



Defense zeros in on runner.

(Photo by Killebrew)

Gryphs Stand 4-4 Overall

The RMSH Gryphons are now 1-1 in conference play and 4-4 overall. "The Gryphs have come along way from the first of the season," said Coach Walt Wiggins. "Inexperience and injuries have hurt us." Coach Wiggins looks for a good game against Northern Nash. Northern is highly experienced and strong. They are quick and play good defense. Northern was ranked fifth in preseason polls of 4-A schools.

RM vs Broughton

"We played a good football game against Broughton," said Wiggins. "It was the turning point of the season." The Gryphs did play great against Broughton as they nipped the Caps 13-12. RMSH scored on passes from Doug Henley to

Preston Jones and Earl Lawrence. The Gryphons had 230 total yards to 195 yards for the Caps. Chris Holoman and Jarvis Moore played great in the Gryphon win.

RM vs Durham

RMSH pushed their record to 3-2 by trouncing Durham 27-13. The Bulldogs could manage only 132 total yards. The Gryphs had 195 yards in the game. William Battle rushed for 90 yards. Bo MacDiarmid and Ronnie King were Gryphons of the week. Coach Wiggins said, "It was the best defensive effort of the season."

RM vs Hillside

The RMSH Gryphons lost to a powerful Durham Hillside team 28-7. The Hornets out-gained the

Gryphons 313 to 279. Doug Henley passed for 102 yards. The Hornets were relentless in their assault on the Gryphon defense. Coach Wiggins stated that the Gryphs didn't get the opportunities to score.

"Hillside has the best football team we have faced this season," Wiggins said. Greg Gunter and Marvin Dancy were standouts for the Gryphs in the game.

RM vs Rose

The Rampants came to Rocky Mount and spoiled Homecoming by defeating RMSH 14-0. Coach Wiggins said that the Gryphs didn't capitalize on Rose's mistakes. "The defense played great," said Wiggins. "The offense could not move the ball." The Gryphons of the week were Richard Lea and Preston Jones.

RM vs Northeastern

The RMSH Gryphons defeated Northeastern 7-6 to even their conference state at 1-1. Sid McNeal started a quarterback for the Gryphons. He scored the only RMSH TD. The Gryphs compiled 198 yards total offense. The Eagles had 147 yards in the game. "It was a great team effort," Wiggins said. "It was the first complete game played by the offense and defense." Bryant Aldridge and Sid McNeal played an excellent game against Northeastern.

Gymnasts Practice Hard

Here at Rocky Mount Senior High, a group of girls sometimes goes unrecognized. They devote much of their time and energy in and outside of school to our Gymnastics Team. Mrs. Betty Pryor is the girls' head coach, and Vickie Taylor is captain of the team. Other members are: Julie Smith, co-captain, Ann Ramsey, secretary, Phyllis Keys, Deborah Ramsey and Valerie Bieber.

Gymnastics is an art, not just some hobby that these girls

engage in. It is a sport just as football or basketball. In football it is very necessary to be in top fit shape. Well, the same applies to Gymnastics. It is nowhere as simple as doing a somersault on a mattress, even though when the "experts" do it, it may look that way.

During the school year be on the lookout for these fine gym stars. They perform at half-time during some of the basketball games, and second semester they will present their talents in their own assembly.

SPORTSLIGHTS

By Sara Jane Collier

Once upon a time in a land not far from here there lived a knight. This knight made his home out in the country. One day this knight met a titan, and as soon as he saw this titan a brainstorm rained upon his head. "I'm tired of hunting for game," he told the titan. "Why don't you and I make the others bring it to us?"

"How will we do that?" asked the titan.

"We'll tell everyone that we will have a football game and we will be playing for the conference crown," said the knight. "Now everyone will want to see us play and they will have to bring a killed animal for our dinner in order to get in. Thus we will have our dinner and won't have to get it ourselves."

The titan, however, was quite a Doubting Titan. "People won't pay good food to come and watch us play," he said.

"Come now," said the knight. "All you have to do is go around and tell everyone that you will win because I am just a worthless patootie. And I'll tell everyone that I will win because you're a worthless patootie, and everyone will get excited and come to see the fight." So the knight hired a good P.R. man and told all the newspapers that he would win, and the titan did the same.

The day of the fight arrived, and the knight and the titan

were hungry for they had not gone hunting and therefore had no food. They licked their chops at the thought of all the food they would soon have to eat. But alas, no one showed up for the game for everyone figured that a game between two worthless patooties would be dull.

"It's all your fault," said the knight.

"No, it was your idea," said the titan.

The two got into a vicious fight, and were so busy clawing at each other that they did not notice that some gryphons were slowly creeping up behind them. The gryphons easily defeated the knight and the titan, and walked away smiling, for they carried the conference championship trophy upon their shoulders. Moral: Gryphons are what it is.



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