

# Ladies Stretch Record To 5-1



**WHITE PITCHES:** Mary White tosses a pitch to an opponent in recent game. (Bulluck)

Due to a sparked offense during the last half of the game, the Lady Gryphons rallied in the bottom of the sixth inning to defeat West Edgecombe in the team's first game.

West Edgecombe got off to an early lead of 1-0 in the first inning. Rocky Mount answered with a single score in the bottom of the second. West Edgecombe again took the lead early in the third inning and ran the score to 3-1. No one scored again until the fifth inning. West Edgecombe took the initiative once more and tallied two runs, again early in the inning. As seemed to be the trend, Rocky Mount scored quickly once at bat, adding three runs. There was some discussion over the exact total of West Edgecombe's score, but the officials finally determined it to be 6-4.

watched helplessly, unable to score.

Rocky Mount added to Kinston's frustration by retiring their batters three up, three down in the top of the fifth. Three seemed to be the magic number because that was the total of runs scored by the Ladies during the same inning.

Kinston managed to get on the scoreboard again in the sixth inning. Kinston wasn't noticed in the top of the seventh and again the Lady Gryphs didn't need their last turn at bat. (The Gryphons were supposed to face Kinston again the following week, but Kinston called and said that it was raining there and that the game would have to be postponed).

## Rocky Mount 14 West Edgecombe 1

The team fared well on its first road trip, a return match between Rocky Mount and West Edgecombe.

This time the Ladies didn't have to rally to beat the Wildcats. According to Coach Judy Bradshaw, "It wasn't even close," and the teams "played until dark."

## RM 20 — Greenville 7

That score could be misleading as the Lady Gryphons waited until the sixth inning to open a substantial lead on Greenville in their second game on the road.

The Ladies exhibited improvement in their hitting with Donna Barnhill, Mary White, and Winn Braswell each collecting homeruns. At this point Rocky Mount stood undefeated and it appeared that the Ladies were unstoppable, but read on:

The Lady Gryphons could have used those two unused turns at bat from their first two games as Northeastern taught Rocky Mount about the fine art of scoring.

Northeastern waited with the lesson though and it looked as though Rocky Mount was to be an eager student, out-scoring the Lady Eagles in the first inning 2-0. Then school began and Northeastern scored 16 runs in the top of the second inning. Most of Northeastern's team were walked around the bases. The Eagles weren't totally dependent on this weakness, however, and punctuated their scoring with a grand slam. Rocky Mount showed signs that it was learning something and scored three runs the same inning.

Northeastern continued to score, trying to show Rocky Mount how it was done. Rocky Mount had a hard time learning and school let out with the score at 30-10, in favor of the teacher.

## RM 11 — Bertie 10

It's the last inning. Bertie, the home team is at bat. Rocky Mount leads, but Bertie has the players on the bases that could score the winning run. There are two outs. Then the Bertie batter knocks a long fly ball out to right field. It sails. Then under the ball maneuvers Gale Parker. The white sphere hits her glove, bobbles, but finally rests in place. Rocky Mount has successfully fought off a Bertie rally to collect its fifth win.

The Lady Gryphons scored steadily throughout the game, collecting four runs in the first inning, three in the third, and four in the fifth. At the end of the sixth it was 11-2, Rocky Mount's favor.

## B-Team Gains Win

Rocky Mount Senior High's "B" team soundly thumped the Farmville Jaguars 12-6 on May 25.

The Gryphs ended their half of the first inning with a 2-0 lead, but the Jaguars scored a run in the bottom half of the inning.

In the top of the fourth with the score 3-1, the Gryphons exploded with four runs on singles by Matthew Dean and Chuck Braswell and two big back to back doubles by Dennis Battle and Robbie Coats.

In the top of the sixth, the Gryphs again crossed the plate

four times helped along by three Farmville errors. Speight led off with a walk and went to second on William Warbritton's single. He stole third and from there scored the first run of the inning when Marty Hendershot's hit caused an error by the pitcher. Several grounders by Battle and Coats were mishandled allowing William Warbritton and Hendershot to score.



With consistent hitting, the Ladies managed to double their score, making it 8-6, Rocky Mount's favor. Holding West Edgecombe scoreless again in the seventh, the Gryphons did not need their last turn at bat, chalking-up their first win.

## RM 27 — Kinston 2

Kinston managed to score half of their points in the first inning, which amounted to one run. Rocky Mount answered swiftly, tallying 11 runs in the first inning. Kinston would never catch up. The Gryphons continued to score, with four runs in the second and seven in the fourth while Kinston



# Mighty Seniors Take Gold

By John Smith

Despite a strong comeback by the Scooters of the Class of '78, the Mighty Seniors of the Class of '77 were able to squeak out a narrow victory 12-11-6 in the Junior Olympics sponsored by the Student Representative Assembly in honor of Student Government Day.

The first event was a relay in which contestants raced to chairs, blew up a balloon and popped it. The Mighty Senior drubbed the Pee-Wees of the Class of '79, and so proved that they had the most hot air.

The second event was another relay race in which participants pushed a potato with their noses. The Mighty Seniors

defeated the Scooters despite a strong showing by Jeff Holloman who managed to trap the potato with his forehead and raced the required distance in blinding speed. (Jeff is a junior and will be back for the games next year). By winning this event, the Mighty Seniors demonstrated why they had the most hot air — they had the biggest noses to breathe from.

The third event was a race to put the most beans in a bowl.

Contestants place a spoon in the mouth and transported the beans by the spoons. The Scooters showed that they had the most practice in wielding a spoon (they eat the most) as they beat both the Mighty Seniors and the Pee-Wees in this event.

The next obstacle facing the participants was a shoe find race. Evidently the Scooters were the best at smelling out their shoes as they captured yet

another event and the Pee-Wees took second place.

The next event was a tie-breaker the Mighty Seniors and the Scooters. It was a wall to wall clothes stretch and the Mighty Seniors were able to out stretch their opponents and thus win the competition.

Although the Pee-Wees felt that they were playing golf (Low score wins), their entire team will return for the game next year as will the Scooters' team.

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