Sports

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SAY YOU SAW IT HERE

Walter "Dub" Cuthbertson, who believes in doing things in a great big way, is leaving the local baseball scene in grand style here this weekend. An instrument in the tremendous growth of the popular Mecklenburg County Baseball league since the mid-60's, Cuthbertson is retiring as manager-owner of the Charlotte Hawks.

He earlier announced his intentions to leave his beloved team in the capable hands of Johnny Davis, but no one listened. However, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at Griffith Park, Cuthbertson is going to make it official, when a couple of baseball games will be played in his honor.

"Dub" is best remembered as a fighter. He's without a doubt one of the finest gentlemen you'll ever meet -- in civilian dress, that is. However, once he dons the baseball uniform, Cuthbertson lets everyone know that he's out to win.

He generally is restless once the weather starts warming, and, for the past 20 years, he has spent the great majority of his summers patrolling the base lines in ball parks throughout North and South Carolina. It's going to be interesting to see if "Dub" Cuthbertson's retirement from the game, the athletes, the other owners and the fans he loved so dearly is going to become lasting.

It's not going to be an easy decision to keep. While we respect his opinion -- his decisions are always built on honesty and high respect for others -- but we find it difficult to go along with his retirement statement about this reporter being the best president to serve the Mecklenburg County Baseball League. We do feel that Cuthbertson was on the right track with his pick of Richard "Hank" Sartor as the "best umpire" and Ulysses "Rabbit" Withers as the "best opposing manager who was the hardest to beat.'

The Hawks will lock up with the league-leading Hoskins Giants in Griffith Park Saturday afternoon and they'll meet the Royal Bums on Sunday. Each contest is slated to begin at 2:30 o'clock. In addition to free prizes that will be given away, the management will give away a big barrel of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Wonder what happened to the idea of cooking fish in the black pot bellied wash pots? Could it be that Dub's crew have become urbanized? HITTING THE HIGH PLACES....

Ali and Foreman will split 10 million big ones in their September heavyweight bout. Ali is talking of victory but the pretty boy is either forgetting or overlooking the fact that Foreman has put his last eight opponents to sleep in two rounds and one didn't last beyond the first round.

Professional football fans are going to get a rare treat this summer. CBS is putting together a series of half-hour programs which highlight historical moments of past NFL championships ... Norfolk State has won its first CIAA baseball championship. The Spartans defeated Saint Augustine's and Fayetteville State last weekend to annex the title.

Hank Aaron's 200 thousand dollar salary with the Atlanta Braves will be small in comparison to his take for television commercials this year. The slugging baseball star is pushing products like Oh Henry, Brut and a soap.

Bobby Bond, may be one of the best of the current crop of baseball players, but the super San Francisco Giants outfielder is not playing like a top performer. He's hitting a puny .179.

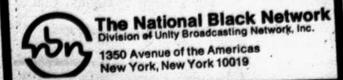
A&T will hire its first white football coach in July. George Wheeler, former head coach at Albemarle High School, will break the color barrier at the famed Greensboro school. He will serve as offensive coordinator. Hornsby Howell's staff also includes Matt Brown, coordinator of offensive backfield; Mel Groomes, coordinator of defensive backfield and scouting; Wylie Harris, coordinator of defense; and Murray Neely, coordinator of offensive line.

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MCL Baseball Roundup

Hawks Cruise Into Second Place; Giants Continue Firm Hold On Top Position

By BILL JOHNSON Post Manager-Editor

The revitalized Charlotte Hawks continue to pursue the league-leading Hoskins Giants. The chase may come to an end this Saturday in Griffith Park.

This is the day the long-time rivals will clash for top place in the Mecklenburg County Semipro baseball league.

Hoskins downed the Gunn Colts, 9-1, last week behind the steady pitching of lefthanders Steve Patterson and Floyd McDowell. to keep their firm hold on first place with a perfect 5-0 league record.

Johnny Davis's Hawks, meanwhile, were edging the Huntersville Raiders, 5-4, in a 10-inning encounter to take over the sole possession of second place with a 5-1 league

And the Morris Field

Walter "Dub" Cuthbertson

is officially retiring from the

local semipro baseball scene.

And the occasion will be

marked by two baseball

The Charlotte Hawks, the

Dub nursed

remarkably well during the

past 20 years will play host to

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The Hawks will encounter the

Royal Bums in Griffith Park

Sunday afternoon. Both

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Hawks, under the able

direction of new coach Johnny

Davis, is one game back in

MCL STANDINGS

Saturday, May 18

Huntersville at Royal Bums

Stein Hall at Morris Field Hoskins at Charlotte Hawks

Charlotte Eagles at Gunn

games here this weekend.

nine

2:30 p.m.

Hawks

Gunn Colts

Huntersville

Morris Field

Royal Bums

Giants For MCL Lead

playing

and four setbacks.

winless Charlotte Eagles. The defeated the slumping Royal

The Giants supported the catcher eluded the secondfine six-hit hurling of Patterson and McDowell-each gave up three hits -- with a strong 16-hit attack on Gunn Colts pitching.

Harry Morrow and James Withers were the big hitters. Spears Morrow and Withers each stroked a single and a

Anjay Orr set the pace for the losers, who now own a 3-3 mark.

The Hawks didn't break smashed a homerun in the

second place with a 5-1 mark.

The Royal Bums are not

expectations of two victories

Davis is expected to pitch

big Jim Irvin against Hoskins'

ace lefthander Steve Pat-

a three-way tie for third place score at 4 apiece. The with a 19-1 blasting of the secondbaseman also figured in the tie-breaker in the 10th other MCL decision went to frame when he walked and Thompson, doubles by home run for the Eagles' lone decisions. the Stein Hall Jets, who then stole second. Smith scampered all the way home when the throw from the

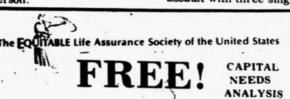
basebam for an error. Andrew Chisholm, Jim Irvin, David Berry and Jimmy McMillan kept the Hawks in contention with their Bobby Jones, Pete Spears, timely hitting. Chisholm contributed a pair of singles to the 9-hit assault while Irvin Jones stroked three singles, and McMillan were also hitting two singles, Berry a triple and Smith a homerun. McMillan drove in two runs.

Roosevelt Davis, who pitched a strong seven-hitters for his first win of the season. struck out 11 Raiders and clear of the Huntersville walked only four batters. His stronghold until Willie Smith opponent-Bill Whitby-was reached for nine hits in absorbing the loss. Whitby **Hawks Battles Hoskins** fanned five and walked two.

Whitby also shared hitting honors with Oscar Hunt and John McCauley. He had a single, double and a homerun. while Hunt was hitting two singles and McCauley one safe

The Rangers blend 14 safeties with the airtight up to pre-season hurling of Londell McClary, Randy Falls and Ed Thompson Jr. for their 19-1 rout of the

> Murphy Morris led the assault with three singles and



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Rangers inched their way into eighth inning to deadlock the four runs driven in. The Lawrence Izzard and a single Rangers total also included a double and a single by Mc-Clary, two singles by Alfred

"Shot" Clawson also hit well John Clawson pounded a for the losers, who now have dropped five straight



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