



Practice makes perfect (Photo by Murray)

## New Sport Hits College Campuses

Well, the new fad around the country is "streaking" and the Sports Department just had to say something about it. After all, can't streaking be considered a sport? One has to be "in shape" to streak, and it certainly requires alot of courage. So what could be more appropriate than a feature on streaking on the sports page?

In case you haven't heard, streaking has hit the sports world. At a collegiate baseball game in Alabama, a pitcher was working on a no-hitter, when, rather suddenly, a streaker dashed onto the field and ran around the bases. The streaker shook hands with the astonished second baseman, shortstop, and third baseman, then streaked out to left field and jumped over the fence. This so unnerved the poor pitcher the next pitch he threw was hit for a double. There went the no-hitter.

A RMSH pitcher said that if it had happened to him, he would have walked off the mound. He also stated that it would definitely upset his pitching. So streakers, please stay away from Gryphon games at Municipal Stadium. State Championships are hard enough to come by; we don't need any bare-bottomed thrill seekers upsetting our players.

So, it seems that streaking, whether in stadiums or across parking lots, is here to stay for a while. And we are sure it will soon become the number one spectator sport in America.

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## SPORTS SHORTS

Spring has sprung, and what does this mean? For sports fans it means headaches. Professional basketball championships are underway, pro hockey play-offs continue, major league baseball is starting, golf tournaments are in full swing (that's a pun, son)- and the list goes on. On the high school level here at RMSH things are just as busy. March marks the start of tennis, baseball, track, and softball for the year. So students, you've got a wide variety of sports to choose from. Get out and support the sport of your choice.

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Mrs. Williams, American Literature teacher, should be pleased. There is a guy playing minor league baseball whose name is Hawthorne Nathaniel Wingo. There's another fellow who plays semi-pro basketball in New York whose name is Emerson Ralph Waldo. Now that's class.

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Some people stereo-type athletes as a rather intellectually inferior group. This may be disputed by the example of Wilt Chamberlin. Wilt speaks French, German and Italian fluently, and understands Spanish and Persian very well. That's all well and good, Wilt. It must be nice to cuss out the officials in a language they can't understand.

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We never did answer the question "Is chess a sport?" Keep those cards and letters coming.

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Keeping up with the major-league professional teams that are dribbling, skating, kicking, running and jumping across the country these days can drive a true sports fan crazy. Do you realize that there are 106 professional Hockey, Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Soccer teams across the U. S.? This does not include the new World Football League or the numerous minor-league teams. As Marvin Dancey says, "There IS a future in sports."

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Question? Why is a baseball like a cold?  
Answer: Both are easy to catch.

## SPORTSLIGHTS

by Bill Matthews

Well, it's spring again and time for the Gryphons to start trying to win another 4-A State Championship. It's not going to be easy, as five key players were lost off of last year's championship team. But on the bright side for Coach Jerry Carter is the fact that there are fourteen returnees off the same team, and their experience will help the Gryphons very much.

In the practices I have viewed, the players have shown a lot of hustle and desire. The bats are starting to swing again in good form and their fielding looks very good.

The infield will be excellent. Phil Ford will be back playing shortstop. He has good range and speed. Ford was also one of the top hitters on last year's team. Tommy Warrick, another outstanding senior player will be playing second base. Tommy is a good fielding second baseman and can hit with power. He led the team in runs batted in last year. Tommy Crocker, who played an outstanding outfield last year, will be holding down third base. Crocker has a good arm and is also a good hitter. In the backstop position will be Hilton Sykes. Hilton has a good arm and can hit with authority. Senior Jeff Collins will get the nod at first base. Collins shows good range and will hold down the position

quite well.

The outfield will be anchored by senior Burton Robinson in center field. Burton provides the team's long ball threat. Marvin Dancey will be playing left field this year. Dancey has good speed and plays outstanding defense. The other outfield position is up for grabs. Doug Griffin is the most likely candidate for the job, however.

The pitching staff should be one of the best in the conference. Doug Henley, Greg Procter, and Doug Griffin are probably starters. Henley has good speed and exceptional control as he showed last year. Procter, another fine pitcher has good control and mixes his pitches well. Griffin has great potential. He has great speed and knows the strike zone.

A big factor on any team is depth. Carter does not need to worry about that. If a starter should get hurt, he has a good squad of substitutes capable of coming in and doing an excellent job.

This team will make a great show in the conference. But last year's State Championship is now history, and to win another one the team needs the support of all the students at RMSH. Get out and support the Gryphons. It promises to be a great year.

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