



BOBBY PEELE AIMS: As number 34, Timmie Williams moves into position for a rebound, while junior varsity guard Bobby aims for a jump shot in the January conference game against Bertie

Gryphon JV's Play Mediocre

The Rocky Mount Senior High Junior Varsity now has a 8 to 6 record. Coach Roscoe Batts says he is very pleased with the way the team is playing this year even though there are a few problems. Coach Batts says his team works well together and are very unselfish towards one another.

Games since the last issue are as follows: Durham Hillside on December 17th, a score of 92 to 70 in our favor; Goldsboro on December 18th, a score of 62 to 72, a loss for Rocky Mount. West Edgecombe brought Rocky Mount another great defeat with a score of 61 to 45. On January 7 the Gryphons played Durham Senior and lost 53 to 59. The game with Greenville on January 14 ended in a score of 67 to 64, Rocky Mount's victory. West Edge-

combe came out to win the game on the 15th with a six point lead, 55 to 49. The recent games played have been with Northeastern, a score of 79 to 74, our favor. The game with Bertie was a score of 70 to 63, our loss.

Rocky Mount played Durham Hillside for the second time on January 4. The time Hillside won with a score of 75 to 62. The score may not have been very close but Rocky Mount fought hard. By halftime Rocky Mount had brought a 16 point deficit to within a point before Hillside took it away at the end.

Coach Batts would like to give recognition to several of his players: Kevin Hart with the best shooting percentage; Steve Cantrall, his best rebounder; Linwood Silver, the best hustler; and Anthony Pinkett as his most improved player.

Girls Play Impressively

The Girls Basketball Team under Coach Judy Bradshaw has had an excellent start this year. So far the team has won every game but two. Coach Bradshaw says, "They are aggressive on defense and have good reboundings." Among their needed improvements she adds are better shooting and foul shots.

The team played Durham Hillside and won 60 to 43.

In this game Rocky Mount led during the whole game. At the end of the first quarter the score was 15 to 12. The half-time score was 28 to 21. The game ended with Jackie Costen's fourth period spurt as Rocky Mount started off behind, but by the third quarter they were on top 15 to 8. After three quarters they headed for the big win 40 to 37.

The Durham Senior game meant another great victory for the girls. At halftime the girls led with a big 8 point lead. By fourth period they continued their lead and outscored Durham nicely at the end 47 to 32.

The next game with Bertie was harder than the one before. The score at halftime was close 23 and 19. At the third period though they had a 20 to 9 stretch, which had Rocky Mount a later 43 to 28 lead after three quarters. The final score was 55 to 40.

West Edgecombe defeated Rocky Mount in their game, a score of 42-41.

The conference games began on January 17. Rocky Mount had a great defeat over Wilson, the score 51 to 29. In the halftime the Gryphons already had a major lead of 24 to 11. Wilson tried many defenses but the Lady Gryphons blew the one two zone out in the games first half. The second con-

ference game was with Greenville. The third quarter actually decided the game as the girls were already outscoring Greenville 15 to 5. The final score was a terrific win of 51 to 28.

The game with Northeastern was a tough conference game. The Eagles fast break was made in the first quarter and nothing

could stop it. Even though the Eagles were only two points ahead of the Lady Gryphons, at halftime, because of bad offense Rocky Mount lost.

The game with Bertie was another great win of 60-31.

Coach Bradshaw says there is very close competition in the conferences.



GIRLS PLAY — Debra Neal No. 32 jumps for a basket during the girls basketball game with Bertie. Beside her is No. 20, Jennifer Cherry who watches anxiously.

Scoreboard

Feb. 8	Greenville
Feb. 11	Northeastern
Feb. 15	Northern Nash
Feb. 18	Wilson
Feb. 22, 24, 25	Conf. Tourn.
Division I Standings	
Team	Cong. Over.
Rocky Mt.	3-1 11-5
North. Nash	3-11 11-5
Bertie	3-2 11-4
Northeastern	3-2 11-3
Wilson	1-3 3-13
Greenville	0-4 1-11

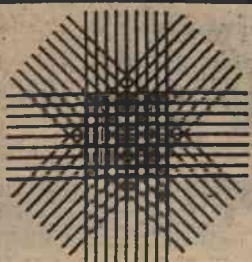


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