

SLUGGERS GET STARTED

By Heath Graves

This year the baseball Unicorns dashed off to their fastest start ever, winning three of their first four games and defeating their arch rival, Durham Academy.

Now, however, the team is struggling to come out of a three game slump that has left them 3 and 4 overall and 1 for 2 in the Capital 2A Conference.

Despite this slump, Coach Branson Brown reported that he was

"pleased with the progress of the team", considering that fourteen members of last year's team were graduating seniors.

Sergio Salinas has led the pitching staff, taking two wins in four appearances.

Three team members are batting over .400: Sergio Salinas, Tony Sauvageau, and Lewis Broadnax. Broadnax is also leading the team in runs batted in and in the home run category.



The Unsinkable Unicorns smile for the camera after a hard practice.

SEASONS IN SESSION

In a close game, the Lady Unicorn soccer team took a hard loss to Northern High School on March 24, making them 2-3 overall and 0-1 in their conference.

Under coach Mark Adams, the men and women's track teams are off to quick starts this season. The men are 2-1, while the women have a 2-0 record so far.

The men's tennis team lost their opener to Orange High School, but avenged their loss by defeating Zebulon, making the Unicorns' record 1-1 so far this season.

Unsinkable Unicorns Break NCSSM Records

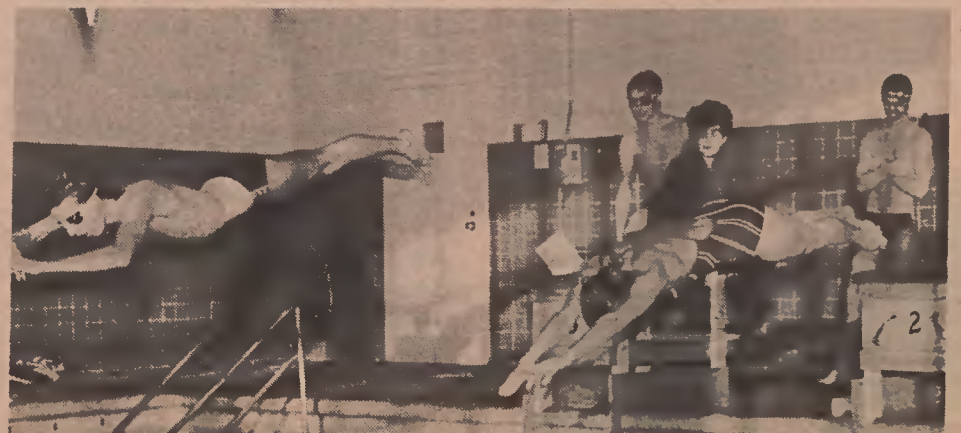
By Jana Watts

The Unsinkable Unicorns were resurrected this year due to the support of our Dean of Students, Peggy Smith, to compete against such teams as Jordan, Salisbury, Rockingham, and Goldsboro.

The guys' team finished with a 6-3 record, and the girls were 3-6 for the season. The two captains for the season were seniors Neva Edens and Scott May.

The swim team used the Duke Fitness Center facility for practices, Duke Aquatic Center and the new N. C. Central pool for meets.

Scott May, Neva Edens, and Terry Baggett were all qualifiers for sectionals. These three plus relay teams



Mark Heinze and Rachel Ward take the plunge at practice.

travelled to East Carolina University in Greenville for the sectionals meet on Feb. 21.

At sectionals, the men's relay team and Scott May both broke school records in the morning and then re-broke them in the afternoon races. NCSSM also placed

more swimmers than the Unicorns had ever placed before in a regional meet.

Nancy Simmeonson, coach of the Unicorn team, said, "This has been a good season. Many of the swimmers have improved. We have had many school records broken. I look forward to next year."

NCSSM WRESTLERS KEEP UP WITH TOUGH COMPETITION

By Heath Graves

Despite a difficult schedule that left them 2-9 as a team, the 2A Unicorn wrestlers had several strong showings against the many tough 4A schools they faced.

NCSSM beat several of these teams on the mat, but lost as they had to forfeit four or more weight classes (24 or more of a possible 72 points).

Under coaches Don McClintock and Matt Brown, the wrestlers improved from November to February and became a real challenge to even the larger schools. This was shown in their second

match against Broughton.

In the first match, the Unicorns had lost by a wide margin. This time, the wrestlers won 27 of the 40 points they wrestled for. But they had to forfeit 5 weight classes (30 points) and so lost 43-27.

The NCSSM wrestlers continued to come on in the Cape Hatteras tournament, taking one second place (Craig Sybrant) and three third places (Georg Buehler, Joey Staier, and Wes Schooler).

At regionals, Georg Buehler took second and two more wrestlers (Wes Schooler and Leon Livingston) took fourth in their weight classes.



Referee watches as Joey Staier pins opponent at Northern High School.