

Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

Hornets Face San Antonio Here Saturday Night At 8

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After opening the season with road losses at San Antonio and Memphis, two of the strongest clubs in the World Football League, the Charlotte Hornets finally have a chance to play at home, Saturday night August 16 at 8 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

But this time the opponent is the San Antonio Wings, who are undefeated with three victories in World Football League play. One of their victories was a resounding, 54 to 22, defeat pinned on Southern California, who is rated as the top WFL team.

However, Coach Bob Gibson's Hornets have not been blown out in any game. In the first game at San Antonio, seven turnovers plagued the Hornets in a July 26 loss. Two weeks later, the Hornets minimized mistakes against Memphis and held an 11-0 halftime lead but the running game of the Grizzlies with Csonka, Kiick and Warfield at the helm took control of the game in the second half before 20,000 fans in Memphis.

Gibson feels like the Hornets have "been on the road since June." But Gibson a first year coach feels that "playing at home should make all the difference in the world."

"Saturday's game means a great deal to everyone," Gibson said. "We want to win it for the people in the Carolina area and we also want to open at home in the strongest way. San Antonio is doing everything right at this stage.



BENNY BARBOUR
...Rookie defensive standout

Just look at the Wings 54 to 22 rout of Southern California. They played as fine a third quarter on offense as any effort I've ever seen."

The Wings, leading 15 to 7 over the Sun, exploded for four touchdowns in the third period to shock Southern California.

"San Antonio's quarterback Johnnie Walton poses some real problems for the defense because he can run and throw equally as well," Gibson said. "He makes it very difficult to commit a defense to the run or the pass."

San Antonio will be playing its first road game. After beating the Hornets, to open the WFL season, the Wings' disposed of Shreveport before bombarding Southern California.

Aside from quarterback Walton on Elizabeth City State, San Antonio boasts running backs Bill Sadler and Jim Strong, currently ranked second and seventh respectively in rushing in the league. Lonny Warwick and Billy Hobbs, both linebackers, lead the defense along with pass rushing terror Rick Cash.

S. C. State To Appear In Tip-Off Tournament Here

Orangeburg, S.C. - South Carolina State College announced a 26-game basketball schedule for the 1975-76 season featuring appearances in three tournaments. The Bulldogs will participate in the Charlotte and Tallahassee (Fla.) Invitational and host the annual Colleges of South Carolina Tournament.

The schedule, announced Friday by athletic director Dr. Milton D. Hunter, include several new comers in addition to three tournaments and a 12-game Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference slate.

In an effort to bring its schedule up to NCAA Division I standards, the college has added intra-state foe Baptist College of Charleston, Mercer College and Samford University. S. C. State will meet Baptist in a home-and-home series and face both Mercer and Samford on the road.

The only NCAA Division II and NAIA teams the Bulldogs will meet in regularly scheduled contests are Mars Hill and Winston-Salem State University.

The Charlotte Invitational will feature host Johnson C. Smith, the Bulldogs and two unannounced teams. Other teams in the Tallahassee tourney are Fisk, Dillard and host Florida A&M.

The Bulldogs were 15-11 last season under second-year head coach Tim Autry

MCL Baseball Roundup

Rangers Slam Bums 6-2; Hawks Edge Colts, 3-2

Only two games were played in the Mecklenburg County Semipro Baseball League last weekend. Two others were postponed because of rain.

The fight between the Royal Bums and the Gunn Colts for second place in the West division remains unsettled as both lost games over the weekend.

The Morris Field Rangers, who will represent the East in the league's championship contest at Griffith Park on August 24, whipped the Colts, 6-2, while the Bums were dropping a 3-2 decision to the Charlotte Hawks.

Alfred Thompson, Lawrence Izzard and Ken Koontz were the big heroes for the Rangers. Thompson hit a pair of singles and accounted for one rbi while Izzard was driving in two teammates with a single and Koontz was plating one run with a one base

blow. Koontz also received credit for the win, having pitched in relief of Edward Thompson Jr. He, however, received mound help from Larry Wright, who

finished up for the winners. Bobby Reynolds, Kevin Staley and Joe Graham also had a big hand in the victory.

Oliver Hampton, Lee Forte, Willis Orr and Joe Blackman played best for the losers and Rogers Coleman, who struck out 10 and walked only three, was the losing pitcher.

Offensive work by Mark Funderburk, Johnny Davis, James Wilks and Palmer Gilmore powered the Charlotte Hawks to their win over the Bums. Funderburk, Davis and Wilks each had extra base blows and Gilmore contributed two singles to the 5-hit attack on William Ross.

Bill Davis and Ross each had two hits for the losers.

In addition to sharing in the offense, Davis pitched the victory in picking up the victory.

WHERE THEY PLAY
Saturday, August 16
Gunn Colts at Royal Bums
Morris Field at Hoskins
Charlotte Hawks, bye

HOW THEY STAND

WEST	W	L
Teams	18	3
Hoskins Giants	6	13
Royal Bums	6	13
Gunn Colts	6	13

EAST	W	L
Teams	15	5
Morris Field Rangers	9	12
Charlotte Hawks	8	12
Stein Hall Jets	8	12

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IT OCCURS TO ME THAT.....

The Greater Griertown Open Golf Tournament will have to undergo some radical changes if it is to earn a position among the major amateur golf tournaments in the area.

It's difficult to imagine a golf tournament with such great potentials being supervised so poorly. As a matter of fact, the Par Busters Club's sixth annual Greater Griertown Open Golf Tournament at the Cedarwood Golf Course last weekend turned out to be a farce.

The comedy of errors began the moment the golfers found there were no Par Buster members around to supervise play. Needless to state, there was wholesale cheating as golfers were seen padding or lowering their scores following play on the Saturday to get in the flights they thought they had a better chance to win. A large number didn't count their scores accurately and there were others who did not adhere to the unwritten rules of golf. Their conduct was not praiseworthy.

It would appear that the first step in improving the popular tournament should be taken to organize better supervision. There should be uniform rules to govern all the players, and a marshal should be available on the course to define rules and to disqualify violaters.

The Par Busters would do well to clearly define the word "amateur". There were a number of players entered last week who are known to travel the play-for-pay circuit for Black golfers, and they're generally regarded as professionals. These players should not be eligible to compete in an amateur tournament.

This reporter's first impression of the Greater Griertown Open Golf Tournament was that it was an outing whereby the Par Buster members and a few of their friends would have fun. The sixth annual Greater Griertown Open Golf Tournament didn't, even in the remotest sense, bare any resemblance to an amateur golf tournament that's worthy of any praise.

ABOUT OTHER THINGS.....

Eugene "Superman" Simms is returning to Morgan State University. An All-American linebacker during his playing career with the Bears, Simms will replace coach John Townsend as defensive football coach who will work with the Bears linebacking crew....Eddie McGirt will meet his Johnson C. Smith University football squad on August 24. That's less than two weeks before the Golden Bulls open their 1975 CIAA campaign.

Fayetteville State and Elizabeth City will begin football practice this weekend.

Andre Springs, the talented prep golfer has decided to attend Fayetteville State University on scholarship. He was originally ticketed for South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, S. C.

A&T State University will roll out the red carpet on Sept. 17 for one of its most honored athletes. The school has planned a special recognition day for Al Attles, who coached the Golden State Warriors to the championship of the National Basketball Association. Al led the Aggies to CIAA basketball championships in 1958 and 1959. He has been head coach of the Warriors since 1973.

The NCAA has cleared Norfolk State College of any basketball rule violations. According to informed sources, the Spartans were in a questionable position with the NCAA since they accepted an invitation to compete in the 1975 NAIA Tournament after indicating their availability to play in the NCAA Division II Meet. The confrontation between the school and the NCAA's availability questionnaire has prompted the NCAA to revise the 1975 document.

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