



**DEE RICH ATTEMPTS FIRST** — Dee Rich attempts to beat the throw to first in recent action.

## Gryphon Jayvees Sweep Seven Games From Foes

### RM vs. Eastern Wayne

The Gryphs swept a double-header from Eastern Wayne. In the first game, the Gyphs pounded Eastern Wayne 12-22. For the Gryphs, Wendell Wright had two hits and one RBI. Robby Coats added one hit and one RBI. Freddie Proctor contributed four RBI's, and Jack Lassiter and Mike Matthews had two RBI's apiece. The winning pitcher was Jess Eberdt; his record is now 2-0.

The second game was a tightly knit one. The Gryphs won 6-4. The Gryphs were led by Freddie Proctor and Gaither Weeks, who both contributed one hit and two RBI's. Wendell

Wright contributed one hit and one RBI. For Eastern Wayne, Rigdon had one hit and two RBI's. The winning pitcher was Wayne Lee.

### RM vs. Williamston

The Gryphs totally overwhelmed Williamston 23-4. The victory upped the Jayvees record to 7-0. Greg Clark and Dee Rich each contributed four hits. Champ Saint-Amand and Wendell Wright contributed three hits each. Greg Clark and Champ Saint-Amand both had four RBI's. Williamston was led by Hopkins with one hit and one RBI. The winning pitcher was Jess Eberdt. Eberdt's record

now stands at 3-0.

### RM vs. Farmville

The Gryphs defeated Farmville 4-3. The victory upped the JV record to 8-0. Greg Clark and Wendell Wright each had three hits. Farmville was led by Hines with one hit. The winning pitcher was Phillip Bunn.

### RM vs. Williamston

The Gryphs defeated Williamston 2-1. The Jayvees now stand 9-0. Jake Lassiter led the Gryphs with two hits and drove in both runs for the Gryphs. Williamston was led by Bowen with one hit. The winning pitcher was Lee Cooper.

## Golf Survey Results Given

Golf is a Scottish game believed to have been invented by shepherds who, in order to relieve their boredom, began putting rocks with their crooked staffs. At one time, golf was so popular in Scotland that it was declared illegal; too many people were swinging clubs at rocks instead of wielding bows and arrows against their country's enemies. Though golf today is not considered a serious threat to the national defense, it is played by over eight million Americans. What do the students at Senior High think about golf?

Recently, a survey of 47 homerooms was conducted. When asked how many students have ever played golf, 389 students responded which is about eight students per homeroom. Only 36 students out of approximately 500 students in the school stated that they played golf at least one or more times a week. Why is there such a lack of participation in golf by younger people? Many people

believe it is due to the high cost of playing golf. Also, many conceive golf to be a boring sport that doesn't produce much physical activity.

Golf develops coordination, timing, and reflexes, not to mention patience. Hitting a golf ball with consistency and accuracy is as much a mental feat as a physical one. Also, to those who think golf is an "older" person's game, a brisk round of 18 holes, especially when one serves as his own caddy, will burn as many as 255 calories an hour. Maybe this is not as many calories as tennis or swimming use, but golf is the only sport that allows someone to enjoy the beautiful countryside laden with azaleas and dogwoods, and develop his concentration as well.

The demand for a golf team is rarely or never expressed by the students at Senior High. Only 231 students stated an interest in reforming a girls' and/or boys' golf team. The major reason behind not having a golf

team is the lack of a golf course to play on. If the introduction to golf were offered as a physical education elective, would many students sign up? The response of the survey says no. Only 131 students expressed an interest in having golf instruction. However, if golf was introduced on the grass fields as in many other schools, could it catch on?

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## Lack Of Interest Hurts Thinclads

Coach Guion Davis cited lack of participation and interest as the cause of another winless track season. And with five graduating seniors, Coach Davis is faced with the prospect of yet another rebuilding year. But although Coach Davis might be disappointed with the 1976 season, he can be happy that he might have two state contenders on the team. Ricky Lewis, undefeated in the 120 high hurdles, and William Battle, one of the best long jumpers in the east, both have a possible chance at a state title. Below is a wrap-up of the season.

The Gryphons absorbed their eighth loss of the season against Bertie, 98-38. Bright spots for the Gryphons included first place finished by Ricky Lewis, who remained undefeated in the 120 high hurdles, Jerald Wiggins, and William Battle. The results of the meet were:

Long Jump — W. Battle (RM), 22-1, Williams (B)  
High Jump — Clark, Parker (B), 5-10  
Shot Put — Ward (B), 48-2½, Cooper (B)  
Pole Vault — J. Wiggins (RM), 9-0, Ore (B)  
Triple Jump — Williams (B), 41-3, S. Jones (RM), 39-1  
Discus — Ward (B), 144-8, Speller (B)  
120 Yard High Hurdles — R. Lewis (RM), 15.5, Clark (B)  
100 Yard Dash — Rankins (B), 10.9, W. Battle (RM), 10.45  
Mile Run — Lee (B), 4:46.5, Outlaw (B)  
800 Yard Relay — Bertie, 1:35.2  
440 Yard Dash — Perry (B) 50.8, W. Battle (RM), 52.2  
180 Yard Low Hurdles — R. Lewis (RM), 21.8, Parker (B)  
800 Yard Run — White (B), 2:10.5, J. Wiggins (RM), 2:12.8  
220 Yard Dash — Rankins (B), 23.2, Bazemore, Jenkins (B)  
2 Mile Run — Speller (B), 10:38.8, J. Jones (RM), 10:38.9  
Mile Relay — Bertie, 3:35.6

The Gryphon Thinclads again fell to defeat against conference for Northern Nash, 86-36. Standouts for Rocky Mount were William Battle, Ricky Lewis, and Julius Jones; all first place finishers. The results of the met were:

Shot Put — Hines (NN) 2 ¾, B. Harris (RM), 43-10 ½  
High Jump — R. Lewis (RM), 5-4, Taylor (NN)  
Long Jump — W. Battle (RM), 19-1½, Baines (NN)  
Discus — Battle (NN), 125-2, Hines (NN), B. Harris (RM), 97-1  
Triple Jump — Freer (NN), 40-5, Baines (NN)  
120 Yard High Hurdles — R. Lewis (RM), 16.3, Myrick (NN)  
100 Yard Dash — Marshall (NN), 9.7, Freer (NN)  
Mile Run — Whitehead (NN), 5:01, Freer (NN), W. Battle (RM)  
180 Yard Low Hurdles — R. Lewis (RM), 22.1, Richardson (NN), M. McKnight (RM), 23.1  
Pole Vault — Pitt (NN), 10-10  
880 Yard Run — Evans (NN), 2:08.7, Whitehead (NN), R. Sharpe (RM)  
220 Yard Dash — Marshall (NN), 21.9, Freer (NN)  
2 Mile Run — J. Jones (RM), 10:45.0, Davis (NN)  
440 Yard Dash — Marshall (NN), 51.0, Freer (NN), W. Battle (RM)

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