Grappler's Season Appears Hopeful

Hello Gryfans! It's Gryphon grappler time! Here's your friendly, kind, nice (and all that good stuff) sports reporter with a few syllables about wrestling.

Wrestling at Senior High involves 13 individual contests with wrestlers ranging from little Freddy Williams at the 98 pound division to Terry Leonard in the unlimited weight class. Terry Leonard is the heaviest wrestler at 215 pounds. Coaches Phil Harris and Stan Bastian have directed this year's team to one tie and a loss. Each individual contest consists of three 2 minutes periods. There are fourteen matches this year through Feb. 6 with the matches being held on Monday and Thursdays. In closing, Gry fans, we urge you to get out and support the wrestling team.

What does the average girl see when she goes to a basketball game? Determined, hard-working boys with an intense desire to No! Handsome, hewin? roic basketball players with cute "kneeform" and good bods. Yes these young ladies prance about socializing with no interest in the game whatsoever. A cute date and a new dress go much farther in this crowd than a high point



Cleveland Howard (30) goes up for two against Northern Nash last Friday night. His efforts were in vain as the Gryphs bowed 67-60.

Gryph's Smash Tarboro; Split Pair With Northern

The Gryphs have opened their 1971-1972 basketball season with a 3 and 1 record thus far.

The first victory came November 30 as the Gryphs powered over Tarboro with an impressive 88 to 46 winat Tarboro. The next victory didn't come so easy as RM managed only 72-70 victory over Northern Nash. It was a see-saw battle all the way with Cleveland Howard's free throws pulling it out at the end. The Gryphs handed Tarboro another trouncing December 7 as they marched to a 102 to 60 runaway win. This is the first time RM team has ever scored more than 100 points.

The Gryphons winning streak was cut short Friday, December 10 as the netters traveled to Northern Nash. The Knights handed the Gryphons a convincing 67-60 loss despite a bri-Iliant 28 point performance by Sophomore Phil Ford. Northern combined some hot shooting and good rebounding to emerge victories. This win places both teams in a tie for the informal Nash County title. The Gryphs must now settle down to the business of winning their conference crown. The Gryphons journey to New Bern Wednesday December 15 for action against the Bears.

"Trashketball, Anyone?"

In a school as large as Senior high varsity sports are highly publicized and supported. There are, however, sport events which happen every day and go unnoticed (at least by the teachers). Here are a couple of the more popular.

Trashketball is a local favorite. The object of the game is to place any lightweight, spherical object (usually a wad of paper) into a basket (trashcan). This may be done by any number of shots ranging from the good 'ole jump shot to the reliable "bank off the teacher's desk shot. Any number of players may participate as the only reward is a solid, hollow "kerplunk". Missing your basket usually results in picking up the "ball" and settlyin oor a simple 2 foot dunk shot. (girls can even ring this one) Technical fouls may be called by any faculty member and usually are in the form of a 1 hour detention notice!

OLD MAID. This game originated in the classroom but enjoys most of its popular lity in the school library. Up to four players may participate in this game as that is the size of a normal "study" (ha) group. Each player's "hand" consists of the material he has brought into the library to study. Each participant plays his hand (that is, he tells dirty jokes, he talks about his hot date this weekend, etc.) until he is caught with the OLD MAID. This happens when Mrs. Bailey's shifty eyes focus upon him and he is "playing his hand." It is through personal experience that I would advise the player at this time to use the oldest of tricks—the bluff. He should immediately pick up the nearest anything and commence real, live, genuine studying. (Make sure the book or whatever is right side up or else you've blown the whole thing) You know the bluff has worked when she resumes her work. You know the bluff hasn't worked when you find yourself back in the study hall later that period!

Cross-Country Season Ends In Disappointment

The RMSH cross - country team has completed their meets for this year. This season was a very disappointing one as out runners dropped their three meets. To Wilson twice and then one to South Edgecombe.

The Eastern sectionals were held at Durham October 29. There were over 30 schools participating with around 200 runners. Grimsley High School in Greensboro took first place.

A regular cross-country meet consists of 1 large race of 2 1/2 miles. Any team may place only 5 runners. The lower a runner places the higher the number of points, i.e., 1st place -1 point, 2nd place-2 points. The team with the lowest total points wins.

The Gryph's disappointing season may be attributed to a poor turnout. There were six guys that turned out. They were: Benjie Toler, Layne Dildy, Leon Robbins, Neil Nelson, Peter Tapia and James Cobb Students are encouraged to try out next year.

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