



WATER STANDS ON TRACK The drainage of the track presents a difficulty for track participants as well as community members. [Photo by Bulluck]

Water Causes Problem

Rocky Mount Senior High may have fielded its best track team in years this year. Although the team has had its stand-outs in years past, it has had only a few participants; whereas, this year's team has many people on it. The many participants on the team may give the Gryphons an edge. The quality of this year's team deserves a better track to run on.

Recently the track at Senior High was repaved. The contractors who covered the track promised that the track was an

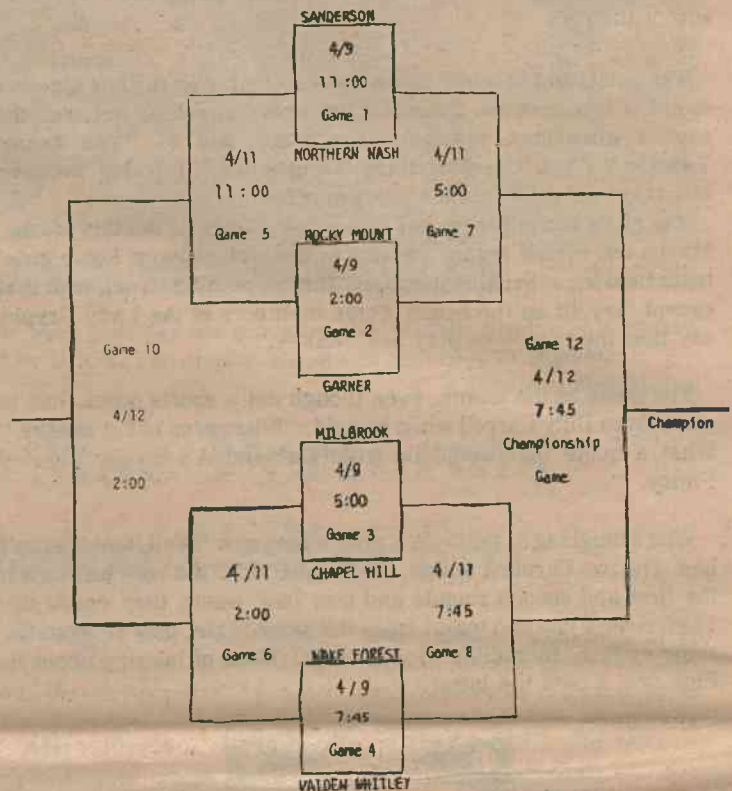
all-weather track. However, this promise did not hold water. Some of the people who run track commented that it is a good one to run on. But there is one problem with it. Almost everytime there is a hard rain, the water stands on the all-weather surface. There appears to be a slight problem with drainage on the track surface. Water on the track presents a problem for anyone running on it. Running through water is not at all comfortable and can ruin some shoes. If a participant

runs through the puddle at practice, it can slow him down or cause him to slip and fall and injure himself. Not only students use the track at school. Many adults use the track to jog on and keep in shape. Surely something can be done about the drainage problem of the track. Perhaps the school should call on the contractor to resurface the track since the first surface is obviously not all-weather. School officials should not allow the track team to turn into a swim team.

Tourney Held

The highlight of this year's baseball season should be the spring baseball tournament, which is sponsored by the Breakfast Optimist Club. The tournament will be held at Rocky Mount Municipal Stadium Saturday, April 9; Monday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 12. Rocky Mount will be the host team. Eight teams are involved in this the first Breakfast Optimist Invitational Baseball Tournament. The tournament is set up with a winner's bracket and a loser's bracket. First round games included: Sanders vs Northern Nash at 11:00, Rocky Mount vs Garner at 2:00,

Millbrook vs Chapel Hill at 5:00, and Wake Forest vs Vaiden-Whitley at 7:45. Winners will advance to the winner's bracket while losers will advance to a loser's bracket. Four games will be played each day; a total of 12 games during the tournament. Game times are — 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, and 7:45 each day. Coach Carter encourages everyone to not only watch the Gryphons, but also the other teams. Tickets are two dollars and fifty cents for the entire tournament, or two dollars for one day (four games).



Gryphon Netters Struggle



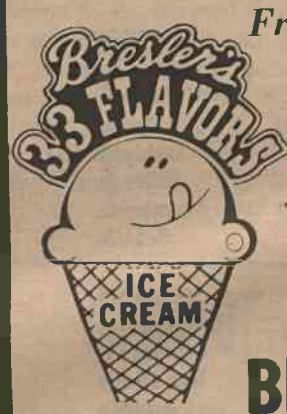
JIM THORP returns a shot. [Bulluck]

After a dismal start against the Millbrook Wildcats the Gryphon netters retaliated with a victory over Roanoke Rapids 5-4.

In the singles matches Jim Thorp raced by Roanoke's Ben Smith 6-3, 6-2. Second man, John Exum won 6-4, 6-3. Bob Allsbrook and Mike Williams took straight sets to gain two more victories for the Gryphons. Olin Wilson and Paul Mayberry were unable to follow the efforts of their teammates. Olin and Paul teamed up in the number two doubles match but lost 9-7. Jim and John, number one doubles team fought off Roanoke for a 9-8 win. Gordon Waters and Alan Horne also competed in the number three doubles match but were denied victory by the score of 8-5.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	
April 19	Greenville	H
April 22	Elizabeth City	A
April 27	Elizabeth City	H
April 29	Northern Nash	H
May 3	Wilson	A
May 6	Greenville	A
May 9	Northern Nash	H



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