

Attendance slack at games

"Bases are loaded, two men are out. Englemire Hopscotch, who is up to bat, has singled and flied out twice. He hits the first pitch right over the right field fence and just listen to the fans cheer. Hey wait a minute! What fans? Where is everybody?

This is a typical scene at a boy's baseball game or a girl's softball game. People don't come to support the baseball or softball teams.

"First of all, it's in the change of seasons," said Coach Reggie Henderson. "People are out looking for jobs at this time of year when baseball and softball seasons start." Henderson thinks there should be a gimmick, something to get people interested in the games.

"It should be announced over the intercom and be on the bulletins when a game is going to be played. The next day it should be announced again over the intercom and on the bulletins who won," said Henderson.

Lack of attendance at the games might be due to lack of time. Some students say they don't have time to come to the games because it interferes with their job.

Misty Hoskins goes to the games when she has time.

"I have a job that requires a great deal of my time. When I'm not involved in other school activities or on the job, I attend the games," said Misty.

Roger Bolden comes to all of the girl's softball home games.

"I go to see them play because they're good," said Roger. They don't get much publicity. Nobody wanted to put interest in girls. I did because I know they can go all the way to the state championship and they are proving to me that they can because their record is 10-2."

Lady Gryphs drop to 3-2 conference, 10-2 overall record

The Girls' Softball Team moved their record to 10-2 as they lost their second game to Wilson.

Lora Whitehead went 2 for 3 at the plate for Rocky Mount as S. Hollar went 3 for 4 for Wilson. The Gryphons got 8 hits and made 8 errors while Wilson punched out 12 hits and made only 6 errors. Wilson took the win by a score of 8-10.

Whitehead, pitching for the Lady Gryphs, only walked one while Wilson's pitcher, Smith, also walked only one.

Bertie

Whitehead was again the leading batter as she went 2 for 2 but didn't help the Gryphons cause as they lost 0-9. The Lady Gryphs knocked 6 hits and made 7 errors. Bertie batted out 11 hits and made only 2 errors.

Whitehead walked 2 and struck out 2 while Haggard walked one.

Northern Nash

Carolyn McClain led the Gryphons with 3 hits out of 4 times at bat. Harrison (Northern Nash) went 2 for 4. The Gryphs got 9 hits while Northern made 7 clean hits. Northern only made one less error than The Gryphs. The Lagies pulled laway with a 9-4 victory.

Whitehead only walked 3 against Northern while Cannady walked 8.

Northeastern

Traveling all the way to Elizabeth City was no problem for the Ladies as they won 4-2 over Northeastern. Penny Coleman and Nancy Bass both went

1 for 3 at the plate while Northeastern's P. White went 3 for 3. Northeastern made 9 errors and punched 7 hits. Rocky Mount made only 3 errors and got only 6 hits.

Lisa Dixon pitched a while but was replaced by Whitehead who walked 5. Soriano walked only 2.

Greenville

Greenville proved to be an easy win for the Lady Gryphs as the Ladies won 25-3. The Ladies pulled 14 hits with Greenville's 5 hits and 11 errors. Gail Parker went 2 for 3 making her the lead batter for the game.

The Lady Gryphs have a 10-2 overall record and a 3-2 conference record. The Lady Gryphs play again this afternoon against Bertie.

Not having pitched for a couple of games, Whitehead walked only two and struck out one. Greenville's pitcher, Bridges, walked 8 Gryphon players and struck out one.

Tennis team progresses

By STEVE FELTON

The Gryph's tennis match against Wilson was a wipe out for Wilson, as they smashed the Gryphs 9-0.

However, the Gryphs on May 5, made a comeback by defeating Greenville 6-3.

At the present time, the Gryphs are 6-7 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Coach Wallace said, "Friday's match was played great. We are progressing better and the last several matches have been great and have played well toward the end of the season."

The Gryphs eased through the game against Northeastern

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with a 5-4 win. In the singles matches Rocky Mount and Northeastern were divided up evenly with 3 wins a piece. In the doubles matches, the Gryphs smashed Northeastern in two out of three matches with a score of 8-3 and 8-5.

The tennis team match of April 28 with Northern Nash was the second sweep of the season against the same school. The Gryphs won all singles matches while only losing one doubles matches.

Winners in the Greenville game were Bob Allsbrook with a 6-4 win, Alan Horne with a 6-3 win, Richard Shaw with a 6-4 win and Clifton Barnes with a 6-3 win. Winners in the doubles matches of that game were Allsbrook and Horne with an 8-6 win and Barnes and Kolehma with an 8-5 win.



