

# Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

## IT OCCURS TO ME THAT....

The Harding High School Athletic Field will be a good place to visit Saturday and Sunday. 10-hours of semi-pro baseball involving such famous teams as the Hoskins Giants, Morris Field Rangers, Charlotte Hawks, Charlotte Chiefs, Royal Bums, Charlotte Red Birds, Charlotte Bumpers and the Kings Mountain "A's" should be well worth the time spent.

Three of the four games are stickouts. The Morris Field Rangers will have to go all out to defeat the Royal Bums and Hoskins will have its hands full with either the Hawks or the "A's". Anytime the Hawks and the Red Birds tangle the action is exciting.

Incidentally, it looks from this distance that a darkhorse will wind up with the coveted title. That would be either the Chiefs or the Kings Mountain "A's".

It's good news that most of us know what others think of us. Did you know that Jack Rorie won the Black Carolina Classic Golf Tournament in Greensboro last weekend? Who's Jack Rorie? He's a Winston-Salem native who plays out of Michigan. Rorie beat such outstanding golfers as Chuck Thorpe, Jim Dent, Nate Starks, Jim Thorpe and our own James Black with a brilliant 67 at the Bel-Aire Golf Club. Black shot a 71.

Professional football scouts are going ape over David Bohannon, the 6'3", 248-pound fullback at Prairie Views College who is widely considered the best back in college football.

**SUDDEN THAWT** - The lawyers who handle the salary negotiations of the top professional athletes are getting richer than the attorneys who handled the school desegregation cases a few years back.

A democracy is a country in which everyone has an equal right to feel superior to the other fellow.

How's this for globetrotting! The Tigers of Grambling State University, who will not likely become victims of what the weatherman calls a stationary front, will see a lot of places this fall. Following a game (September 18) in Philadelphia with Temple University, the Tigers will hop a plane for Tokyo, Japan to meet Morgan State in the first regular season college football game played outside the western hemisphere. The next Saturday will find them in Honolulu facing the University of Hawaii.

Eddie McGirt and Johnson C. Smith University staff will entertain the press on the campus Monday, August 30. The Golden Bull squad will be made available for photographs and interviews.

Bob Moorman, new CIAA's first fulltime commissioner, has replaced Perry Leazer, the conference top public relations expert.

The 6th annual Whitney M. Young Jr. Football Classic will salute Mary McLeod Bethune and National Council of Negro Women at Yankee Stadium, Saturday, Oct. 30. However, the real feature of the Bicentennial celebration is the football game between Bethune-Cookman College and Norfolk State College. Promoters are calling it "A Battle of Conference Champions" since Norfolk State was the best in the CIAA and cookman won the SIAC a year ago.

S.C. State's slick new press book lists two Charlotteans on the 1976 Bulldog roster. According to the school's depth chart sophomore David Brown will play right guard on offense behind Hugh Workman, also a sophomore. And Walt Sullivan will be the backer up at right tackle on defense. A sophomore, Sullivan weighs 290, with the potentials to become one of the top linemen in the MEAC.

## 8 Teams Competing

# Triple County League Playoff Series Begins Saturday Afternoon

Eight eager baseball teams, the top finishers in the Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League's regular season race, are primed for the league's championship playoffs, beginning Saturday at the Harding High School Athletic Field.

According to loop president Bill Coles, the title-winner will have to survive a double elimination tournament that will include 14 games before it runs its course on Saturday, September 11. Mr. Coles said that, in addition to the four games on Saturday, the series will have four games on Sunday, August 29, three on Saturday, September 4, one each on Sunday, September 5 and Monday, September 6, and the finals on Saturday, September 11.

The surging Charlotte Chiefs will put their 22-10 record on the lines against the Charlotte Bumpers in the opener, scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. A playoff game, scheduled for Wednesday night, August 25, will be played between the Charlotte Hawks and the Kings Mountain "A's" to determine the team that will meet the Charlotte Red Birds at 3 o'clock and the Hoskins Giants at 6 p.m. The winner will face the Red Birds and the loser will clash with Hoskins.

The Morris Field Rangers will take on the tough Royal Bums in the final game at 8. All eight teams will see action again Sunday afternoon.

Morris Field and the Hoskins Giants have been singled out as the teams to beat, with Kings Mountain, the Charlotte



Londell McClary  
...Rangers' Ace

Hawks and the Chiefs lurking in the "darkhorse" positions. Managed by Herman Thomas, the Rangers led the league virtually all season long, with great defense, outstanding base running and timely hitting. Thomas has dependable hitters in Tim Morris, Randy Falls, Alfred Thompson and Murphy Morris. He also has the loop's most outstanding pitcher in Londell McClary, who finished the season with 13 victories and only one defeat and a great strikeout record. Larry Wright, Kevin Staley and Roger Coleman are other pitchers who have given Thomas exceptional performances this season.

Altogether, the speedy Rangers pilfered 160 bases this summer. Hoskins is powered by the feared hitting of Richard Black, Pete Gwinn, Willie Hancock and Victor White. Manager Sonny Berry's outfit



Johnny Davis  
...Hawks star

also has dependable performers in pitchers Willie Dixon, Pete Spears, Benny Little and Floyd McDowell. Little and McDowell are left handed.

One of the circuit's best long-ball hitting club, the Hawks could furnish the biggest surprise. Skipper Walter "Dub" Cuthbertson's unpredictable crew has been most unpredictable this season. The Hawks put together one of the league's longest winning streaks near mid-season and then slumped into one of its most lengthy losing skews, dropping five straight at one stretch.

Roosevelt Davis, Johnny Davis and Palmer Gilmore are established stars. So is leftfielder Willie James Smith. Cuthbertson has a stout pitching staff, built around crafty veterans, John Isaac Jackson and Alonzo "Shot" Clawson. Raymond Blackmon and Lester McManus are also

dependable on the mound.

The Charlotte Chiefs are loaded with former Charlotte Hornets players. Third baseman Minnie Mendoza is the most widely known. They also have Nester Valazquez and Luke Vassar, in addition to such well-known semi-pro aces as pitcher-infielder Jim Irwin, rightfielder Bud Williams and catcher Rufus Mingo.

David Yost is the Chiefs' manager.

The Bumpers have also been hot and cold this summer. They whipped the Rangers once and the Hawks twice during the regular campaign, with Charles, Gary, Melvin and Eddie Latta standing out. Duke Pitts and Scott Edwards are other top players on the squad.

## Quick, Lanier Win Top Honors

Jake W. Quick and Arnold Lanier of Greensboro garnered top honors in the first annual Greater BATCH Invitational Tennis Tournament held last weekend at West Charlotte High School's tennis courts.

solation match 6-4, 6-2 over Robert Haith of Greensboro.

In the doubles consolation, Cecil Carter and Earl Robertson of Norfolk, Virginia were victorious over Charles Reives and William Cheek of Raleigh.

The tournament, which was delayed Saturday as a result of rain from Tropical Storm Dottie, did not conclude until 10 p.m. Sunday night after the doubles-finals were completed.

Quick defeated Charles Reives of Raleigh to win the singles title, 6-2, 6-2 and later teamed with Lanier to defeat Mike Spears and Carl Dobbins of Raleigh 6-0, 6-3. Lanier won the singles consolation match 6-4, 6-2 over Robert Haith of Greensboro.

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## Hawks Clobber

## Kings Mountain

The Charlotte Hawks clobbered the Kings Mountain "A's", 11-6, Tuesday night in the final regular season Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League contest.

The results upped the Hawk's league record to 26-8. It also lowered the "A's" record to 2-9. The victory enabled the Hawks to take over first place in the league's northern division, pitting them against the Charlotte Red Birds in Saturday's first round of the loop's first annual playoff tournament.

Alonzo "Shot" Clawson pitched the win, giving up only seven hits while striking out nine batters.

Clawson was aided by Roosevelt Davis, Ira Simpson and Walter Wallace, who sparked the Hawks offense. Davis and Wallace poled homeruns and Simpson hit a triple and a single.

## Dr. Hunter To Assume New Duties At SCSC

ORANGETOWN, S.C.—Dr. Milton Hunter, athletic director at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg for the past six years, will also serve the college as chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education beginning the first semester of the 1976-77 school year.

Hunter succeeds Oliver C. Dawson who retired from the position after serving the college for 41 years in various athletic capacities.

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