

By James Cuthbertson

**PREP**



**Chatter**



James

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS TEAM...Paul Grier of Myers Park, Mike Gurley of North Mecklenburg, Reggie Howard of South Mecklenburg, Terry Nance of West Charlotte, Harrell Patterson of Independence, David Serapca of East Mecklenburg, Herman Springs of Olympic, Brad Smith of Independence, Lou Trosch of West Charlotte, Haywood Workman of Myers Park, John Black of Myers Park, Nate Lewis of Myers Park, Terry Massey of Hawthorne, Milton Moore of West Mecklenburg, Damon Rawlinson of West Mecklenburg, Mark Schol of South Mecklenburg, Latura Stitt of North Mecklenburg, Lance Jones of West Charlotte, Roman Phifer of South Mecklenburg, Kevin Reid of West Charlotte, Keith Simpson of Independence, Reggie Wilson of Olympic, and Pervis Thomas of Garinger.

Also the young ladies who made the Junior Olympic's team...Lisa Austin of Harding, Mary Busker of Garinger, Lavetta Dawkins of Independence, Mildred Jant of Independence, Dawn Hand of West Charlotte, Veronica Harris of Olympic, Angela Henderson of West Charlotte, and Lorraine Orr of Independence.

**BASEBALL**

On the baseball front last week...Greg Riddle and James Poe had hot bats for the Garinger Wildcats who beat Myers Park 6-2...Doug Hanline struck out 13 batters and threw a 2 hitter at the Mustangs...To upset number one ranked Independence a Garinger batter was the hero. He was Greg Pennington with a two run home run...West Mecklenburg's Brian Dillon struck out 14 batters in 10 innings as the West Mecklenburg Indians beat Myers Park 5-2...Keith Green knocked in the winning runs for West Mecklenburg. For the South Mecklenburg Sabres last week, David Carr had two hits and three runs batted in for the Sabres when they beat East Mecklenburg...Stacy Hicks hit a home run for North Mecklenburg as they defeated archrival West Charlotte...The East Eagles got a good game from pitcher David Duke who won his fourth game against one loss as the team beat Harding 5-3 on his two hitter...Reggie Clark of East Mecklenburg is also having a good season.

**TOP HITTERS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN 4A.....** Gene Raley, Myers Park, .516; Forrest Kenley, Olympic, .481; Alan Lewis, West Charlotte, .407; Tony Darnell, South Mecklenburg, .407; Ty Cobb, South Mecklenburg, .400; John Clark, East Mecklenburg, .400; Kevin Nally, West Mecklenburg, .394; Jack Cupp, West Charlotte, .385; Scott Fandel, South Mecklenburg, .370 and Mike Helms, East Mecklenburg, .366.

**THE TOP HOME RUN HITTERS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN 4A** is Alan Lewis of West Charlotte with three.

**TOP PITCHERS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN 4A.....**David Parker of South Mecklenburg, Jamie Furr of Olympic and David Duke of East Mecklenburg, Sherman Springs of Olympic.

**BASEBALL RANKINGS**

1. Independence - The Patriots retain the number one position despite a tough loss to Garinger.
2. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings seem to be on the move to the top.
3. West Charlotte - The Lions are still growing for their place in the sun.
4. Garinger - The Wildcats defeated the Patriots and showed that they belong in first division.
5. South Mecklenburg - The Sabres with David Carr and Tony Darnell have some tough pitching.
6. Olympic - Despite some tough losses, the Trojans are always capable of moving back to first division.
7. East Mecklenburg - David Duke of the Eagles is a tough pitcher.
8. Harding - The Rams are hustling.
9. West Mecklenburg - The Indians beat the Mustangs to move out of the cellar.
10. Myers Park - The Mustangs have the best hitter in the league, but it takes nine to field a competitive team.

**TENNIS TEAM RANKINGS**

1. South Mecklenburg - The Sabres are always tough to beat.
2. Myers Park - With Eric Little at number one, the Mustangs are hard to handle.
3. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings have Darrell Reid, Junior McGill and Keith Chisholm. They could be the surprise of the conference.
4. East Mecklenburg - Only a tenth grader, Eric Abrams has moved into the number one position.
5. West Charlotte - The Lions have a tough young rookie in Brian Watt.
6. Independence - The Pats are looking for an upset.

**In Triple County League**

**Queen City Rangers, Metro Phillies Rack Victories**

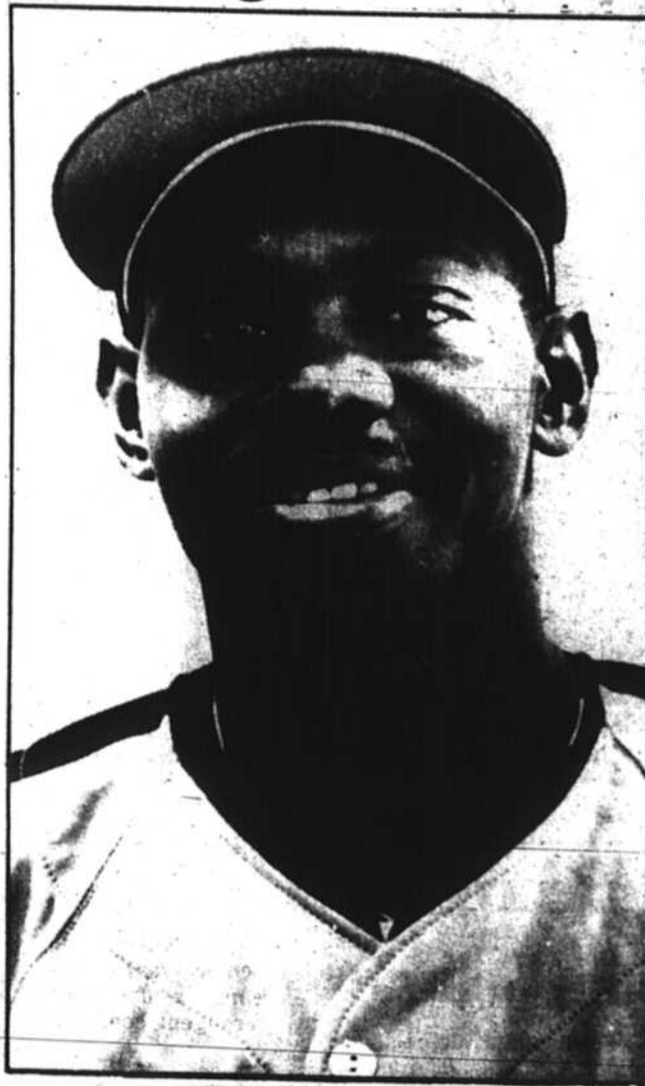
By Bill Johnson  
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Two of the favored teams in the Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League kicked off their 1984 season in fine fashion last weekend.

The Queen City Rangers edged the Rock Hill O's, 3-2, Saturday afternoon in Rock Hill, S.C., in a contest interrupted after four and a half innings by a heavy rain storm. The Rangers mauled the Statesville Twins, 16-6, in Statesville Sunday afternoon.

In the meantime, the newly organized Metro Phillies opened their campaign with a 16-3 romp over the D. J. All Stars Saturday afternoon. They followed with an 18-4 shellacking of the Rock Hill O's Sunday afternoon.

Celebrating the return of popular manager Herman Thomas, the Rangers received airtight pitching from righthander Willie Patterson, who gave up three hits to outpitched Clinton Perry. Patterson fanned one batter and didn't issue a walk to record his first triumph of the young season. Perry was even stingier, allowing only two hits while striking out five and walking five.

It was the walks that sent Perry reeling to his first setback. He walked Todd McClain and Mike Thompson in the top of the second



**Bobby Thompson**  
.....Poles 4 homeruns

to set the stage for Ricky Grier's double which plated two runs.

The O's tied the scores in their half of the second when James Mobley was

sate on an error. Richard Hemphill followed with a triple to left center. Thompson knotted the count on another Ranger miscue.

The Rangers took the lead for good when left fielder Kenneth Cuthbertson drew a walk, stole second and third and raced across the plate on Thompson's infield grounder.

Thomas' crew showed more muscle against the Twins. They slammed 12 base hits against two Statesville hurlers and was never headed after they racked seven runs in the first inning.

Ricky Grier, Bobby Thompson, Bob White, Darryl Berry and Mike Peake were the big guns. Grier contributed a grand slam homerun and a pair of singles. Thompson hit a homerun and a single, White had two singles, Berry a triple and a single, and Peake a single and a double.

Darryl Jackson, who received relief help from Henry Houston in the sixth, was the winning pitcher. He allowed six hits and struck out four. Houston proved to be equally effective, giving up four hits with two strike outs and a pair of base on balls.

The Phillies took their big bats to Newton Saturday and, with Alfred

Thompson leading the onslaught with three homeruns, a triple for six at bats, encountered little opposition in rolling to their first win of the year.

Lefthander Lester Styles pitched the victory, giving up three runs on six hits. He walked one batter and struck out seven.

John Boyd, Ricky Carelock, Mike Smith, Stanley Falls, Gregg Grier, Greg Sito and Murphy Morris were the other Phillies who stood out in the win.

The Phillies were too powerful in Rock Hill Sunday afternoon where they mauled the O's, 18-4, behind the heavy hitting of John Boyd, Ricky Carelock, Greg Sito, Gregg Grier, Mike Smith and Stanley Falls.

Archie Morris notched his first win of the year with a 7-hit performance that included homeruns to John Mobley and Richard Hemphill.

The Phillies will face powerful Hoskins Saturday afternoon in the league's "Game of the Week."

The Rangers will host the Bowling Green Hornets Saturday afternoon at Plato Price.

Both games will start at 2:30 p.m.

Bernard Thomas, a 17-year-old Garinger High School righthander, will be on the mound for the Rangers. Phillies managers

have not decided on a starting pitcher for the Hoskins game.

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