

Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

SAY YOU SAW IT HERE....

A thought to remember during the coming football campaign is that - in the end - it is usually the healthy teams that win titles!

Coach Eddie McGirt will meet the 1976 candidates for the Johnson C. Smith University football team Sunday, August 22. Practice will begin the following day at 5:45 a.m. The veteran mentor will send his players through two workouts daily through August 27. His first scrimmage is set for Saturday, August 28. The Blue-Gold Game will be staged at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 4. The Golden Bulls will open the campaign against Lenoir Rhyne at Memorial Stadium the next Saturday.

Two Charlotte golfers played well in the 12th Winston Lake Pro-Am Golf Tournament recently. Alvin Grier finished in a three-way tie for second place with 143. John Crawford shot 146 to finish fifth. Grier collected \$350. Chuck Thorpe, former assistant pro at Winston Lake, captured the event with a 36 hole score of 139.

The rumbling you hear coming from a northwestern direction is that of the Winston-Salem State University supporters, who are shouting loud and clear that their beloved Rams is the team to watch in CIAA football this fall. It seems that the new Winston-Salem coaching staff has signed several outstanding prospects at quarterback and the vital runningback positions.

Our congratulations go out to the Bethune-Cookman College National Alumni Association for setting a fine example for other alumni associations to follow. The BCNAA is sponsoring a football extravaganza-The Bicentennial Classic-for charity. The contest, which will be held in the Orange Bowl in Miami, will pit the Fighting Wildcats against Texas Southern on September 11.

Proceeds will provide financial aid and scholarship assistance to worthwhile students, with limited resources, seeking a college degree.

It looks like Muhammad Ali is being ripped off. The great one is still trying to collect the \$6 million purse promised for his fight against Japanese wrestler Antonio Inoki. He likely will



Ray McDougal '76 Coach of Year"

have to settle for an estimated \$1.8. It appears that Ali caught a left hook in the fine print of his contract with promoter Bob Arum and his Top Rank, Inc. It's the second time in six weeks that Arum failed to produce the money necessary to fulfill the announced guarantee. He promoted the Ali-Dunn fight, also.

Ray McDougal will call out his football Broncos of Fayetteville State University Monday, August 9. He expects 90 candidates for the opening session.

South Carolina State College track coaches are high on Rocky Cunningham formerly of Charlotte's Olympic High, who is the top quartermiler in the Queen City area. Cunningham is among eight top prospects coach Robert Johnson signed recently.

Johnson C. Smith announces it will replay the first intercollegiate football game ever to be played between Black colleges here Saturday, October 16. Considering the game was played back in 1892 between the Golden Bulls and Livingstone College, that's going to take some doing!

J. C. Smith Football Card Lists 11 Tough Opponents

An 11-game schedule, which veteran coach Eddie McGirt calls "a very rough slate," has been arranged for the Johnson C. Smith University football team.

The Golden Bulls, who posted an 8-3 record in all games and were 6-1 in the CIAA last fall, will play seven contests at Charlotte Memorial Stadium. They will make four appearances on the road.

Five of their home contests will be played at night. McGirt will open the campaign here Saturday night, Sept. 11 with Lenoir-Rhyne College. The Herd will also host Hampton Institute, North Carolina A&T, Shaw and Winston-Salem under the Memorial Stadium lights.

They will oppose Living-



Coach Eddie McGirt ...Begins 18th season stone College on Saturday, Oct. 16 in a special "Bicentennial Football Classic" promotion, starting at 1:30 in the afternoon, and they will clash

with arch-rival Fayetteville State in their annual homecoming celebration on Saturday, Nov. 13, also at 1:30 p.m.

McGirt's squad will make two trips to Virginia. They will meet powerful Virginia Union in Richmond on Saturday night, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and they'll journey to Petersburg on Saturday, Nov. 20 to meet Virginia State.

Other road contests will match the Golden Bulls against mighty South Carolina State in Orangeburg, S.C. on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m., and they travel to Durham on Saturday, Nov. 6 to engage the Eagles of North Carolina Central. Lenoir-Rhyne, S.C. State and North Carolina Central are non-conference encounters.

Rangers Edge Red Birds;

Overpower Charlotte Astros

The speedy Morris Field Rangers registered two triumphs last weekend to run their season record to 26-6. They are 22-4 in Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League competition.

Coach Herman Thomas's young crew encountered some difficulties in whacking the Charlotte Red Birds, 7-4, Saturday afternoon. They encountered very little opposition in lashing the Charlotte Astros, 17-5, before a small crowd at Harding High

School's Stadium Sunday afternoon.

Tim Morris, Alfred Thompson, Bobby Reynolds and Londell McClary were the heroes of the win over the Red Birds. Morris clouted a single and a triple and drove home four runs while Thompson was hitting three singles, stealing two bases and scoring two runs. Reynolds added the final hit, a single.

In the meantime, McClary was striking out 11 and walking five enroute to his 12th victory of the year. The crafty

righthander, who is unbeaten, gave up only five hits, one more than the Rangers garnered off the pitching of Larry Harrison of the Birds, who struck out 12 and issued five bases on balls.

Morris Field put the victory away early, scoring a pair of runs in the first inning and was never headed. Bill Davis led off with a base on balls and Randy Falls was safe on an error, placing runners at second and first and setting the stage for Tim Morris's single which delivered both runners home. The Red Birds cut the lead to 3-2 and to 4-3 before the Rangers picked up two insurance tallies in the seventh.

Morris delivered the key blow, hitting a triple to plate Alfred Thompson and Bill Davis.

Lawrence Izzard, Londell McClary, Rudy Falls, Alfred Thompson and Tim Morris were the standouts in the Rangers' triumph over the lowly Astros.

Hawks Blast Chiefs, Tigers

The Charlotte Hawks broke out of a long slump with a pair of victories here last weekend, lacing the Charlotte Chiefs, 9-5, on Saturday and the Charlotte Tigers, 9-6, Sunday afternoon to keep pace with the league leading Morris-Field Rangers.

With Roosevelt Davis and Raymond Blackmon combining to pitch 6-hit ball, manager Walter "Dub" Cuthbertson's head-hitting crew laced 12 safeties Saturday to cruise by the Chiefs.

Willie Rorie led the hitting with a single and a triple. Nathaniel Lewis added a homerun and a single and

Willie Smith stroked a triple and single. Lewis accounted for three rbi's while Rorie was delivering two teammates and Smith one. Neastor Valasque and Randy Helms played best for the losers, the former clouted a triple and accounted for 2 rbi's and the latter had a single, triple and two rbi's.

Rorie, Lester Manus and Willie Alexander set the pace in the win over the Tigers. Rorie had a three-run homerun and McManus and Alexander each contributed home-runs. George Wallace, with a triple and two singles, and Jerald Davis, with three singles, were the leading hitters for the losers.

McCrorey YMCA To Host Boys Basketball

McCrorey Branch YMCA will host the first annual Tony Byers Basketball School for boys from August 15 to the 20th.

The school, under the direction of Tony Byers and James Hanna, will be open for boys who range in age from 10 to 17 and have not graduated from high school.

Instruction, activities and supervision will be by age groups: 10-12, 13-14, and 15-17 for the camp limited to 75 students taken in the order that they submitted their application.

The program for the day

campers will cost 60c and this fee includes T-shirts, awards, and insurance. Registration will be held at the Y from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday August 15.

Lecture sessions, fundamental skill sessions, films, ACC highlight films, league games and team practice will be held each day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

On the last day, league championship games will be held and trophies will be awarded for certain areas of competition.

The staff will also include former stars, Steven Naso of Belmont Abbey College, Willie

"Scoopie" Joplin of Johnson C. Smith University, "Skip" Shipman of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, George Jackson of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Mike Parrish the assistant coach of Wake Forest University.

Special guests will include Belmont Abbey's Head basketball coach, Bobby Hussey.

Each camper should bring gym shoes, athletic shorts, and lunch, drinks and potato chips will be provided. Lunches may be refrigerated for campers.

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