

SPORTS SHORTS

Quote of the Month:

"Defeat is worse than death because you have to live with defeat."

-Bill Musselman

Richard Hicks, head coach of the mighty RMSH Basketball team, has been chosen to coach the East team of the East-West All-Star game. Congratulations go to Coach Hicks who is certainly worthy of so high an honor.

The Defense Is the Name of the Game Award: Wilt Chamberlin after watching Jerry West score 32 points against rookie Ernie DiGregorio said, "That kid gets a mint of money and he can't even guard his own underwear."

We'd like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Davis for his excellent announcing at the Gryphon basketball games. It's nice to hear who scored that basket or how many points such a player has scored - it settles a lot of disputes in the bleachers.

The RMSH girl's team practices directly before the varsity, and, needless to say, some of the guys don't like the thought of having to wait for the girls to finish. They used to sit in the bleachers and watch the girls practice, but Coach Hicks won't let them anymore. He probably doesn't want them to pick up any bad habits.

We are very sorry to hear that Doug Jeffcoat is moving. Doug was a manager of the Varsity football and basketball teams. He is a hard-working young man who has served our teams well.

The Wish I Had Said that Department

"He doesn't make the same mistake twice. He makes so many he doesn't have time."

The "You Think You've Got Problems Award" goes to Bill Russell, coach of the Seattle Supersonics. When asked about the problems of his team, Russell said, "Offense, defense, and TEAMWORK. Other than that, we're in good shape."

The Is It True That... Department:

Is it true that....

Greg Dawes wrestles in slow motion?

Donald Farmer goes to the beauty parlor before each wrestling match?

Cecil Dunbar, 98 pound wrestler, eats health foods so he will be big and strong like Coach Bastain?

Personal to Joe Jones...

Wait till next issue.



The 1973-74 Jayvee Basketball Team (Photo by Kent Murray)

Varsity Wins Conference Opener

RM vs Wilson

In the first conference action of the season, Rocky Mount defeated arch rival Wilson Fike 85-84 in a real barn-burner. The come from behind victory broke a three game losing streak. The win improved the Gryphon record to 8-5 overall and 1-0 in the conference (where it counts!)

The Gryphons were paced by Phil Ford with 43 points and Boo Boo Alston with 21 points. Micheal Parks and Thomas Blue led the Fike attack with 24 and 21 points respectively.

RM vs Sanderson

Bouncing back from a loss to Goldsboro, the Gryphons topped the visiting Spartans

from Raleigh Sanderson 104-91. The win boosted the Gryphs record to 3-1. Sanderson dropped its fourth straight game without a win.

The Gryphons were led by Lancaster with 34 and Ford with 31. Dirk Ewing led the Spartans with 24 points.

RM vs Durham

Rocky Mount placed six players in double figures as they defeated the Durham Bulldogs. The Gryphs bombed the Bulldogs by posting a 101-83 victory. It was the fourth win with only one loss for RMSH.

Leading the fabulous Gryphon attack were Phil Ford with 22 points and Boo Alston with 16. Durham

placed three men in double figures - Alford scored 29, Roberts scored 18 and Watson had 16.

RM vs Goldsboro

The RMSH Gryphons were denied revenge when they traveled to Goldsboro. The Cougars won the game from the charity stripe, hitting 21 of 32 as the Gryphs only had 18 trips to the foul line converting 14 of them. The loss was the second for the Gryphons who have won four.

Phil Ford led the Gryphs with 34 points. Jeff Collins chipped in 12. The Cougars were led by Ben Uzzell with 31 and Mike Edwards added 25.

RM vs Millbrook

RMSH routed the Millbrook Wildcats 80-63 in the opening round of the second annual Times Holiday Festival in Raleigh. The Gryphs battled valiantly to come from behind to record their sixth victory against two defeats.

Phil Ford and Thomas Lancaster led the Gryphs with 26 and 20 points respectively. Ronald Bledsoe led the Wildcats with 18 points.

RM vs Broughton

RMSH won its semi-final game against Raleigh Broughton 71 - 67 in the Holiday Festival. The victory pushed the Gryphon's record to 7-2. The victory was not easy to come by, but the mighty Gryphs managed to pull it out.

Ford led the RMSH attack with 27 points, a festival record. Perry scored 29 points for Broughton in a losing cause. Greene added 10 points.

RM vs Kinston

The Gryphons lost their third contest of the season as they were upended by the Kinston Vikings. The loss prevented the Gryphs from winning the Holiday Festival for the second year in a row.

Phil Ford led the Gryphs with 26 points. Thomas Lancaster added 15. King and Long led the Kinston attack with 22 and 19 points respectively.

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