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dent of several printing businesses in the Tacoma, WA area, and Pat Brown, a veteran sports franchise operator who will serve as the club's general manager.

The new franchise will play at McCrary Park, longtime home of baseball in Asheboro.

"We are thrilled to welcome Asheboro to the Coastal Plain League," said CPL President Pete Bock. "McCrary Park is a wonderful ballpark, and the city's long tradition of supporting baseball will surely embrace the new team and make it an integral part of the community."

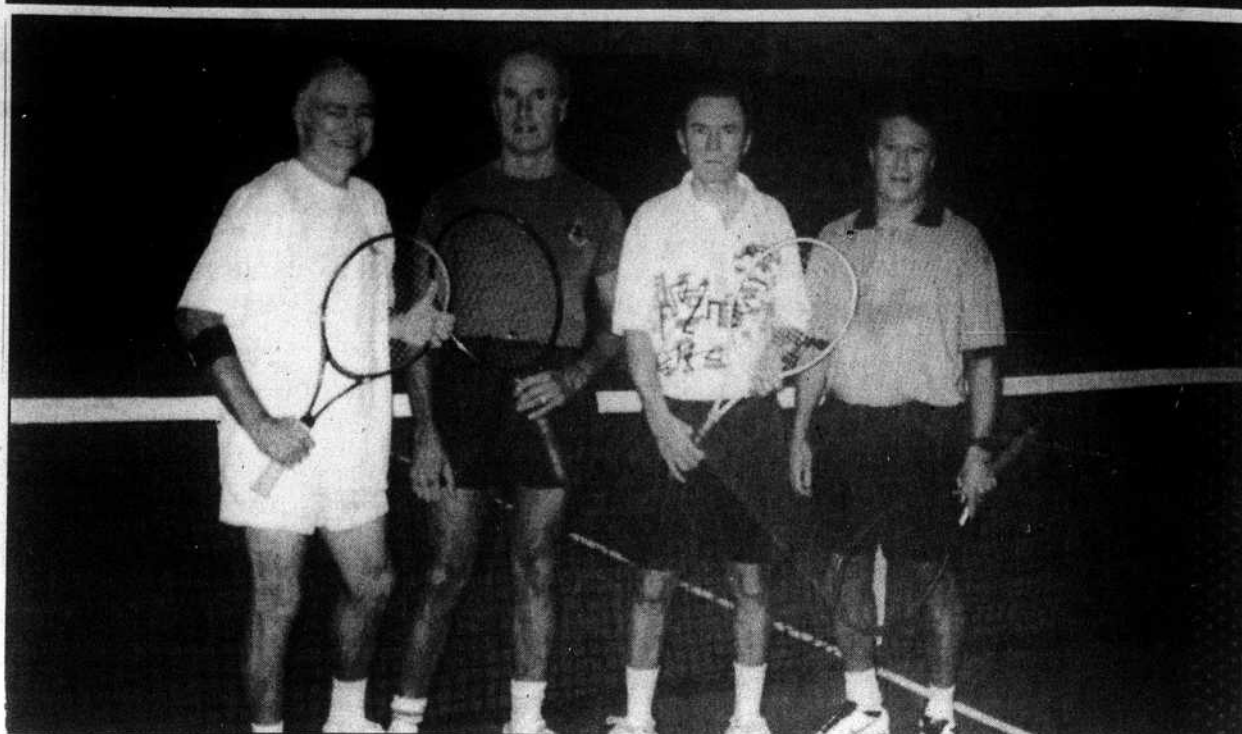
Club general manager Pat Brown has been involved in sports management for more than 15 years. Most recently, he served as general manager of the Grays Harbor (Aberdeen, WA) Gulls of the Western Baseball League, an independent pro circuit. Brown has also worked with the Erie Sailors (Frontier League), San Bernardino Spirit (California League), plus a nine-year stint with the Rochester Red Wings of the International League. He has also worked with the Rochester Raging Rhinos, a professional soccer team.

Brown recently arrived in Asheboro and has already begun the team's operation. The new team expects to announce its nickname and head coach in the coming weeks.

...and the show time has been here, I can tell that Asheboro is a great place and a great baseball team," Brown said. "We are very excited to be bringing the city an entertaining team to call its own."

The CPL's current lineup of teams, in addition to Asheboro, includes the Edenton Steamers, Durham Braves, Florence (SC) RedWolves, Wilmington Sharks and Wilson Tobs.

The CPL's third season, which features a 50-game schedule, will begin on June 4 and conclude on Aug. 7. A best-of-3 playoff series will follow between the first-half and second-half winners. The 1999 season will also feature the league's first-ever mid-season All-Star Game, which will be held in Wilmington on a date to be announced.



LOCALS NAB HONORS AT PINE ISLAND TOURNEY

(From left) Allen Strait, Bob Miller, Paul Richmond, and Cam Byrum matched up in the Men's Intermediate Consolation Finals match at the 1998 Pine Island Thanksgiving Classic last month. Strait and Miller captured first-place by defeating runners-up Richmond and Byrum.

Perquimans rallies to drop Edenton

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HERTFORD — December is usually not the time for high school basketball teams to be sending messages.

But that's exactly what Perquimans County did Friday night by storming back from an 11-point deficit to overtake Northeastern-Albemarle Conference rival Edenton Holmes, 70-68.

"That we buckled down and got the job done the way we did is a real confidence booster," said Pirates coach Luther Overton.

The night didn't start out so well for Perquimans though. The visiting Aces broke out their showtime offense and ran the Pirates off the floor to the tune of a 40-31 halftime lead.

"We weren't getting back on defense or getting out on their shooters," Overton said. "At halftime, I was just hoping they

would cool down and for our guys to heat up."

And heat up Perquimans did, outscoring Edenton 13-5 to close out the third quarter.

"We came out in the second half and had a bit of a letdown," Edenton coach Ed Thornton said. "But (Perquimans) adjusted on defense and shot the ball a lot better."

Trailing 54-53 going into the fourth quarter, the Pirates (4-4) scored quickly to take a two-point lead. But the Aces stayed close behind Robert Nixon's six

points in the period and trailed by only two with a little over a minute remaining.

Opting not to foul immediately, Edenton watched as Paul Spence knocked down a shot to make the score 70-66 with only 10 seconds left. A Juamont Griffin bucket at the buzzer made the score closer, but wasn't enough for the Aces.

Anthony Jones led Edenton (2-4) with 15 points, while Nixon added 11 and Griffin had 12.

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