

Undefeated At 5-0

Carter's Machine Begins New Year

For the Gryphon Baseball Team, Spring has brought a sweet-smelling 5-0 record. The Gryphs first victory, 6-2, came in over Raleigh's Enloe as starter Steve Partin and reliever Buddy Luper combined for a superb pitching performance.

Rocy Mount's first runs came in the first inning as clean-up man, Phil Braswell, knocked a single up the middle driving in Ricky Smith and Larry Joyner. From then on, the victory was a piece of cake as the Gryphs tallied four more runs to Enloe's two.

In the Gryph's second game against the Jackets of Roanoke Rapids, mother nature was the domineering force. Freezing temperatures and unremitting winds played havoc with both teams, especially the fielders on high pop flies.

The Gryphons scored the majority of their runs in the beginning of the game by scoring two runs in each of the first two innings. From then on, the main concern of the team was to stymie any rallies staged by the Jackets. This was done with relative ease and resulted in a 4-3 score in the top of the sixth in favor of the Gryphs.

Ronald Kearney was on third base as a courtesy runner for pitcher Lindon Willis. Mike Matthews was sent in as a pinch hitter to make his first appearance as a varsity player. However, Matthews was not to

be denied as he coolly drove a hit into left field to score Kearney and ice the game's final score, 5-4.

In the Gryph's third game, they simply overpowered Raleigh's Enloe for the second time this year, 8-3. Gryphon slugger Larry Joyner probably captured the laurels for the game with a towering bases-empty home run in the top of the third. However, unheralded star catcher Mike Upchurch and consistent pitchers Steve Partin and Buddy Luper do deserve some laudable praise.

Rocky Mount won its fourth straight game, 7-1, this time victimizing Roanoke Rapids. Perhaps this game was best summed up by Roanoke Rapids' Coach, Bobby Carter, (who is no relation to THE Coach Carter). "Rocky Mount has a real fine ball club. We made a lot of mental mistakes out there that hurt us, but Rocky Mount had something to do with that."

The Gryph's claimed their first conference victory, 13-0, over Northeastern as they played a flawless game against a hapless Eagle squad. Two players on the Gryphon team were cited by Coach Carter for their sparkling play: Steve Partin for a fierce one-hitter and Gary Ward for tremendous defensive play.



ROBERSON SWINGS — Second baseman Randy Roberson shows that he can hit as well as play the field. (Photo by F. Woodley)

Track Season Opens

The Gryphons opened the track season with a 102-34 defeat at the hands of Greenville Rose. Ricky Lewis captured two first places for Rocky Mount with wins in the 120 high hurdles and the 180 low hurdles, while Gerald Wiggins and Jeff Jones each picked up one win. The results of the meet were:

- 120 High Hurdles — Lewis (RM) 15.8, Trevathan (GR)
- 100 Yard Dash — Joyner (GR) 9.9, Williams (GR)
- Mile Run — Legger (GR) 4.58.4, McNeil (RM)
- 880 Relay — Greenville Rose 1.38.5
- 440 Yard Dash — Dyer (GR) 54.2, Jones (GR)
- 180 Low Hurdles — Lewis (RM) 22.3, Trevathan (GR)
- 880 Yard Run — Wiggins (RM) 2.11.5, Evans (GR)
- 220 Yard Dash — Johner (GR) 22.8, Jones (RM)
- 2 Mile Run — Jones (RM) 10.55.9, Smith (GR)
- Mile Relay — Greenville Rose 3.42.8

- High Jump — Pair (GR) 6-2, White (GR)
- Shotput — Paschall (GR) 48-½, Goddall (GR)
- Discus — Paschall (GR) 144-7, Robbins (RM)
- Long Jump — McLawhorn (GR) 19-8, White (GR)
- Triple Jump — McLawhorn (GR) 40-1, Joyner (GR)
- Pole Vault, Greenville Rose 7-0

In their second meet of the season, Rocky Mount fell to conference foes Northeastern 113-23. Joey Robbins captured first place in the discus throw while Jeff Jones again picked up a win in the two mile run, and Ricky Lewis picked up his second win in the 120 high hurdles. The results of the meet were:

- 120 High Hurdles — Lewis (RM) 14.8, Barley (N)
- 100 Yard Dash — tie (N) 10.1, Sylvester (N)
- Mile Run — Pool (N) 5.05, Godfrey (N)
- 880 Relay — Northeastern 1.33.4

- 440 Yard Dash — McPherson (N) 52.2, Jones (N)
- 180 Low Hurdles — Bailey (N) 20.9, Beasley (N)
- 880 Yard Run — Carter (N) 2.07.5, Hewatt (N)
- 220 Yard Dash — Mummert (N) 22.8, Williams (N)
- 2 Mile Run — Jones (RM) 10.52.5, Pailen (N)
- Mile Relay — Northeastern
- High Jump — Lewis (RM), Lupton (N) 5-8
- Shotput — Meads (N) 46-4, Babcock (N)
- Discus — Robbins (RM) 124-2, M. Wiggins (RM)
- Long Jump — Williams (N) 19-8½, Sylvester (N)
- Triple Jump — Williams (N) 44-4, Sylvester (N)
- Pole Vault — Kackler (N) 9-5, Lacy (N)

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