 1/2". Lanier once again fell to Quinn. The half mile relay once again proved itself unbeatable, and it swept to a 20 yard win over New Bern. Fike's Smith, an outstanding cross-country runner for Fike this fall, took first in the mile, with Thomas behind.

Gryphon Netmen Sweep Four Straight Victories

Winning tennis is returning to RMSH this spring in a big way. Since the last edition of the newspaper, the Gryphon netmen have swept to 4 straight victories, three of them district wins, making them 6-3 in the regular season, and 3-0 in the district. The team is coached this season by Mr. George Ramey who was a tennis star at Atlantic Christian College.

Leading the netmen this year is senior Lewis Hardy, who has a record of 7-2, winning his last 4 matches. The number 2 position has been alternated between Woody Riddick (3-4), Mike Long (4-5), and Reid Rhodes (6-3). Filling out the starting line up are Frank Avent, Steven Bennett, and John Worsley.

Rocky Mount -5 Hoggard -4. Singles--Hardy (RM) d Priedemore (H) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; Riddick (RM) d Taylor 6-1, 6-3; Newton (H) d Long 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; Rhodes (RM) d Meshaw (H) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; Hayes (H) d Avent (RM) 6-2, 6-4; T. Priedemore (H) d Bennett 3-6,

7-5, 6-3; Doubles--Hayes-Taylor (H) d Riddick-Long (RM) 10-8; Hardy-Rhodes (RM) d Priedemore-Meshaw (H) 8-4; Lee-Worsley (RM) d Allen-O'Brien 8-3.

Rocky Mount-9 Greenville-0. Singles--Hardy (RM) d Winn (G) 6-0, 6-0; Riddick (RM) d Snyder (G) 6-0, 6-0; Long (RM) d Faser (G) 6-0, 6-0; Rhodes (RM) d James (G) 6-0, 6-2; Avent (RM) d Stevenson (G) 6-3, 6-2; Bennett (RM) d Lupton (G) 6-0, 6-1; Doubles--Worsley-Lee (RM) d Winn-Stevenson (G) 10-8; Weeks-Jones (RM) d Lupton-James (G) 8-2; Sumner-Lea (RM) d Snyder-Faser (G) 8-6.

Rocky Mount-5 New Bern-2. Singles--Hardy (RM) d Parham 6-0, 6-2; Rhodes (RM) d Hudson (NB) 6-3, 6-3; Long (RM) d Gassoway (NB) 6-4, 6-1; Avent (RM) d Skinner (NB) 6-8, 6-2, 6-3; Bennett (RM) d Hudson (NB) 6-0, 1-6, 6-3; Doubles--Hardy-Rhodes (RM) d Hudson-Parham (NB) 8-5; Gassoway-Baker (NB) d Jones-Lee (RM) 8-4.

SPORT LIGHTS

By ROBIN THORP

Everyone has heard of Joanie Weston the "Blond Amazon" roller Derby star, or of Billy Jean King, one of the top women tennis players in the world. For years, women have been competing with each other for titles, but not until recently have women started competing with men in sports. So you say that you haven't heard of any girls participating in boys sports activities--just look around, these girls aren't hard to find.

To begin with, the New York Regent's Board has passed a law that states that girls will be al-

lowed to participate in any sports with boys in which there is no physical contact. Two girls in New Jersey filed case in a district court because they claimed that their constitutional rights had been abridged by being denied a position on their school's tennis team. The fought the case and won. Now these girls play on their school tennis team. Another girl became the announcer of her college's basketball games. Last year a woman played on a football team in Florida. One woman helps coach a Midwestern school's swimming team.

Coming closer to home, in Fayetteville, two girls entered the soap box derby. Locally, some of the city schools have had girl score keepers. Last year, several of the Little League baseball teams were coached by women. Women participate in city tennis tournaments with men.

Like it or not boys, it's a fact that girls are becoming much more interested in sports. If they don't participate, at least they take the role of spectators. This form of women's lib has hit the Gryphon really hard. For this issue of the newspaper, Nancy Ward and I have taken the traditionally male job of being sports editors.

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