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# Hot Queen City Rangers Roll To 6th Straight Win

The streaking Queen City Rangers registered their fifth and sixth straight victories in the Tripla County Semi-Pro Baseball League last weekend.

With Tim Funderburke, Bobby White, Randy Falls, Rickey Grier and Bobby Thompson setting the offensive pace, the Rangers mauled the Lincolnton Cardinals, 13-1, in Lincolnton Saturday afternoon.

Tight pitching by Bernard Thomas and Darryl Jackson enabled manager Herman Thomas' undefeated crew to edge the D&J All-Stars, 5-4, Sunday afternoon at Plato Price High School.

Funderburke led the 13-hit assault with a pair of singles and a double. He drove in three runs. White and Falls contributed two singles each while Grier was hitting a single and a double and Thompson stroked a two-run home run, his third of the season.

In the meantime, Willie Patterson was notching his second win in as many starts this year, with a neat 4-hitter which included seven strikeouts and only two base-on-balls.

Thomas and his hard-hitting outfit found tougher opposition in the D&J All-Stars.

After jumping out in front 2-0 in the first game, the Rangers found themselves trailing 3-2 in the third. The All-Stars stretched the margin to 4-2,



Bobby Thompson

.....Wields hot bat

before the Rangers hopped on the All-Stars pitcher for three runs on two hits, three D&J miscues and a wild throw.

Mike Peake led off the inning with a single to right and advanced to third when Grier's grounder was misplayed. Darryl Berry hit into a fielder's choice, which cut down Peake but enabled Grier to go all the way to third. White reached first on an error and stole second to set the stage for Charles Bittle's game-winning double.

Thomas worked the first four innings, giving up six hits, striking out two, walking two and hitting one. Jackson came on in the fifth and received credit for the triumph, his

second of the year. The veteran righthander struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

## Livingstone To Host

## UNCF Golf Tournament

Salisbury - Livingstone College is sponsoring its fifth Annual United Negro College Fund Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 12, at 11 a.m. at the Corbin Hills Golf Course in Salisbury.

There will be a \$25 entry fee which will cover the cost of green fees and a cart as well as provide a \$15 tax deductible gift to the Livingstone College United Negro College Fund Campaign.

Trophies will be awarded to all four members of the top four finishing teams in the Captain's Choice

tournament. Several novelty prizes will also be presented.

Plenty of refreshments and door prizes will be provided at the J.C. Price American Legion Post following the tournament.

Join in a day of fun and at this same time you will be able to join your friends in saying, "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste."

For additional information, contact Ed Bost or Dorothy Colson at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C. 28144, 704-633-7980.

## UNCC Receives \$237,000

Charlotte - The Foundation of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte has allocated \$237,000 to the University for the coming year, Dr. William M. Britt, vice chancellor for development has announced.

A larger amount allocated this year is due in large part to the success of the major fund raising campaign conducted by UNCC last year, according to Dr. Britt. Previous allocations have been near

the \$100,000 mark.

Dr. Britt said that funds allocated will go toward faculty research grants,

faculty mini-grants, curriculum development, publications and academic program enrichment.

New directors elected to the Foundation are Ronald Terpak, IBM plant

manager; Dr. Monroe Gilmour, Charlotte physician; and Ben Helms, Union County businessman.

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Mecklenburg County has a bevy of exciting young tennis players. Some of them are:

**ERIC ABRAMS** - Abrams is the number one player for East Mecklenburg High School. Only a sophomore, he has held his own while winning most of his matches in the Southwestern 4A Conference and hanging tough in others.

**DEVON BERRY** - Berry is a ninth grader and has moved to the number two spot on the West Mecklenburg tennis team. Brothers Dana and Drew played the number one position for West Charlotte and are currently playing at UNCC and N.C. A&T. Drew was most valuable player at A&T this year.

Devon is a steady and gutsy player. He makes straight A's on his report card.

**KEITH CHISHOLM** - Chisholm has moved to the number two position on the North Mecklenburg team as a junior and maintains a 4.6 grade point average while pursuing his favorite pastime.

**BRIAN WATT** - Only a sophomore at West Charlotte, Watt is beginning to capitalize on his 6'3" frame and his 190 pounds to intimidate his opponents. We should be hearing great things from this Yannick Noah look-alike.

### BASEBALL RANKINGS

1. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings unleashed the fury of their power at Olympic pitching ace Sherman Springs. The Vikings who are probably the best hitting team in the Southwestern 4A batted Olympic into submission by a 22-4 count.

2. Independence - The Patriots are going to be hard to stop. They have good pitching in Greg Solomon who threw a two hit shootout at West Charlotte in his last outing.

3. South Mecklenburg - If there is a solid darkhorse who could unseat the top runners, South is the one. Greg Wilcox struck out 15 Mustangs en route to an 8-3 Sabre win recently.

4. West Charlotte - West Charlotte is another school that has a lot of power. Alan Lewis is one of the best hitters in the league.

5. Olympic - The Trojans have two aces in Jamie Furr and Sherman Springs. When they are on, the team is hard to handle. Look for them to pull some surprises in the conference tournament.

6. Garinger - Doug Hanline of Garinger gave up one hit and had 13 shutouts in a 7-0 win over East.

7. East - The Eagles are having scoring problems but are a threat.

8. West Mecklenburg - The Indians ace is Brian Dillon who struck out 10 in a 9-1 win over Harding. It was his fourth victory of the season.

9. Harding - The Rams are having tough times.

10. Myers Park - The Mustangs have an outstanding individual talent in Gene Raley but not much pitching or hitting to go with it.

An outstanding talent in the Northeastern part of the county is Andrea Stinson of Alexander Junior High School.

The tall and talented young lady won "Player of the Year" honors in softball and girls' basketball at her school.

She also runs track and set the county long jump record in junior high of 18'3 1/2" as a seventh grader.

### TENNIS RANKINGS

1. South Mecklenburg, 2. Myers Park, 3. East Mecklenburg, 4. Independence, 5. North Mecklenburg, 6. West Charlotte, 7. Garinger, 8. Olympic, 9. West Mecklenburg, 10. Harding.

Congratulations to the Charlotte Catholic tennis team.

The Cougar netters were unbeaten in conference play with an 8-0 record. They were led by number one single's player Brian Meighan.

Over three seasons, the Cougars have won 24 straight conference games and are perennial powers in the Rocky River 2A.

In girls' softball, the powerhouses are Independence and West Mecklenburg. The Indians are in first place in the Southwestern 4A and are led by outfielder Cindy Zimmerman with a .435 batting average, outfielder Cathy Farrar with a .521 batting average, and shortstop Kim Smith who is batting .453.

The nearest challenger is the Patriots who have a 12-3 record that is good for second place.

The Indians are 14-1 in the league.

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