

In NBC Tournament

Rangers Win Two; Face Old Fort Thursday

The Morris Field Rangers scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to come from behind for an exciting 5-4 victory over the WNC Independent All-Stars in Lenoir Friday night.

Manager Herman Thomas's sharp crew followed with a 4-0 triumph over the Kernersville Raiders Sunday night to keep

alive their hopes for winning the 1976 North Carolina NBC Baseball Tournament's Western Division championship.

"I believe we're better equipped to go all the way than any of the other teams in the tournament," Thomas said Tuesday, adding, "we're playing good sound baseball, after a rather shaky start. Our only

problem appears to be a weak bat. We just aren't getting the hits."

The Rangers didn't get the hits last weekend, lashing out six in each contest. They, however, got good mileage out of their offense with nine stolen bases and a sparkling defense that came through with four timely double plays.

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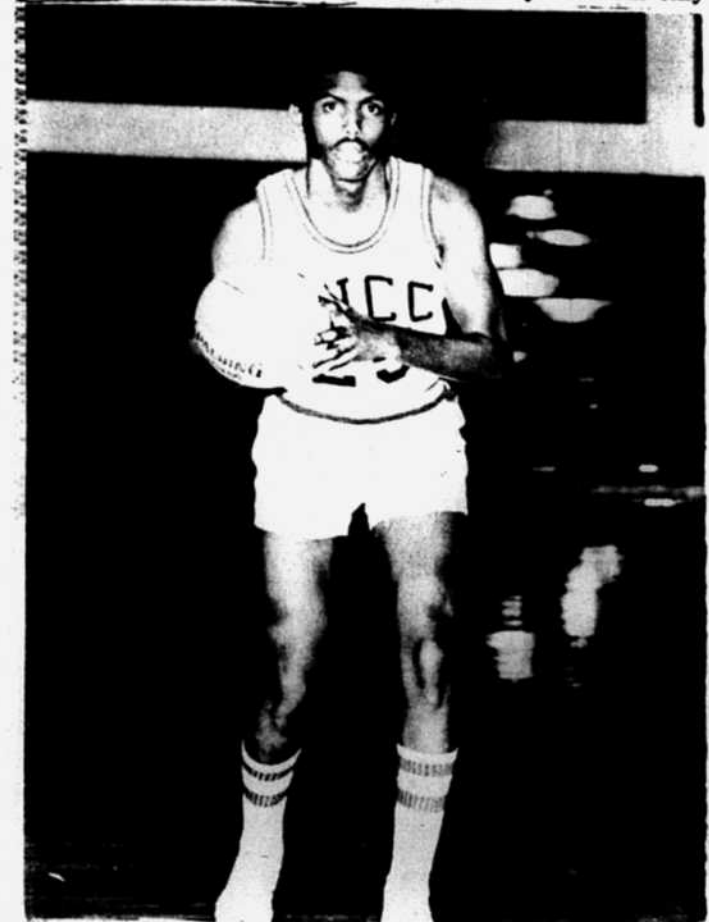
Davis struck out six and walked four.

Londell McClary singled to lead off the fourth, stole second and raced home with what proved to be the game's winning run when Alfred Thompson lashed a single to left field. The Rangers added the three insurance runs when Davis doubled to left field to score Harold Adams, Thompson and Murphy Morris.

Thomas said he would wait until "just before gametime" before naming his starting pitcher for Thursday night's game with Old Fort, which is slated to start at 6 o'clock. Old Fort has lost to Kernersville and later picked up wins over Salisbury Ewart and the Charlotte Hawks.

However, naming a starting pitcher is only one of Thomas's problems. He's faced with the task of replacing Tim Morris, who sustained a broken nose in Sunday's game, as well as with the fact that several of his top players are nursing wounds of varying degrees.

Londell McClary, the team's hottest player at the moment, will likely start in the outfield along with Murphy Morris and Bill Davis. Harold Adams will catch, Charley Houston will play secondbase, with Randy Falls at shortstop and Alfred Thompson at thirdbase. Thomas said that, if a left handed pitcher opens for Old Fort, he likely will install Larry Wright at first base, replacing Bobby Reynolds who has been in a mysterious slump of late.



SOPHOMORE KEVIN KING
UNCC 49ers star

Cager Kevin King

Reminisces About NIT

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Tall Lean Handsome Kevin King sat quietly and relaxed in the Black Studies Office at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte waiting to see his advisor Dr. Bertha Maxwell and reflected upon his career as a varsity basketball player for the UNCC 49er's.

"My most exciting moment ever in the sports world occurred when I made the final basket that put us into overtime and gave us an eventual 79-74 victory over San Francisco in the NIT and when my team won the championship in high school," smiled the affable Kevin.

In two short years the UNCC sophomore was almost on a championship team twice. The NIT eluded the 49ers by four points but Kevin's last second basket was the glass slipper that Cinderella needed to advance to the finals in a Madison Square Garden tournament Ball that they were almost not invited to.

Lakewood, New Jersey's 1016 Monmouth Ave. is the homesite for the 6'6" star who weighs 200 pounds and is an

UNCC Atkins Library

Receives \$4,500

The Japan Foundation Library Support Program has awarded \$4,500 to the Atkins Library at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for library books.

The grant was obtained through the efforts of Dr. Sandra T.W. Davis, associate professor of history.

Dr. Davis has been granted a year's leave of absence to do research in Japan.

avid fan of Dr. J. (Julius Erving) and enjoys playing football, chess, ping pong, pool, and meeting nice young ladies.

His career goal is to help others possibly in the early childhood education field.

Honors include, All-Shore, All-State, All-County, and Prep-All-American for the star who admires the "people who have helped him find himself."

As an all-state performer in New Jersey, he lead his Lakewood High School team to the state championship with a 28 and 1 record, while averaging 20 ppg and 14 rebounds ppg.

What is Kevin doing now to keep in shape?
"I am playing pick up games, weight training, and eating the right foods," he said. His favorite food is steak which gives energy and endurance.

Sometimes for relaxation, Kevin reads. "Man Search For Himself", and "The Autobiography of Malcom X" are two of the best books he's ever read.

Black is his favorite color and his family are his favorite people.

The person most responsible for his success is his high school basketball coach.

Kevin likes to travel. Philadelphia and Washington, two of our official Bicentennial cities, are two places he likes to visit.

What's in store for the 49ers next year.

"Next year will be harder because of the success we had in the NIT. We'll play Wake Forest and Tennessee," smiled the personable young man who feels he can help the team with his rebounding and defense.

Hoskins Down

Hawks, 4-0

Behind Dixon

Righthander Willie Dixon pitched a 4-hitter here Saturday afternoon to lead the Hoskins Giants to a 4-0 Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League victory over the slumping Charlotte Hawks.

The victory extended the Hawks' losing to four straight, two in the league and as many in the NBC Tournament in Lenoir.

The veteran Dixon had things pretty much his own way as the Giants staked him with a two run lead in the fifth and added a run in each the seventh and eighth innings to win going away.

Richard Black's triple, coupled with Jerry White's single and a fielder's choice produced the tallies in the sixth. A hit, stolen base and a sacrifice fly got the Giants another run in the seventh and a pair of singles and a hit batter wound up the scoring.

The Hawks will travel to Lancaster, S.C. Saturday to meet the B.T. Express. Kerry Carouthers, who is 1-0 for the year, will get the mound assignment.

Morris Field will host the Hawks at Harding High School's athletic field Sunday afternoon, if the Rangers lose in the NBC Tournament Thursday or Friday night. If the Rangers should win both nights, the Sunday's game will be postponed to a later date.

WHERE THEY PLAY SATURDAY, JULY 24

Chiefs at Morris Field
Bums at Charlotte Tigers
Albemarle at Trojans
Bumpers at Morning Grove
Norwood at Westside Eagles
Kings Mountain at Hoskins
Hawks at B.T. Express
Red Birds at Bisco
Charlotte Astros at Monroe

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Raleigh Stars Edge BATCH, 28-23

Charlie Parker's three victories, Robert Hicks' four victories and James Cuthbertson's continuance of his unbeaten skein highlighted BATCH's tennis match with Raleigh at West Charlotte last weekend.

However, Raleigh, which was strong in the ladies and juniors division, was not to be denied their second straight victory over the All-Stars, winning, 28-23.

Parker, playing number three, won his singles, 6-1, 6-3, teamed with Hal Seegers to win the number three doubles match, 6-2, 6-1, and with Kathy Wright in the mixed doubles,

6-1, 6-1.

Number five Robert Hicks won his singles, 6-2, 12-10, teamed with Terry Ellington to win his doubles 6-3, 6-1, teamed with Marva Howie to win his mixed doubles, 7-5, 6-2 and with Derrick Milligan to win Senior-Junior Mixed Doubles, 6-3, 6-3.

Stretching his unbeaten string James Cuthbertson, with a total season record of 4-0 in singles and 2-1 in doubles, won his singles 6-4, 7-5 and teamed with Robert Reeves to win doubles 6-1, 6-3, 9-7.

Leading the ladies were Dot Clark with a 6-2, 6-2 singles record over Debbie Wilkerson.

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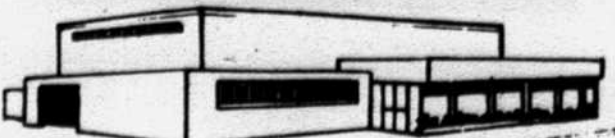
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