

# RM Defeats Tarboro 83-67

**RM vs Tarboro**  
The 1974-75 edition of the RMSH basketball team took to the hard wood against Tarboro in the first game of the season. The result an 83-67 victory for

the Gryphons. Tarboro had a height advantage, but it didn't matter. The Vikings weren't going to give up without a fight. The Gryphs lead was 39-31 at intermission, but Tarboro cut

the lead to 53-51 after 3 periods. RMSH had four men in double figures — Gerry Felton with 28, Jarvis Moore had 21, Charles Lewis had 10 and Ken Bulluck with 10. Duane Hessey had 24 points for the losers.



**JOHNSON MOVES IN** — Don Johnson plays aggressive defense as the Gryphs defeat Tarboro 76-74. (Photo by Murray)

**RM vs Goldsboro**  
All-American Ben Uzzell scored 34 points for Goldsboro, but it wasn't enough as the RMSH Gryphons pulled out a 58-55 victory. The upset victory was the second for the Gryphs against no losses. It was a tough game from start to finish as the score shows. The Gryphs led 25-22 at half. Rocky Mount placed 2 men in double figures — Charles Lewis with 28 and Gerry Felton had 13.

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Don Johnson sank 2 free throws with 3 seconds to go in the second overtime to give RMSH a 76-74 win. Down 14 points in the 4th quarter the Gryphons fought back to tie the game at 64-64. Ken Bulluck and Johnson came on in the fourth period and sparked the Gryphs to victory. Tarboro led 30-21 at halftime. Ken Bulluck led the Gryphs with 17 points followed by Wayne Alston with 13. Al Forrest had 18 for Taboro.



**UP FOR GRABS** — Gerry Felton out leaps Tarboro defender. (Photo by Murray)

## Gryph Origin Explained

In the fall of 1969, there were no longer Blackbirds at Senior High nor Lions at Booker T. Washington, as a new Rocky Mount Senior High was formed. As a result of the merger of these two schools, the Gryphon became the Blackbird and the Lion of the new Senior High.

In order to derive at this new mascot and new school colors of

blue-black and gold, the Student Involvement Committee, which was composed of students of both schools and representatives of the ninth grades of Edwards, Parker, and R.M. Wilson, met after school during this successful merger. After a careful consideration of mascots, they settled on the Gryphon, a mythical Greek animal that is half bird and half lion, combining the speed and agility of the eagle and the fierce power of the lion. The colors of blue-black and gold were contrived from the blue and gold colors of Booker T. and the black and gold colors of Senior High, thus making the two schools one.

## SPORTSLIGHTS

By Bill Matthews

Tread, tread, spin, spin, spin, stand up legs back, stand up legs back. If you don't know what this means, just ask a wrestler. He could tell you. These instructions can be heard during wrestling season as the RMSH wrestlers get ready for upcoming matches. The RMSH wrestling program has made great strides from when the sport was started about four years ago.

There have been some fine teams in the past. This team should be no exception. Coach Stan Bastian has worked his players hard in practice so the team will be ready for the season. There are six grapplers returning from last year's team Mike Avent, McCarge Clark, Greg Dawes, Billy Odom, Mack Wiggins, and Bill Wilson. With these men back the Gryphons are in easy grasp of the conference title.

It takes much hard work to be a wrestler. The first thing is that a wrestler has to be in shape. A wrestler might have to go the full time of a match, and that takes a lot of stamina. Another fact that is important to a grappler is his weight. If a wrestler is over weight he has to get his weight down any way possible. If he doesn't weigh enough he starts eating everything in sight.

One of the most distressing things to a wrestler is when he puts on a great performance and there are only a handful of

people there to see it. That's **DISTRESSING**. The student body at RMSH doesn't give their support to the wrestling team as it does to the football and basketball teams. It is high time the wrestling team should get the support it deserves from the students.

This is how the starters shape up:

CLASS	NAME
98	Billy Batts
105	Larry High
112	Bob Horn
119	Steve Daughtridge
126	Mike Avent
132	Greg Dawes
138	Billy Odom
145	Gerrell Wiggins
167	Ronnie King
185	Bill Wilson
192	Mack Wiggins
Unlimited	Joey Robbins

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 20	Hillside	Here
Jan. 4	Sanderson	Here
Jan. 7	Durham	Here
Jan. 10	Hillside	There
Jan. 14	Rose	There*
Jan. 17	Northeastern	Here*
Jan. 21	Bertie	There*
Jan. 24	Northern Nash	There*
Jan. 25	Sanderson	There
Jan. 28	Fike	Here*
Jan. 31	Rose	Here*
Feb. 4	Northeastern	There*
Feb. 7	Bertie	Here*
Feb. 11	Northern Nash	Here*
Feb. 13	Fike	There*

\*Denotes conference game

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## Teen Employment

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It is surprising, but even the new businesses are cutting back employees. Vicki Tanner, who worked for Tastee Donuts, said, "No wonder I got laid off. The man had too many employees for that little place."

Even MacDonald's is feeling the pressure. Pat Foreman, who is currently an employee said, "I may have to quit, I haven't worked for two weeks, and my name is not on the chart for next week. I may quit — if I don't get laid off."

The only hope for Senior High students seeking employment is the opening of the new mall in March.

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