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# First Westside Tennis Tourney Begins Saturday

A highly competitive field of 28 of Charlotte's best Black Tennis players are poised for the opening rounds of the first Westside Invitational Tennis Tournament which begins at two local courts early Saturday morning.

Sponsored by the Black Association for the Advancement of Tennis in Charlotte, the meet will be held at Northwood Estates Tennis Courts and West Charlotte High School Tennis Courts.

Eleven matches are slated for the singles and seven are slated for the doubles on Saturday and Sunday. If needed play will continue daily thru Friday of next week. The semi-finals and finals are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15.

Singles Matches between Russell Harris and Harvey Gantt and Linwood Bell and Claude Saunders will begin

play at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Harris is the meet's sixth seeded player and Bell is just a step behind in the seventh seeded position.

Leslie Egleston, a Johnson C. Smith University student who is expected to prove tough to beat, will take in B. Merritt at 10:30 at the Northwest Estates courts.

Spencer Durante will encounter Arthur Flood and Larry Sloan will face Bill McCombs in the first matches at the West Charlotte High School Courts, starting at 10:30 a.m.

John Bolling is matched against Keith Heywood at WC at 12 noon and Tom Brown will clash with Vic Wilson at Northwood Estates at 1:30.

The 3 p.m. matches will pit Jim Black against Jacque Johnson and William Hill against Hiram Jones at Northwood Estates and Richard Jones against David Waymer at West Charlotte.

The final singles event of the first rounds matches Lonnie Jones against Marvin Grigsby at Northwood Estates at 4:30 p.m.

Doubles begin at Northwood Estates at 10:30 a.m. with the team of Johnson - Thompson facing Saunders and Wilson and Joe Alston and Black opposing Meckle and Hiram Jones. At the same hour, the duo of Gantt and Harris will take on Taylor and Midgett at West Charlotte.

Hairston and Turner will meet Harris and Shank at Northwood Estates at 1:30 while Grigsby and Partner will battle Bolling and Sloan at West Charlotte. The final match of the day will have Brown and McCombs meeting Young and Young.

John Mickles, Floyd Young, Robert Hicks and Joe Alston are the top seeded players who have drawn a first-round bye.



JOE ALSTON  
...Meet's Darkhorse

## A&T Backs Adjusting Well To Veer Offense

Al Holland and George Ragsdale have been regulars in the North Carolina A&T backfield since they entered the university.

The talented pair of running backs were recently named by opposing Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) coaches as the conferences top performers for the upcoming season.

"This season the Aggies will be operating from the veer offense much to the liking of Holland and Ragsdale.

"The thing I like most about the veer is that it is a quick hitting offense," said Holland, who besides being an outstanding runner led the MEAC in punting last season. "Everything happens so fast that before you know it you're in the defensive backfield."

Ragsdale shared Holland's observation of the veer. "In this offense all it takes is just a split second for a play to break," said Ragsdale, who has an All-MEAC choice his freshman season but has been slowed by injuries during his sophomore and junior years.

spotlight carrying the ball this season, both agree the success of the new information will rely on the quarterback.

"Faking is very important in the veer," the pair agreed.

"Right now everybody is real excited about it."

"Coach George Wheeler believes in it and we all know what the offense can produce if executed properly."

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AMATEUR WINNER OF THE SECOND ANNUAL Black Masters Tournament, Russ Kilpelainen (right) of New Hudson, Mich., (center) of Grand Blanc, proudly holds his prizes including a scaled reproduction of the Joe Louis Commemorative Trophy. Jim Thrope (left) of Baltimore won \$700 for third place in the pro division. Pro runner-up Timo Kilpelainen (right) of New Hudson, Mich., pocketed \$1,000 and won 30 days use of an American Motors Gremlin for a hole-in-one during the recent tournament at Grand Blanc Golf Club, near Flint, MI.

## White Golfers Win Top Two Places In Black Masters

FLINT - White golfers won the top two places in the second annual Black Masters Tournament at Grand Blanc Golf Club near Flint on Sunday, August 25th.

The pro winner, John Darr of Coconut Creek, Fla., took home \$1,500 for a one-under-par 143 scored during the three-day event.

The pro runner-up, Timo Kilpelainen of New Hudson,

shot 145 during the 36 hole pro contest and pocketed \$1,000. Kilpelainen made a hole-in-one off the 13th tee for which he won one month's use of an American Motors Gremlin.

Jim Thrope, a promising touring black pro from Baltimore, came in third with 146, winning \$700. Thrope also won \$50 for hitting the longest ball on hole 18, where he blasted a 320-yard drive.

Early leader in the tournament was Gordon Chavis of Baltimore who shot a two-under-par 70 on Saturday. Chavis finished in seventh place tied with Rick TenBroek and George Walker.

In the amateur division, young Russ Rozof of Grand Blanc won the championship flight with a 148, becoming the first winner of the Joe Louis Commemorative Trophy. He received a scaled reproduction of the trophy and merchandise prizes. The actual Joe Louis Trophy will be on exhibit at Detroit's Palmer Park Golf Course.

One stroke behind in second place was black par-shooting Charles Renfrow of Pontiac, who won the runner-up Joe Louis Trophy.

## A&T Signs 4 Wrestlers

Two of North Carolina's top wrestlers have accepted grants to attend North Carolina A&T State University.

Aggie wrestling Coach Melvin Pinckney announced the signings of Walt Barrett and Rodney James. Both were standouts at Greensboro's Grimsley High School.

Barrett finished second in the state last season in the 158-pound class and completed the campaign with a 62-6 won-loss record. James was last year's state champion in the 119-pound division.

"These wrestlers will add spark and definitely help our program," Coach Pinckney said. "We should have a chance this year at the conference championship."

Pinckney also announced

the signing of Eric Harris of Farndale, Michigan and John Ford of Montclair, New Jersey. Both Ford and Harris were conference and regional wrestling standouts in their respective areas.

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## Hawks Face Warriors For Playoff Crown

The officials of the Jonesville AME Zion Church will have to wait until late Saturday afternoon before crowning their first champion

### Fayetteville

### Adds 2 To

**Football Card**  
FAYETTEVILLE - Dr. William Bell, Director of Athletics of Fayetteville State University, announced that Morehouse College of Atlanta, Georgia and Fort Bragg have been added to the 1974 gridiron schedule.

"We had two openings in the schedule. One on September 14 and October 5. We are happy to announce that these dates have been filled and we will play a total of eleven games. We will play Fort Bragg at home September 14 and Morehouse College October 5 at home. We will play six games and five away," said Bell.

Fayetteville State University compiled a 5-5 overall record last year and will open season at home against Federal City College September 7 in a non-conference game.

in the Labor Day playoffs for teams in the Charlotte area.

They were foiled in their attempt here late Monday afternoon when the Charlotte Hawks edged the Indian Trail Warriors, 13-12, in a wild baseball contest. The win gave the Hawks a 2-1 mark in the playoffs.

The Warriors whipped the Charlotte Jaquars, 5-4, in the first game of Monday's doubleheader to bring their record to 2-1. They downed the Hawks, 5-3, in the second contest of Saturday's twinbill.

Manager Johnny Davis is slated to pitch for the Hawks, who defeated the Jaquars, 6-2, Saturday afternoon, and lefthander Pete Keziah is expected to hurl for the Indian Trail team.

Both outfits are stocked with exceptional hitters. Shortstop Willie Smith, third baseman Ira Simpson and leftfielder James Wilkes have hit best for the Hawks during the playoffs while Nathaniel Watson, Charley Caldwell, Richard Wright and Bob Massey were providing the bulk of the stick work for the Warriors.

Game-time has been set for 3 p.m.



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