



LUTHER CATCHES POP FLY: Billy Luther second baseball for the Gryphons catches a high infield pop fly. [Photo by Bulluck]

Baseball Team Ends Up And Down Season

RM vs Greenville

The Gryphons have had a difficult time at home winning only three of ten home appearances, but winning on the road is nothing new as the Gryphs defeated Greenville Rose 6-3.

Lee Cooper had his first varsity start for the Gryphs and performed well allowing only five hits. The Gryphons themselves only gathered five hits, but three Greenville errors helped the Gryphs cross the plate.

The first run of the game was scored in the second inning off an unearned run. In the third inning the Gryphs ran up three more runs. Greg Clark beat out an infield hit and was forced to second on Dee Rich's grounder. Rich moved up when Mike Upchurch was hit by a pitch. Jake Lassiter reached first when a throw to third went wild. Luther then grounded to Chapman who threw too late resulting in Bob Horne and Linwood Silver scoring making it 4-1.

Upchurch hit a perfect triple in the fourth to score Dee Rich. Horne running for Upchurch then beat a throw to home to finish the scoring at 6-3.

RM vs Northeastern

Against Northeastern the Gryphs collected seven runs in the fifth inning for their third win in a row and Linden Willis' first win of the season.

Willis held Northeastern to just two hits, a double and a triple and had two hits of his own. The Gryphons had 10 hits including three by designated hitter Jake Lassiter.

The Gryphons didn't accomplish much except for seven runs in the fifth inning. Lassiter opened with a single, Luther then bunted down to third, and Dee Whitley walked loading the bases. Linwood Silver then singled to score Lassiter. Willis' infield hit then scored two more runs after a fielder tried to throw Luther out at home but the ball hit his foot and the catcher then threw the ball over the pitcher's head allowing

Whitley to score. Clark's hit then scored both Willis and Silver. Clark advanced to second on a stolen base and on to third on a passed ball. Upchurch's shot down third scored Clark, and Lassiter got his second hit of the inning that scored Horne who ran for Upchurch. That finished the scoring for the Gryphons.

RM vs Bertie

Bertie's Marshall Bennett slammed a 380 foot homer against Gryphon hurler Jess Eberdt to lead the Falcons to a 3-1 victory.

Bennett's homer scored another runner who was on base. Except for that one hit Eberdt pitched a fairly good game allowing only six hits and no walks. It was Eberdt's second game in a row without a walk. But Falcon pitcher, Donald White, only gave four hits and two walks.

The Gryphons Mike Upchurch scored after he singled, and Billy Luther gathered a hit.

Jayvees Finish Year

The Rocky Mount Senior High Jayvees "B" team ended their year of playing Monday with a 5 to 3 win over Greenville Rose. This game was the 11th one the boys won out of 14 games.

All the runs for Rocky Mount were made in the first inning. Batting first was an advantage for the team as Greenville made several errors.

Marty Hendershot opened the game. He was moved to third on a double by Dennis Battle. The next player was Matthew Deans who also made a run. Timmy Tucker did not make his run but he was followed by Robbie Coats who walked the base. Lee Cooper made his run and enabled Deans to make the third run for the inning. William Lawrence also walked, and right

afterwards both Cooper and Coats scored runs.

In the game with the Farmville Jayvees the score ended for a great victory for Rocky Mount, 12 to 6. Rocky Mount grew from a small 2 to 0 lead at the first inning to whip

the Jayvees out because of several errors by the opposing team. This was a particular lucky game with Farmville's mistakes as Rocky Mount got only 8 hits. Rocky Speight opened the sixth inning and carried out the big win.

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Sporting Views

By Clifton Barnes

I should like to print some words from Oeye Osterkamp to you. But I don't. Seriously here's Oie: "I would just like to thank all the people who supported the 1976-77 basketball team, as well as other sports. We couldn't have won the Christmas tournament without the fans' support. Hopefully, the 1977-78 team will do better than we did this year, and with the support of the fans, this is not unlikely. We had more support at home and especially away than most of the other teams. I'm sure I'm speaking for my teammates as well as myself when I say 'Thank you.'"

Sincerely,
Oie Osterkamp

Senior Olin Wilson went the farthest in the tennis sectionals a couple of weeks ago. He lost to a Southern Wayne player 6-4, 7-5 in the third round. If he had won, he would have advanced to Chapel Hill. At this time I would like to apologize for the newspaper's misspelling of Olen's ah . . . Olyn's . . . ah . . . Wilson's name.

Jacob Lassiter who was in a batting slump for most of the year while playing first base, switched to designated hitter and hit over .500 over a stretch of six games. The baseball team had two games to play at this writing. If they won at least one, they ended up over .500 but if they lost both they ended up below .500. So "congratulations" or "too bad" guys. The Jayvee baseball hasn't been getting much recognition this year and they won't get one here either although they did have a good year.

In a few more weeks the Major league baseball All-star game will be played. I'm looking for an upset. The American league needs to win one, and I believe this will be the year they do. Of course I've been saying that since 1969. But I've figured out why the American League's going to win this year, because the National League has traded a lot of their stars to the American League.

Boxer Duane Bobick said before the 58 second losing effort against Ken Norton "I'll set the pace and it will be a tough pace. I won't give up time and room. I don't think he can handle the pressure I'll put on him." I'd like to comment on the fight, but I blinked at the wrong time.

Well, this is my last column of the year and . . . how about holding the applause? . . . and I'd like to thank all my fans out there, if there are any. I've tried to bring out interesting new facts, fresh ideas and opinions, and make it an enjoyable for you, the reader, as possible. If I've done these to just one person it was worth it. Again thanks.

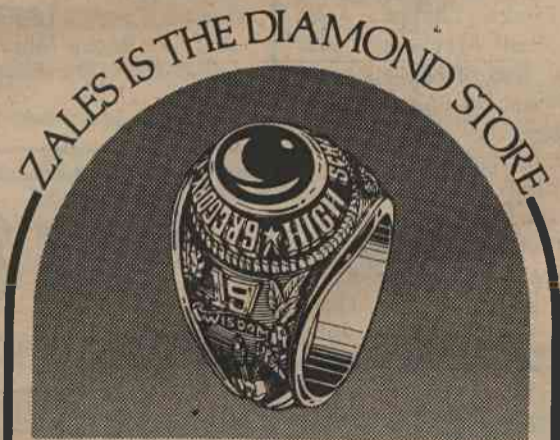
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manifestations of social decay and say nothing of the minds which are pathologically affected by this material.

I am a writer myself and I have a great regard for the First Amendment, but it does not give, and never has given, any American the right to see or say everything he wants. Free speech has many very sensible and democratically approved constraints, as against libel, slander, perjury and so on.

I don't think the Constitution gives anyone the right to pump filth through the newsstands or through the air waves — and filth means that which is offensive to the morals and standard of the majority. I remain totally unconvinced by the rationalizations of those who claim that we need to tolerate its presence in our communities. What we really need is vigorous prosecution of the profiteers of pornography at every level of government.

With kindest regards, I am
Sincerely,
Jesse Helms



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