

# Whirlie Football: Outlook Optimistic

The 1973 edition of the Grimsley Senior High School football team has a long way to go according to Head Coach Bruce Morton. However, Coach Morton also said that with a team effort the Whirlies can be as good as they want.

The coach cited inexperience as the team's major stumbling block, saying "only four or five of our players have had any real playing experience." He also said that it was the most inexperienced team he had ever coached and provided a definite challenge.

This season many starting spots have been hotly contested, but none more than the quarterback slot where as many as four players could see action this year. They are senior, Dwight Perkins, juniors, John Hardy and John Sandy, and sophomore, Ken Dempsey.

Elsewhere in the backfield, senior, Mark Hunnemann, and junior, Chris Pihos, fill the fullback slot along with Phil Anderson, a senior out for the first time. The tailback position is well manned by seniors, Tony Summers and Steve Hale. At wingback Walter Barrett, a senior, and junior, Mike Rhyne, give the Whirlies excellent speed.

In the offensive line two seniors, Mark Showfety and Walt Gullede, hold down the center position along with junior, Lou Ditto. tA guard, senior, Hunter Dockery, and junior, Derrick Triplin, lead the way. Backing them up will be senior, Joe Albright, and juniors, Craig Spears and Will Long.

Coach Morton described the tackle position as wide open. He then listed the following players

as candidates: seniors, Steve Black and Tucker Mitchell; juniors, Richard Brooks, Ed Lawrence, and Joe Hodges; and sophomore, Chris Burk.

Coach Morton said that this Grimsley team will have one of its toughest schedules ever. A new alignment puts Grimsley in what Coach Morton considers the state's best conference, which includes Greensboro Smith, Greensboro Page, Greensboro Dudley, High Point Central, as well as new conference rivals, Durham, Winston-Salem Reynolds and East and North Forsyth. The Whirlies also play out of conference games against Raleigh Broughton and Richmond County.

Besides Coach Morton this year's staff also includes coaches Sam Bounds, Jerry Lonon, Bob Sawyer, and Phil Weaver. Assisting is trainer Lex Strickland.



Football team takes a breather from practice during the hot Afternoon.

## VARSITY SCHEDULE

|           |    |                       |      |
|-----------|----|-----------------------|------|
| September | 7  | Raleigh Broughton     | Home |
|           | 14 | Durham                | Away |
|           | 21 | Richmond County       | Away |
|           | 28 | Smith                 | Home |
| October   | 5  | Dudley                | Home |
|           | 12 | Page                  | Home |
|           | 19 | High Point Central    | Home |
|           | 26 | East Forsyth          | Away |
| November  | 3  | North Forsyth         | Home |
|           | 8  | Reynolds—Thurs., 7:30 | Away |

Home Games—8:00 p.m.

# 1-2-3!

## JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

|           |    |                    |      |
|-----------|----|--------------------|------|
| September | 13 | Durham             | Home |
|           | 20 | Richmond County    | Home |
|           | 27 | Smith              | Away |
| October   | 4  | Dudley             | Away |
|           | 11 | Page               | Home |
|           | 18 | High Point Central | Away |
|           | 25 | Morehead           | Home |
| November  | 1  | Open               |      |
|           | 8  | High Point Andrews | Away |

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Ed. note.—Surprise! For the first time in many moons (with a few exceptions) you will see the word "hyperactivity" mentioned but once . . . and that was just it. As a matter of fact, that was it for the year. Now on to the business at hand: Benchwarmer number one . . .

With farquing out of season, I was having trouble thinking of anything to write, so I ended up writing off the top of my head (a difficult position). Unfortunately, I was at football practice at the time, and the top of my head was covered by a helmet so here it is: "A visit to the Grimsley helmet room."

The helmet room is steeped in tradition, from the historic leather helmets worn in the 1898 Rose Bowl (one of which is still worn by sophomore Ken "Green" Dempsey), to the space age bell helmets that were worn by numerous apes and gorillas in the Russian space program. But let's take a look at some of the helmets individually.

As we enter, we first come to the vast array of leather helmets. Ah, here's one with a hoof print on it and it says "Property: execution room, Alcatraz Prison, San Francisco, California," and it has an electric plug running from it? Now wait a minute, these are supposed to be football helmets. Oh well, here're some more: "Worn by Red Grange," "Crushed by Bronko Nagurski," "Prop-

erty Gen. George S. Patton, U.S. Army" (with bullet holes, no less), and "made in Japan."

Moving right along we come to the bell helmets. Like the "leathers," these helmets have a fine tradition and are signed by their former wearers too. One of these helmets was worn by Evel Kinevel . . . now let's see, ah, yes, here it is—"Evel Kinevel at the Grand Canyon, Oct. 3, 1972." Here's another interesting one that has a dent in the top. It says "Worn by Crash Ripley." Crash Ripley? Of course, the famous stunt man who used to thrill crowds by running head-first into an oncoming locomotive. Finally, "Property of Barnum and Bailey's Circus—case of Zoro the human cannonball."

As you see, the Grimsley helmet room has something to offer for anyone who will take the time to look. The helmet room is open for public inspection every third Thursday after solar eclipses and on Mondays after Lunar ones.

**Other 'intrassin' stuff:**

**Announced:** The engagement of Chris Burk to the two man sled.  
**Signed:** Greensboro Daily News film star Hunter Dockery to a two-year \$10,000 contract with Cosmopolitan. Hunter will appear in the centerfold every other issue for the next two years in one of his famous football poses.

**Traded:** Chuck Alston to Raleigh Broughton for two jayvee wingbacks and a junior high cheerleader to be named later.

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