

# SPORTS WHIRL

BY RICK BREWER

Smith's victory over the Whirlies was a big blow to Grimsley's playoff hopes. It made a win over Reynolds almost a must, if the big blue was to make the post-season games.

The Whirlies obviously missed Jim Mitchell and John Perry in the Smith contests, especially on defense. In both games in which Perry did not play, High Point and Smith, the opposition had fine nights offensively.

Mitchell's presence could have made a big difference in the ballgame. Although Rick Pipan and Eddie Harrison played well in reserve roles, the Whirls had no one who could keep up with Mike Porter.

Once Porter got a step on the defense, he was literally "home free." It is quite conceivable that if Mitchell had been healthy, he could have caught the elusive tailback on a couple of his long runs.

While the Golden Eagles were knocking off GHS, Salisbury was tying Reynolds 13-13 In the big game in the East, Durham defeated Raleigh Broughton 20-7. West Mecklenburg surprised Charlotte Garinger 13-7 in the Southwestern Conference.

Since the state rules prohibit a school from playing more than 12 games in a season, once again there will be two state co-champs. Here is the schedule for the Central 4A's competing teams.

- Central's No. 3 Team Vs Durham
- Central's No. 1 Team Vs. Broughton
- Central's No. 2 Team Vs. Garinger

The winners of the first two games will meet for a share of the state crown, while the victor in the third will battle either the Southwest's No. 2 team or Asheville.

# Porter Powers Eagles Over Whirls

Mike Porter, running over, under, around, and through Grimsley defenders, scored five touchdowns to lead Smith's Golden Eagles to a stunning 48-32 upset victory over the Grimsley Whirlies, November 4.

Seemingly running at will against the big blue, the junior tailback gained over 200 yards. Don Crews also ran for big yardage, as the Eagles amassed over 400 yards on the ground.

It was undoubtedly the worst defensive performance the Whirlies have staged in many years. The 48 points were the most that had ever been scored on a Bob Jamieson team. The Smith total could have been larger had it not been for several saving tackles by Rusty Culbreth.



Photo By Bruce Hiatt

### WILLIAMSON CATCHES CULBRETH BUT OFFICIAL CATCHES HIM

Smith's Laymon Williamson catches Whirlies' Rusty Culbreth from behind. Williamson is detected grabbing the face mask, however. The penalty set up a Grimsley touchdown, with Mike Hipps getting the TD.

Smith did not take long getting on the scoreboard. Starting from their own 40 after the opening kickoff, the Eagles moved to the Grimsley 44. From there, Porter broke loose for the remaining yardage and a 6-0 Smith lead.

The Whirls came right back with a TD. Jim Powell ran the kickoff to the Eagle 47. A 20 yard run by Culbreth and a personal foul against Smith were the key plays as Grimsley drove to the eight. Quarterback Mike Hipps then raced around left end for the score. Hipps' PAT gave GHS its only lead of the night.

It did not last too long. A 41 yard pass from Porter to Laymon Williamson and a 63 yard run by Crews were good for Eagle touchdowns midway in the first half.

#### Morris Scores

Grimsley struck again moments later, after Culbreth ran a punt 20 yards to the Smith 45. A 19 yard jaunt by Culbreth and a nine yard run by Steve Hathcock took the blue and white to the 17. Glenn Morris then scrambled up the middle for the six pointer on a tremendous piece of running.

After Porter ran a kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown, GHS pulled to within seven at 27-20, by scoring late in the half. Hipps raced 17 yards and Culbreth sprinted 25 on big plays as the Whirlies drove from their own 24 On fourth down from the Eagle eight, Hipps threw to Culbreth for the touchdown and fired to the same halfback for the extra point.

Taking the second half kickoff, the Whirls moved 58 yards for a score. A 12 yard aerial from Hipps to Culbreth and a 22 yard toss from Hathcock to Dean Brewer on crucial third downs, helped take the big blue to the 11. From there Hipps picked his way through the Smith defense for a touchdown.

#### Smith Scores

However, Porter put the game out of reach by racing 37, 16, and 38 yards for scores. Grimsley picked up its final TD between the last two Smith tallies.

Operating from a shotgun offense, Hipps passed the Whirlies 93 yards to paydirt. The senior quarterback hit five of six on this drive, the last going 18 yards to Brewer. The speedy end faked a pitchout and streaked into the end zone for the TD.

## Harriers Finish Eighth In State

By Zack Osborne

Myers Park captured the state cross country championship at Chapel Hill, November 5, outscoring second place Charlotte Garinger 64-105.

The top individual runner was Chapel Hill's Frank Spratt, who set a new course record by running the 2.1 miles in a time of 10:11.5

Greensboro Grimsley who finished seventh last season, came in a respectable eighth. All the GHS harriers finished in the top half of the competition.

Sam Wood was the top Whirlie finisher, coming in thirty-third. Other Grimsley runners in order of their finishes were: Jack Mason, Curtis Weaver, Jerry Spivey, Zack Osborne, and Mike Booth.

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