

Sports Awards Presented June 1 To Top Athletes

The annual Sports Awards were announced June 1. Awards were given to outstanding athletes who excelled in various sports, and a special award was given to the overall outstanding female and male athlete for the year 1975-76.

The various recipients of the awards were chosen by fellow teammates and coaches. Taken into account were the athletes overall attitude toward fellow teammates and their ability in the sport.

The awards presentations went as follows:

Over-all Athlete of the Year, Female Allison Sellars; Male, Ronald Kearney.

Football

Defensive Player of the Year, Dennis Coit;

Best Blocker — McCarge Clark;
Most Valuable Player — Joey Robbins;
Lineman of the Year — Ronnie King;
Best Hustler — Ricky Sharpe;
Most Dedicated Player — Ken Blocker.

Girls Tennis

Most Valuable Player — Lee Bennett;
Tennis Award — Julie Ward.

Cross Country

Most Outstanding Runner — Julius Jones;

Varsity Basketball

Most Valuable Player — Charles Williams.

Girls Basketball

Most Improved Player — Gaye Shearin; Most Valuable Player — Charlotte Ward.

Wrestling

Most Valuable Wrestler — McCarge Clark; Most Improved Wrestler — Gerald Wiggins.

Varsity Baseball

Most Valuable Player — Larry Joyner; RBI Leader — Larry Joyner.

Boys Tennis

Most Valuable Player — Danny Wheelless; Most Improved Player — Del Eatman.

Girls Softball

Most Valuable Player — Arlinda Harrison; Defensive Player of the Year, Donna Barnhill.



ARRINGTON STRETCHES FOR A LATE THROW — Donna Arrington maneuvers for a throw to first base during game with Wilson. The runner was safe and Wilson won 8-2.



JOYNER WAITS FOR SOFTBALL — Outfielder Merlyn Joyner prepares to make a catch against Wilson for out number three in the third inning. Wilson won 8-2.

Gryphons Finish Season — Must Wait Another Year

The Lady Gryphons, after absorbing three straight losses in conference play against Bertie, Northern Nash, and Wilson; bounced back and took a game from Greenville Rose to even their record at 5-5.

Scoring single runs in the first, fourth, fifth, and sixth innings, and holding Greenville scoreless led to the 4-0 victory. Rocky Mount was led by the hitting of Diawana McNair and Allison Sellars, and the RBI's of Amy Smith, Gail McClain, Donna Barnhill, and Diawana McNair.

Hurt by nine errors, the girls dropped a close game to Northeastern, 13-12. The Lady Gryphons scored two runs in the first inning and two more in the third before the Northeastern girls answered back with five runs of their own in the fourth. Rocky Mount picked up three runs in the fifth to one for Elizabeth City to go ahead 7-6. But the sixth inning proved to be the downfall of the Gryphons

as Northeastern scored seven runs, while the Gryphons could only pound out five. Rocky Mount was led by the hitting of Donna Arrington, Gail McClain, Diawana McNair, Arlinda Harrison, and Allison Sellars.

After picking up an end of the season win against Northern Nash and suffering a loss

against Wilson Fike, the girls finished the season with a 6-7 record.

"We were hurt by inconsistency this year," said Coach Bradshaw. "We didn't do as well as I expected, but the team was young." With only two starters graduating, Bradshaw looks forward to next season.

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