

## Soccer Team advanced to State semi-finals

by Chris Sieredski

After making it to the semi-finals of the state tournament, Grimsley's soccer team was defeated by Raleigh Sanderson High 6 to 0 in a game played November 13 in Raleigh. The Whirlies had advanced to the semi-finals by defeating the defending state champions, Chapel Hill, and Apex High School.

"This has been the only team to go this far in the state tournament since I've been coaching," says Herk Degraw, head coach for the Whirlies. The team began its attempt at the

state championship by defeating Chapel Hill 1 to 0. Unable to score in the first half against Chapel Hill, the Whirlies came out strong in the second half to break through Chapel Hill's defense. On an assist from Mike Woodell, junior Steve Mann scored the Whirlies only goal in the game. After defeating Chapel Hill, Grimsley went on to defeat Apex High School, 6 to 1. This victory carried them into the semi-finals of the state tournament.

Spirits were high and Grimsley students were supporting their team hop-

ing they would advance to the finals by defeating their next opponent Raleigh Sanderson. However, their hopes were shattered as Raleigh defeated Grimsley. The Whirlies played a hard fought game but their efforts became hopeless as Sanderson continued to score. Although Grimsley did not make it to the finals the team had a winning season and an undefeated record in the conference. Senior Larry Reece agrees that the team had a good season but according to Reece it was "a bad way to end a good season."



Marcelo Diodati takes ball away from Raleigh Sanderson forward. Photo by Patrick Forbis

## Athletes of the Issue

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by John Haynes

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Harry Parrish

After the loss of quarterback Brian Gay the Whirlies looked to fullback Harry Parrish to lead the offense. Parrish, Grimsley's leading rusher, ran for 304 yards in the last four games of the season. He averaged 5.4 yards a carry in the last four games and scored 6 of his 8 touchdowns in these

games. As well as the leadership Parrish furnished at the end of the season on offense, he was also the seasons leading tackler of defense. Parrish will also play basketball for Grimsley this year.

Jennifer Poole in her first year running cross-country led this year's team to a strong eighth place finish in the state championship. Although this was Poole's first year running cross-country she led the squad to win their conference, finish third in the section and on to the state tournament. Cross-country coach Richard Smith stated that Poole "provides leadership through example." Smith



Jenifer Poole

also adds that "Jennifer has a lot of heart and a competitive attitude" which inspired the other members of the team to put forth their best effort. Poole plans to play basketball and run track this year. She is looking to receive a scholarship for running track.

## Burzell chooses W & M

by Jeff Sural

Grimsley senior basketball stand-out, Greg Burzell has recently signed a full grant-in-aid to play basketball at William and Mary University in Williamsburg, Virginia. Although several other colleges were in contention for his services, Burzell made the choice based on the opportunity to play as a freshman and the excellent reputation of W & M's academic program as well as their outstanding basketball program. While Burzell has spent his Grimsley career at forward he expects to move to the swing

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## Smouse starts off with winning season

by Pat Goodwin



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Head Football coach Jeff Smouse.

Grimsley's head football coach Jeff Smouse has recently completed his first season with the Whirlies. Smouse's appointment as head coach was highly publicized and many people had greater expectations for his team than the 6 and 4 record they posted. However he did bring new life to the Whirlie football program. After getting off to a great start the team went into a slump in the later part of

the season. "It was like we played two different seasons," said Smouse. Many factors caused the team to have a somewhat disappointing season, but none more than the lack of depth. When a knee injury ended quarterback Brian Gay's season with three conference games remaining, the offense stalled. With key defensive men Patrick Adams, Joe Varsamis and Chase Lavack, sidelined with miscellaneous injuries the defense gave up too many points "We were beat a lot by long pass and big plays that won't happen next year I guarantee it." So as Smouse prepares for next year he can be seen almost every morning setting at his table in the grove reading the morning paper and talking with the students and probable players for next year.

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