

KNIGHT'S BASEBALL

The Grier Knights opened their 1971 baseball season in Kings Mountain against the Mountaineers. The game wasn't played up-to-par for the Knights, although they won it, 4-2. Chris Giles, the pitching ace from last year took the win by striking out 3 and walking 5. Keith Tidwell and Robbie Cline each had 2 hits while Tommy McCarter and Frank Skidmore had 1.

The second game on the schedule was played on March 25, at Grier. The game was played in the oddest weather in Grier's baseball history. It snowed! The snow began to stick about midway in the contest but by looking at the final score this aided pitcher Scott Nesheim into pitching a 1 hitter against the Hawks of Mt. Holly. Grier hit Mt. Holly for 9 hits - 14 runs, while the Hawks got 1 hit for 1 run. The final score was: Grier - 14, Mt. Holly - 1.

The next game was played on March 31 at Crest. Chris Giles was the winning pitcher with 5 strikeouts and 3 walks to Crest's 6 strikeouts and 5 walks. Keith Tidwell led the hitting with 3 hits, while Skidmore, Kerr, Cline, and Queen each had 1. This now made Grier's record - 3 wins and NO losses.

The fourth game was played here on April 1 against Belmont. Scott Nesheim was the winning pitcher for the Knights in the 3 to 2 upset over the Wildcats. Billy Kerr hit a winning homer with a man on base that put the Knights ahead for a good 3 to 2. The hitters for Grier were Tidwell, Kerr, and Morton with 1 each.

The fifth game of the season was played on April 5 in Shelby. Chris Giles took his third win of the year in the 5 to 1 victory over the Bluedevils. Frank Skidmore and Chris Giles were hot at the plate with 2 hits each while Skidmore's were doubles and Giles' a double and a single. Chris had 5 strikeouts to Shelby's 9.

The last game before the Easter Holidays was on April 8, here, against our cross-town rivals, the Ashley Cougars. Scott Nesheim was the starting pitcher for the Knights, but was relieved by Chris Giles who won his fourth game of the season in the 4 to 3 victory over the Cougars. The 2 pitchers combined for 8 strikeouts while Ashley's Hopper struck out 10. Tommy McCarter hit the game-winning homerun, but in the records it goes a single. The game was tied in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded when McCarter came to bat. He hit the ball between left and center field, driving in the winning run. This win put the Knights in first place with a 6 and 0 record.

TRACK TEAM COPS FIRST TWO MEETS

On March 31, Grier opened its track season with a big win over rivals Shelby and Crest. The meet held at Shelby High School saw the Knights streak to an impressive 82 and a half points, while Shelby placed second with 38 and Crest finished last with 2 and a half points.

Grier started off strong, placing first and second in the broad jump and first, second, and fourth in the high jump. Shelby grabbed first places in the discus and shot. From then on Grier placed first in every event except the 440.

O. C. McElhaney had 14 and a half points for the Knights while Rufus Crawford had 13.

On April 15, Grier entered a track at Wray field with Lincolnton, Holbrook, and unexpected Belmont. The extra team made no difference to the Knights who scored 69 points while Belmont finished with 38 and a half, Lincolnton placed third with 12 and a half, and Holbrook scraped up 8.

Once again Grier started off strong placing first and second in the broad jump and first, second, and third in the high jump. Grier also placed first in the 100 yard dash, the 220, the hurdles, the 440, the 880 relay, and the mile relay.

O. C. McElhaney had 16 and a half points for Grier while Rufus Crawford had 13.

BOXING

Madison Square Garden may have Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier, but we at Grier have three of the finest amateur boxers in the state. Buck Williams, Mark Martin, and Theodore Lipscomb all box for the Mt. Holly boxing team which has won five championship trophies this year.

Buck Williams fights in the light weight class at 132 pounds. He has a record of 21 wins and 10 defeats. Three of his 21 wins were by knock-outs. Buck was also the state champion in his class at the Jr. Olympics held in High Point.

Mark Martin fights in the 112 pound novice class and has nine victories and four defeats. Three of these defeats were by Paul Roberts of Seagrove, and Mark hopes to get revenge May 8 when the team travels to Seagrove for a match. Mark holds two best boxer awards, one from Seagrove and one from Gastonia.

Last but certainly not least is Theodore Lipscomb. Theodore has had over 70 fights making him the most experienced of the three. Unfortunately I did not get to interview Theodore for this article, but if you have been watching the papers you know what a fine boxer he is.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

As the 1970-71 school year slowly comes to a close, the students and faculty have final exams to look forward to. And, of course, everybody loves exams!!!!!!

As we all know, final exams are those mammoth tests which cover all the knowledge that we have collected since August 27, 1970.

Exams are short for bags under the eyes, a sudden epidemic of "test fever" sweeping over the school (resulting in many absentees), extreme nervousness, and general paralysis of the brain.

Of course, there are those students who seem to have no trouble at all when exams come up. These are the kids who don't crack a book and still manage straight A's.

The average student usually does pretty well on exams unless he is the one who has spent the school year writing notes and copying homework.

Then there is the kid who "couldn't care less". He is the student that doesn't take a glance at the multiple-choice questions but guesses (with various letters of the alphabet). Every class has at least one of these.

Exams have not yet been scheduled but, start reviewing

NOW and "Be prepared" (for once?)!

SCIENCE + MATH = MATRIMONY

Mr. Robert Wheeler and Miss Linda Evans first met at Grier a year ago. By some strange coincidence their rooms were side by side. (If you were a science student last year, first period, room 15, you will recall that Miss Evans was a persistent visitor.) They began dating to such places as the Gaston County Spindle Center Fair soon after they met.

On the fateful day of Saturday, March 20, 1971, what's-her-face and you-know-who got married!!! The ceremony took place in the chapel of a Monroe Hospital due to Miss Evan's mother's illness. They are residing in East Gastonia. It is reported that Mr. Wheeler is enjoying his new bride's cooking. (It has also been brought to our attention that the new Mrs. Wheeler was given a list of foods that she could prepare for him. However, that is all she can prepare for him.) The newlyweds are planning their honeymoon for a later date. We wish them the best of luck in everything they do. (But isn't it a shame that their rooms are so far apart this year!?) Oh well, love conquers all!

HOW TO GET A TEEN-AGE BOY AND WHAT TO DO WITH HIM WHEN YOU GET HIM

Table with 5 columns: Type, Natural Habitat (after 3 p.m.), General Traits, Special Traits, and Attitude Or Approach. It lists 10 types of teenagers and provides advice for each.

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