

# Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

## TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

The fact that figures don't lie is a good reason to stick to a diet.

It's later than you think. High school football will be with us in two weeks. Johnson C. Smith will open its 1976 campaign in three weeks. We solicit your support of the high schools and the Golden Bulls throughout the coming football season.

Enthusiasm is running high in the football camps at Fayetteville State, Winston-Salem State and Johnson C. Smith. Each reports their finest crop of candidates ever, and each expects to make a serious run for the CIAA championship.

Winston-Salem State will play a rugged 25-game basketball schedule including 16 CIAA contests, six with MEAC schools and three major independents. Basketball fans in the Greensboro area are eagerly awaiting the topflight cage attraction at the Greensboro Coliseum on Thursday night, October 14. That's the night the Buffalo Braves of the NBA, with the high-scoring Greensboro native Bob McAdoo, will clash with the Denver Nuggets, with the sensational David Thompson. Tickets are sure to go early.

Did you know that the NCAA dictates that a football team may begin its pre-season practice on any one of three days?

The 19th day before the first scheduled intercollegiate games.

The 22nd day before the next-to-last Saturday in September; or

That date which will permit a maximum of 29 "practice opportunities" prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate game. Sundays do not count toward the preseason conditioning quota.

J.C. Smith will have only 16 days to get ready for Lenoir Rhyne.

A vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer.

Edmond Wyche, head football coach at Delaware State College, has appointed Charles E. Henderson of Columbus, Ga., his top assistant. Henderson, a native of Florida, will serve as defensive line coach.

WBTV announces a tempting 19-game basketball schedule for the 1977 season. Maryland will be seen eight times, North Carolina and North Carolina State seven apiece and Wake Forest will be shown only three times.

Winston-Salem State will celebrate homecoming with Guilford this year. Guilford walloped the Rams, 51-0, a year ago. The Winston-Salem cagers, dropped only four decisions in 30 games last winter. The results upped coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines' impressive record to 576 victories and only 231 defeats in 30 years.

Charley Cox, who is out of the hospital and doing well, is high on five area freshmen, who are scheduled to report to the JCSU football camp Sunday afternoon. He expects lineman Ardrey Truesdale, Jimmy Davidson and back Freddie Mungo to earn a position on the Golden Bull squad. Truesdale is a former East Mecklenburg player, Davidson is from North Mecklenburg and Mungo from Independence.

Cox also thinks well of Ray Allen Long, runningback from Concord East and Mike White, 235 pound lineman from Midland in Cabarrus County.

Remember Emmette Bryant, best known to sports fans as a member of the World Champion Boston Celtics and as an assistant coach for the Seattle SuperSonics a couple years back? Bryant is about to become the first known Black to enter the liquor manufacturing business. Wait a minute!...That couldn't be right! Oh well, maybe it means the first Black to legally enter the liquor business.

## Football Drills Begin

# McGirt To Greet 150 Golden

## Bulls Here Sunday Afternoon

It's back to the grinds of pre-season workouts for coach Eddie McGirt and his Johnson C. Smith University staff.

McGirt expects 150 candidates for the Golden Bull football team to report to the westside campus Sunday afternoon. Following the initial team meeting at 1 p.m., the veteran mentor will conduct an orientation session which will be followed by physical examinations.

The first workout is scheduled for Monday morning at 6. McGirt will whip his players in shape with three drill daily during the first week, working out at 6 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 3:30 in the afternoon. This routine will be reduced to only one drill a day when school opens.

"I am glad the CIAA coaches thought enough of us to vote us No. 1," McGirt beamed Monday morning. "However, as you well know, ratings of this nature can be a real challenge. We'll do our best to hang in there and try to earn the honors of being the best team in the conference."

McGirt will face one of the toughest groups of opponents ever to appear on a Golden Bull schedule with what appears to be one of the most promising squads in J.C. Smith history.

He lost only one player from



Eddie C. McGirt

JCSU football coach the defensive unit and just three from the offensive team that posted an 8-3 record and finished second to Norfolk State in the CIAA race a year ago.

McGirt anticipates some mild problems in replacing James Johnson, who held down the defensive end position a year ago. But he feels that the loss of quarterback James Wideman, offensive tackle Linwood Spindle and guard Greg Smith will not create any serious headaches.

Mel Samuels and James Smith likely will head the battling for Spindle's position. Samuels is 6-2 and 250 lbs. while Smith stands 6-3 and weighs 255. Some surprises

are likely to surface at quarterback, where Curtis Johnson, Wayne Banks and Haskel Patton will be fighting to win the starting berth. Each had a good spring, according to McGirt.

The Golden Bulls squad is reeking with ALL-CIAA prospects. Ernest Williams, the hard-running halfback, heads the list. The 5-11, 190 pound junior has been rated on some pre-season All-American lists.

Fleet Herb Carmichael, the punt return specialist who moonlights at the running back position, is almost certain to earn all conference status, along with tight end Bill Richardson and center Chick Grimmsley.

McGirt, who is starting his 19th season with the Golden Bulls, also likes what he saw of fullbacks Jesse Butts, Robert Pinckney and Reggie Sanders in spring practice. "Either one of these boys can be all-conference," he explained.

The J.C. Smith head coach, who also serves as the school's director of athletics, views Virginia Union, Virginia State, Livingstone, Fayetteville and Winston-Salem as the "real conference toughies on the Golden Bulls Schedule."

He opens the season with Lenoir Rhyne College in Memorial Stadium on Saturday night, September 11.

## Speedy Morris Field Rangers

## Down Bisco, B.T. Express

The rampaging Morris Field Rangers defeated the Bisco Chargers in a double-header Saturday and followed with a 22-0 shellacking of the B.T. Express Sunday afternoon to run their Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League record to 27-5.

Ken Koontz, with relief help from Roger Coleman, pitched the victory over the Chargers in the first game. The score was 9-7. Renwick Hall, an outstanding football player with Olympic High School, held the Chargers to only three safeties in the second game.

Alfred Thompson led the 7-4 triumph with a single, double and a triple - going 3-for-4 at the plate and driving in three



Ken Koontz

gets first win runs. Murphy Morris added two singles. Larry Wright was the big

hero in the 22-0 win over B.T. Express. In addition to pitching 2-hit ball, Wright led the offense with a pair of long homeruns to account for six rbi's.

Bill Davis had four singles and five stolen bases and Murphy Morris contributed three singles and three stolen bases. Altogether, the speedy Rangers pilfered 10 bases.

The league-leading Rangers will close out the campaign with a visit to Kings Mountain Saturday afternoon to engage the "A's" in a league contest, starting at 3:30 o'clock.

## Local All-Stars Overpower Rock Hill

The pitching of Kevin Staley and Londell McClary and the timely hitting of Melvin Latta powered the Charlotte All-

stars to a lopsided, 15-2 victory over the Rock Hill All-Stars Friday night in Rock Hill, S.C.

## HOW THEY STAND

Teams	W	L
Morris Field Rangers	27	5
Charlotte Hawks	24	8
Hoskin Giants	24	8
King Mountain A's	21	8
Charlotte Chiefs	21	10
Monroe Vikings	21	12
Charlotte Royal Bums	20	12
Charlotte Bumpers	17	13
Norwood Jets	18	15
Charlotte Red Birds	16	16
Charlotte Trojans	15	15
Bisco	14	14
B.T. Express	14	14
Albemarle Sluggers	13	13
Morning Grove Hawks	8	8
Westside Eagles	8	8
Charlotte Tigers	2	2
Charlotte Astros	1	1

Playing before a large crowd at the Boyd-Hill Center in Rock Hill, S.C., Staley and McClary limited the Rock Hill team to a mere four hits while striking out nine and walking five. The losers managed two unearned runs against McClary.

In the meantime, Latta, star firstbaseman with the Charlotte Bumpers, roughed up the Rock Hill pitchers with a bases loaded homerun and three singles to single handedly account for 10 rbi's. Randy Falls, Staley, McClary and Pete Gwinn also hit well for the winners. Falls had two hits, Staley and McClary each had a double and Gwinn scored three runs. Gwinn is a member of the Hoskins Giants baseball team.

## Hawks Drop Two Of Three

## Games To Norwood, Bumpers

The Charlotte Hawks, needing two wins to clinch a spot in the Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League championship playoffs beginning next weekend, lost two of three encounters last weekend.

Manager Walter "Dub" Cuthbertson's outfit managed a split with the Norwood Jets in a doubleheader played at Southside's playgrounds Saturday afternoon. They were defeated, 11-7, by the Charlotte Bumpers Sunday afternoon.

After losing, 13-10, to Norwood in a game started several weeks ago and was delayed because of rain and wet grounds, the Hawks blasted pitchers Johnny Wilson and Bob Harris for 15 basehits and as many runs for a 15-2 lambasting of Norwood in the second contest.

Roosevelt Davis led the way with a triple and a double while driving in five teammates. Ira Simpson chipped in three singles and a double and 2 rbi's. Alonzo "Shot" Clawson was the winning hurler, allowing four hits in a route-going performance that included two bases on balls and no strikeouts.

The Hawks proved no match for the fast-charging Bumpers Sunday afternoon. After picking up seven runs in the first inning on the heroics of Roosevelt Davis and David Mobley, Cuthbertson's crew became the victims of an outstanding pitching performance by Melvin Latta, who also set the pace on offense for the winners.

Latta relieved Larry Callo-way in the first and held the hard-hitting Hawks scoreless on four hits the rest of the way. Latta got the Bumpers back in contention with a bases loaded homerun in the third inning. The Bumpers crept closer with three tallies in the

fifth for a 7-all deadlock. Again it was Latta who delivered the damaging blow - a single that sent two runners fleeing home.

The Bumpers wrapped-up the triumph with a four-run outburst in the seventh.

Cuthbertson said he would pitch Clawson against Albemarle Saturday afternoon in the team's final game at Southside. A victory would give the Hawks the northern division title over the Kings Mountain "A's". However, a defeat would make it necessary for the Hawks to travel to Bisco Sunday afternoon for a "makeup" game with the Chargers.

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