

Baseballers Lose Three One-Run Decisions

Gryphons End Hectic Season

Rocky Mount Senior High's baseball team ended its season with a win over Goldsboro after three conference losses by only one run apiece. The Gryphons ended their season with a 5-5 conference record and a 12-8 overall record. Rocky Mount's top hitter was Dennis Pittman who batted around .500 all year and Pete Thompson with .370. Rocky Mount also had Mike Ruffin with a .320, Sonny Wooten with a .350 and Randy Warrick with a .310 average. With all these boys hitting, it would seem that the hospital team would be de-

stined to go to the playoffs. Lose to Greenville

The Gryphons took a hard loss to Greenville High School by a score of 3-2. The game was played nine innings. Charles Bell took the loss for Rocky Mount and pitched all nine innings of the contest.

Leading hitters for Rocky Mount were Dennis Pittman and Sonny Wooten with two hits a piece.

Lose to Wilson

The Gryphons took their second one run loss by a score of 4-3 to Wilson. Pitcher Larry Daughtridge took the loss for Rocky Mount. Rocky Mount took a 1-0 lead but saw Wilson's Lindsey Etheridge knock a two run homer to go out on top.

Leading hitters for Rocky Mount were Pete Thompson and Mike Ruffin with two hits a piece.

Lose to Kinston

Rocky Mount again lost a one run decision by a score of 5-4 to the Kinston Vikings. Charles took the loss for Rocky Mount. Rocky Mount jumped out in front and took a 3-0 lead in the first inning but Kinston's big left fielder wal-

loped a 380 foot home run with one man on base to break a 2-2 tie.

Leading hitters for Rocky Mount were Pete Thompson, Sonny Wooten and Dennis Pittman with two hits each.

Knock Out Goldsboro

The Gryphons knocked Goldsboro out of the running and gave Kinston the division championship. The score was 4-2. Larry Daughtridge picked up the win for Rocky Mount. Rocky Mount was never in trouble until when Goldsboro scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Leading hitters for Rocky Mount were Dennis Pittman with 3 hits and Sonny Wooten with two hits.

★ Class Of '71 ★

Many fine senior athletes have played varsity sports here at RMSH. For many their careers will close here in the halls of Rocky Mount Senior High. There is nothing more heartbreaking than to end a career without a sincere thank you.

To these fine young men, the students honor and thank you for your outstanding dedication and diligent work. You have all represented our school well and have made sports in our school a more glorious affair.

You have not only represented our school well but by winning this year you have given and placed the thought in many young people's hearts, the desire to become a high school athlete. To you that should be the greatest reward of all.



Larry Daughtridge looks on as Howard McCollough tags out a would-be Goldsboro scorer.

Gryphon Netters Rejoice With Fine Record Posted

Despite a closing loss to Goldsboro, Coach Ramey's netmen ended their season on a winning note as they posted an overall record of 10-6 and a division record of 7-3. The divisional mark of 7-3 gave the netters a tie for second place with Wilson.

Twenty-two teams met in the Eastern Sectionals this year held in Wilson. Mike Long and Frank Avent were eliminated in the second round, and Steven Bennett held his ground until the third round. Woody Riddick and Reid Rhodes were beaten in the quarter finals of the Eastern Sectionals by the number two doubles team.

The team effort of the Gryphon netters was not one of disappointment. Goldsboro and New Hanover tied for first place while Wilson took second and Rocky Mount third.

Top seeded Lewis Hardy posted a fine season with an over-all record of 19-4. Hardy was the only Rocky Mount player to advance to the state sectionals, where he was eliminated in the quarter finals by John Lucas of Durham, Hillside 6-0, 6-0. Lucas is the number 1 player in the South and is number 13 in the nation. Hardy stated that he wasn't going down until he met the best. Lucas was the best.



Jimmy Long employs good form in discus throw against Wilson.

Thanks To Sports

On Thursday, May 13, the Good Sports of Rocky Mount Senior High gave to all athletes who have participated in sports this year a picnic. The club members also had numerous skits about the various sports. About fifty athletes showed up and all had a good time and good food and pretty girls to keep them company.

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