

# Baby Gryphs Defeat Ramparts

Rocky Mount junior varsity won their third game in six outings as the Gryphons zapped the Greenville Rose Ramparts by the score of 15-0. The win brought the Jayvees record to 3 wins 2 losses and 1 tie.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Baby Gryphs began to move. Rocky Mount recovered a Greenville fumble to stop a Baby Ramparts drive and started a drive of their own. The Gryphs took the ball on their own 36 and put together a 64 yard scoring drive in five plays. Ronald Martin put the Gryphons on top with a one yard pass to Willie Williams. Martin also connected with Williams for the two-point conversion. The touchdown made the score 8-0. The score was the same at half-time.

Both defenses did an outstanding job in the third quarter as both offenses were stymied.

In the fourth quarter the Gryphons put another touchdown on the scoreboard. Rocky Mount drove 77 yards in nine plays for the touchdown. Walter Ricks the touchdown on 22 yard run. Robert Thompson kicked the extra point making the final score Rocky Mount-15, Greenville-0.

### RM VS. HILLSIDE

The Rocky Mount Senior High junior varsity got back on the winning track during the fifth game of the season. The victory was at the expense of the Durham Hillside Jayvees. The final score was 8-6. The win made the Baby Gryphs record 2-2-1.

Rocky Mount scored their only touchdown in the first quarter. The Gryphons scored the touchdown on a 30 yard drive in five plays with Ronald Martin carrying three times for 21 yards. Martin capped the drive with a five yard run. Then he passed to Ben Curran for the two-point conversion. The touchdown made the score 8-0.

The rest of the first half was a defensive battle. Neither team could generate much offense for the remainder of the half.

Hillside was held scoreless for two quarters by the great Baby Gryph defense. The Baby Hornets scored their only touchdown in the third quarter. Steve Barnett picked off a Martin pass and returned it 56 yards to paydirt. The run for the two-point conversion was no good.

### RM VS. BROUGHTON

The Rocky Mount Baby Gryphons dropped their second straight contest after winning their season opener. The Jayvees were stopped by Broughton 16-12. The game was a tough loss for Rocky Mount.

The first quarter was a defensive battle. Neither team could move the ball steadily. The first score came in the second period when Broughton put together a 70 yard drive. The Gryphons had a 15 yard penalty against them. The Caps then scored on a 41 yard pass from Jim Rowe to Ken Clarke. Ken Braswell ran for the two-point conversion putting Broughton ahead 8-0.

Broughton scored again in the third quarter. The touchdown was set up by a pass interception. Rowe scored the touchdown on a one yard run. Braswell again ran for the two-point conversion making the score 16-0.

The Baby Gryphs finally got some offense generated in the third quarter. They cut the score to 16-6 when Nelson Phillips scored from nine yards out. The score was set up by a 27 yard pass play from Ronald Martin to Walter Ricks. The two-point conversion failed.

The final Rocky Mount score was set up by a pass interference call. Martin scored the touchdown on a seven yard run. Again the two-point conversion failed making the final score 16-12.

### RM VS. DURHAM

The Rocky Mount junior varsity tied Durham Senior High's Jayvees when Ronald Martin took the ball in from the one. He scored with 20 seconds remaining in the game. The final score was 20-20. This made the Baby Gryphs record 1-2-1.

It was a wild finish for the Baby Gryphs. They fell behind 20-14 with 1:34 remaining in the game. Durham took the lead with a pass from Greg Watson to Charles Nelson. They hooked up for the two-point conversion.

The Gryphons then took the kickoff and drove 70 yards to score. The key play of the drive was a 26 yard pass from Ronald Martin to Jerry Felton. The pass set up the tying score. The Baby Gryphs had a chance to win the game but the extra point attempt failed.

The Bulldogs took a 6-0 halftime lead when Watson made a two yard run. The score came with 1:08 remaining in the first half.

Both teams scored in the third quarter. Durham scored on a two yard run by Watson. The Gryphs scored twice in the third quarter. The first score came on a three yard run by Martin. The second score came on a five yard run by Herman Bullock.



The cross country team pictured left to right are: (First row) Keith Lanier, James Scott, William Gray, and Lee Toler. (Second row) Coach Stan Bastain, Greg Johnson, Stuart Joyner, and Greg Dawes.

## SPORTSLIGHTS

by Sara Jane Collier

"Lee, I'm doing a column on cross-country for the school paper," I said. "We want to give some recognition to the team."

"Way to go," said Lee Toler, one of the "iron men" for the RMSH Cross-Country team. "Ask me anything. I can't believe that someone is going to write about us."

"Well, first things first. Why is cross-country the least publicized of all sports at RMSH?"

Lee sighed. "Very few people even know what cross-country is."

For those who don't know, cross-country is a sport that originated in England. The charm of this race lies in the fact that the runners get away, for at least one season in the year, from the monotony of running around a track. The cross-country courses are routed out in the country over hills, grass, roads, or anything else that gets in the way.

The cross-country meet consists of any number of teams. There are usually 10-15 boys on a team. Points are

awarded on the basis of finish. The runner who comes in first is granted one point, the runner in second two points, and this continues in succession. After all the contestants have finished the race, the points are added up. The team with the fewest points wins.

The cross-country course is usually two to three miles long. The terrain is rough and challenging. Cross-country meets are never called off because of weather; they are run regardless of prevailing weather conditions. For these reasons, physical fitness alone does not win a race; a runner must be in good mental condition. In cross-country, mental fatigue comes before physical fatigue.

Why do these boys willingly subject themselves to such hardships? Why run cross-country: I posed this question to Keith Lanier.

"Ha, ha," he laughed. "A lot of people ask me that. Sometimes I ask myself that. Well, cross-country is the perfect conditioner for spring track. It builds up wind and stamina, strengthens the legs, and helps to develop a good stride."

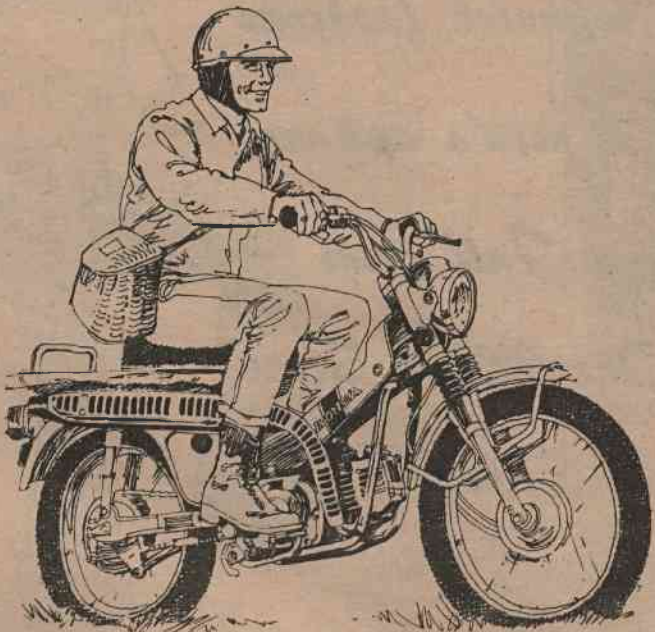
When asked the same question, Greg Dawes responded, "I run cross-country to get in shape for wrestling. It's a lot of fun also."

Greg Johnson, one who likes to be different, said that he used cross-country to get in shape for basketball.

Whatever the reason for running cross-country, the ten boys of the RMSH squad - Lee Toler, Keith Lanier, William Gray, Stewart Joyner, James Scott, Vincent Chairs, Greg Dawes, and Greg Johnson - have one thing in common; they all enjoy running. All of them also feel that their days of running cross-country are numbered. The Sports Department would like to drop cross-country. The reason given is that it doesn't bring any money into the school. Maybe it doesn't, but cross-country pays for itself in that it gets our boys in peak condition for other Sports. Cross-country makes a valuable contribution to our school, and in this writer's opinion it should be continued.

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