



WEST EDGECOMBE grabs for a Gryphon out.

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The 1977 track season started Monday, Mar. 21 against Greenville under the direction of Coach Phil Harris and the assistance of Coach Walt Wiggins. The Gryphons were defeated by Greenville 84 to 50, despite the many first places that the Gryphs took.

The coaches note outstanding people on the team are David Jones in the two mile, Julius Jones in the mile, Oie Ostercamp in the 880 and Lloyd Bynum in the High Hurdles and Low Hurdles. Bob Harris is a good shock putter along with Paul Epting, Jim Laugteridge, Gaither Weeks and Cornelius

Merritt. Mike Jones is an outstanding 440 and High Jump man.

This year the mile relay team is very good. The team consists of Mike Jones, Carl McNeal, Oie Ostercamp, and Julius Jones, according to Coach Wiggins.

The team on a whole is good on track events but needs help in the field events, report the coaches.

On Monday's meet David Jones, Julius Jones, Oie Ostercamp, and Lloyd Bynum from the Gryphons took first places in their respective events.

Lady Gryphs Softball Team Look For Winning Season

According to Judy Bradshaw, coach of the Rocky Mount Senior High Girls' Softball Team, the talent of the team does not rest in a few players, but is distributed throughout the team.

The girls on the team were chosen from those that attended tryouts the week of April 14. Approximately 36 girls went out for the team and 18 made the final cut. The girls were selected according to their offensive skills, such as hitting and base-running, and defensive skills, such as fielding and play knowledge.

Coach Bradshaw opened her evaluation of the team by saying, "Of course all of the girls are good or they wouldn't be on the team." The coach then continued with the following assessment of the individual players:

- Dale Allen — "Dale is a sufficient hitter and catcher."
- Julie Baldwin — "Julie is a natural player and a good first baseman."
- Donna Barnhill — "Donna is

a good fielder, but she needs to work some on her hitting."

Winn Braswell — "Winn is a fairly good hitter. She needs to work on her fielding."

Jennifer Cherry — "Jennifer is a good hitter and an adequate fielder."

Penny Coleman — "Penny is a good fielder and a dependable hitter. She can get a hit when you really need one."

Laura Ess — "Laura is an adequate fielder and hitter."

Cynthia Hines — "Cynthia is a good fielder, but her batting needs work."

Marilyn Joyner — "Marilyn is a good fielder, but she needs to hustle more."

Betty Parker — "Betty is a good hitter, but she needs to work on her fielding."

Gale Parker — "Gale hits well, but she needs to improve her fielding."

Sharon Sawyer — "Sharon is a good fielder and an adequate hitter."

Amy Smith — "Amy is a balanced hitter and fielder."

Mary White — "Mary is a

good pitcher and a strong hitter."

Mary Sykes — "Mary is a good first baseman, but she needs to work on her hitting."

Wilhemina Wright — "Wilhemina is an adequate hitter and fielder."

Debra Carr — "Debra is sufficient as a hitter and fielder."

Kelly Bullard is out with a back injury right now, but should return to catch for the team. Coach Bradshaw concluded, "The team is fairly young, with only seven returning players, but we have a lot of able players."

When asked about the outlook for the season, Coach Bradshaw replied, "It's hard to say how we'll do. We're in a good conference. Northern Nash and Wilson should be our toughest competitors in the conference, but Elizabeth City will also be a strong opponent. Any team could win the championship."

The team's schedule for the season runs as follows:



PAUL EPTING VAULTS BAR: Paul participated in the pole vault at the Gryphons first meet. [Photo by Bulluck]

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