

**Sports Shorts**

Cool weather and football have long been synonymous. While most of the football games this fall have been played in what can be considered baseball weather, the RMSH fans have shown a remarkable amount of spirit. It's rather hard to yell enthusiastically when you are wondering just how effective Arid Extra Dry really is. But urged on by cheerleaders with boundless energy, the Gryphon supporters have shown that yes, there is such a thing as school spirit, and plenty abounds here at RMSH.

Speaking of spirit, a certain girl here at RMSH always tries to sit behind the goalposts at Gryphon football games. It's the only time, she explains, that she sees all those men running right at her.

At a recent SRA meeting, Donnie Harrellson reported that season tickets for Gryphon basketball games could not be sold because too many people were expected to attend the games. It would be too crowded to try to reserve seats. Ah, the woeful problems of being number one.

Doug Henly has a never say die attitude that should be admired. During the Greenville game, while dropping back for a pass, Doug slipped and fell to his knees. While down in this position, he completed a pass to William Edge. The mouths of the Greenville players dropped open in astonishment. Doug, your last-ditch attempt was admirable, but the rules say that once your knee touches the ground, the play is blown dead.

One morning John Thorpe came to school with a rather conspicuous mark on his cheek. When questioned as to how the mark came to be, John said that he didn't know, he just came home from football practice and there it was. Too many tackles will get to you after a while, John.

It's rather ironic that about the same time Billy Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs, the RMSH girl's tennis team was busy compiling a better record than last year's



GRYPHON OFFENSE IN ACTION

**Gryphons Defeat Hillside 18-0**

The Gryphons wasted little time in getting started as they took the opening kickoff and marched 70 yards in seven plays for the score. The running of Carlton Alston and P.D. Bartley moved the ball

down to the Hornet's eight yard line where Alston carried the ball over for the score. The PAT was wide. With 8:49 remaining in the first quarter, the Gryphons had a 6-0 lead.

The Hornets had the ball for only one play before the Gryphons intercepted their pass. But on the Gryphons next play the Hornets intercepted a Gryphon pass. The Hornets could not move the ball and were forced to punt.

The Gryphons moved 80 yards in 15 plays to score in their next drive. The clutch plays in this drive were Carlton Alston nine yard run and a 35 yard pass play from Sid McNeal to Roy Thomas. Alston took the ball over for the score with 11:55 remaining in the second period. The two point conversion attempt failed.

After an exchange of punts, Carlton Alston took a Hornet punt at his own 47 and

behind good blocking returned the ball all the way for his third touchdown. The two point conversion attempt failed.

The Hornets mounted a drive in the final moments of the half, but the Gryphon defense kept the Hornets out of the end zone.

The Gryphons mounted a pair of scoring threats in the second half but were unable to punch it over. The Gryphons defense played an excellent second half keeping the Hornets bottled up deep in their own territory.

The final score as the Gryphons won their third game in a row was Rocky Mount Gryphons 18, Durham Hillside 0.

**Next Issue**

In the next issue of the Gryphon the sport department will bring the students up to date with the conference games against Elizabeth City, Northern Nash and Wilson Fike. These three games will play a very important role for the Gryphons in their bid for the Division I title. Elizabeth City is one of the new teams in Division I. Rocky Mount will play host to Elizabeth City. There will be two differences this year when Rocky Mount plays Northern Nash. The first time in the history of the two schools the game will be played at Northern Nash. The second difference this year is that now it isn't just the rivalry between the schools but now Northern Nash is in Division I. The last game of the season will be played against an always tough Wilson Fike team. This game is a great one to wind up the regular season with. It promises to be another one of those Rocky Mount Wilson football games. This all important conference game will be played in Rocky Mount. Get out and support the Gryphons in their drive for the conference crown.

The sports department will also take a look at the RMSH basketball team

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