

# Netters Play Consistently

by Alison Pentz

Dicky Vaughn and Gary Breece appear to be leading the Whirlie tennis team to another championship season. No conference team has stolen more than two games from the Whirlies, and Grimsley's conference record stands at 4-0.

Coach Hickey is "tickled to death" at the progress his team has made. The Whirlie netters blanked Ragsdale 9-0 in the season opener, followed by a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to non-conference foe, High Point Central. The loss was a close one, as the event

was decided by a third set tie-breaker in one match. Grimsley then rallied for three straight victories over Kannapolis (8-1), Dudley (8-1), and West Forsyth (7-2). Soon to come on the Whirlie schedule is a dangerous Parkland team, followed by Burlington Williams.

Individual standouts include undefeated top player Dickie Vaughan at 5-0, followed by the Kiser ninth grade student, Gary Breece at 4-0 in the number two seed. Third-ranked Greg Parker is also outstanding at

a consistent 4-1.

Doubles pairs setting the pace include Tom Bugbee and Scott Hogewood at 4-1, and Dickie Vaughan with Pat Carmody at 3-1.

Coach Hickey's pleasure with his team's success stems from the fact that many players are getting an opportunity to compete. The Grimsley loss to Central was not totally disappointing because eleven Whirlies played, instead of the customary six or eight. The team is playing consistently and hopes to remain undefeated for the conference crown.

# Blackwell's Pitching Leads Jayvees

by Tommy Grant

Behind the pitching of Tony Blackwell, the Grimsley Jayvee baseball team has established a record of 3-0. Two Whirlie victories came over Ragsdale by scores of 11-1 and 6-0. And in an exciting extra inning thriller, Grimsley nipped Western Guilford 3-2.

One jayvee player sees junior varsity sports as a good experience for the athlete toward varsity sports next year. A few juniors who would not see much playing time on the varsity were

moved to the jayvees for the building of experience.

Coach David Dowd feels this year's sophomores are "decent" and if the players keep a good attitude and play summer ball they will be ready for the varsity next year.

Pitcher Tony Blackwell heads the list of players expected to add needed strength to next year's varsity squad. Third baseman Cyrus Shoffner, lead batter Mike Cates, Steve Johnson playing left field, catcher Teska Dillard and shortstop

Stace Flynn should contribute greatly to the Whirlie cause with next year's varsity.

In the long run, all of these games are practice towards next year, and the 3-0 record is a hopeful sign for the varsity team.

On April 7, Tony Blackwell was moved up to the varsity squad where he pitched a one-hitter against Smith.

# Soccer Advances

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The Whirlies should have an above-average forward line and should be strong on defense. Grimsley has made great day-to-day improvement in this season's practice.

Another great asset will be the 18 returning letter-earn-

ers from last season's team.

Grimsley will not be in a conference such as Division-7 or Division-8, nor will they be in the City of Greensboro's Recreation League. The soccer team will play other schools, both public and private.

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