

Netters Defeat Rampants, Drop Match To Cougars

The Goldsboro tennis squad rapped the Gryphon netters 4-2 in a conference match. Both number one singles man Reid Rhodes and No. 2 Steve Bennett, fell to defeat. Tommy Dill and John Worsley were the only victorious Gryphs.

A shuffle of the lineup due to numerous challenging matches seemed to greatly increase the Gryphon netters' effectiveness as they destroyed to Rampant netters, 8-1, the only loss coming in the number three doubles match, where Proctor and Snyder defeated Lucas and Hutchisson, 8-5.

The score does not completely tell the whole story of the match, since both the number one singles and the number two doubles were very close.

Stephen Bennett, owner of his newly acquired number one seating, had difficulty getting past Al Winn, losing the first set 6-1, but he then came back in fine style, defeating Winn 6-3, 6-2.

A pleasant surprise came as Teele Rawls, playing at the number six singles spot, won his match over Bob Higgins in his debut as a singles player.

Coach George Ramey expressed pleasure with the team's victory, which moved them to a 3-2 record over-all and an unblemished conference record with their Greenville win.

The Scoring went as follows:
Singles:
Bennett (RM) def. Winn 1-6, 6-3, 6-2
Avent (RM) def. Sydner 6-2, 6-2
Rhodes (RM) def. Thompson

6-2, 6-3
Dill (RM) def. Walton 10-8, 6-0
Worsley (RM) Thurber 6-4, 6-2
Rawls (RM) def. Higgins 6-3, 6-0
Doubles:
Rhodes and Bennett (RM) def. Wooten and Thurber 8-2
Avent and Worsley (RM) def. Winn and Thompson 9-7
Proctor and Snyder (G) def. Lucas and Hutchisson 8-5.



Frank Avent, one of the mainstays of the Gryphon netters, in action.

SPORTS LIGHTS

By RAY BRINN

Looking for a change in the usual form of Sportlights, I went back and glanced through the old files of the BLACKBIRD, the GRYPHONS predecessor, to find out what was happening in the RMSH sporting world twenty years ago.

Pictured in the May 13, 1952 issue are the RMSH track and baseball teams. The track team, bare-chested and short-haired, are shown arm-over-arm in a "we got togetherness on this team" fashion. The diamondmen in the May 23, 1940 issue were showing off their skinned heads and baggy uniforms, typical of that era.

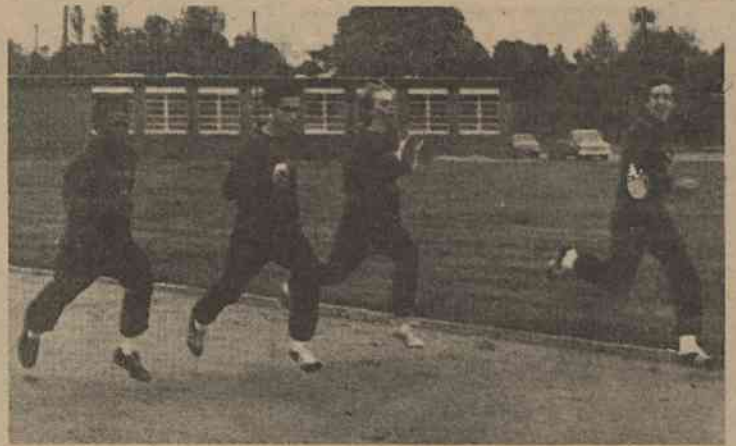
Leading Blackbird hitter was Budley Whitley, who after 10 games had a .480 batting average. Many students at RMSH remember Mr. Whitley more for being principle at Edwards Junior High.

In another of the 1952 issues, the Wilmington Wildcats put one on the Birds. Quoted from the issue:

"RMSH's Blackbird baseball team dropped their ninth game in ten starts to the Wilmington Wildcars in an Eastern AAA conference game last Thursday. Burt Grant, a right hander, pitched a five-hitter for the Cats. Sonny Jergenson knocked a 350 ft. home run along with a single to lead the hitting.

Jergenson, better known now as quarterback for the Washington Redskins, was then enjoying sporting game fame at Wilmington High School.

Well, that's the way it was way back then, and I hoped you've enjoyed reading RMSH history as much as I have enjoyed writing it.



Tracksters Mac Knight, Leon Robbins, Neil Nelson, and Keith Lanier sprint around the RMSH track following their third place finish to Wilson and Kinston. The Gryph thinclads fell only nine points behind Kinston, one of their best showings of the season.

Daughtridge's Two-Hitter Key Gryphon Victory

Behind the two-hit pitching of left-hander Larry Daughtridge the Gryphs pulled out a 2-0 victory over Goldsboro. The shutout win, led by a second inning surge, gave Rocky Mount the lead in Division Two.

With one out in the second, Larry Daughtridge singled to start things rolling. Earl Crumpler errored when Randy Wunderlich weakly hit a grounder to Crumpler, and in trying to throw Elton Madre out at second, threw the ball into the outfield. Howard McCullough then grounded into right for a single, and Madre rushed home when the right fielder couldn't field the ball. Randy Wunderlich scored when

James Lewis made a sacrifice bunt down third base line, thus giving Rocky Mount the winning two runs.

In the sixth inning, Goldsboro posed their biggest scare with tying runs on base. Ronnie got to first base when Daughtridge dropped Sonny Wooten's throw to him covering the bag. Narron struck out, and Weagley popped out to second. Alan Hollowell drew a walk, but the side was retired when Randy Warwick fielded a fly ball to left.

Both sides were retired in the seventh, and RM, with the help the New Bern Bears who defeated Wilson Flke, gained sole possession of first place in Division Two.

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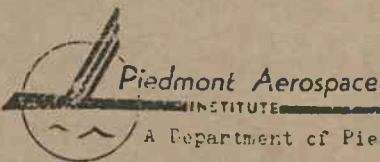
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