

Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

It wouldn't surprise me a bit if a large number of people were found late last Sunday afternoon trodding in a southwardly direction along highway 21 mumbling to themselves in undistinguished monotonous.

They would have had sufficient reasons for doing so.

There is nothing in this world (known to mankind) that is more harmful to one's pride than a poor round of golf. An amateur or professional will beam long hours following an impressive round of his favorite pastime and he will sulk quietly for days following a round during which everything went wrong.

It seems that everything went wrong for most of the golfers in the Greater Griertown Open Golf Tournament last weekend at Crystal Springs long and difficult Golf Course.

Sponsored annually by the Par-Busters Golf Group, the GGO is a funfested affair that attracts amateur golfers from far distances. They were from such far away places as Washington, D.C. with the intent to take home one of 18 beautiful trophies and to gain some measure of fame as one of the top golfers in the Charlotte area.

Some came with subpar reputations. Others were supposed to be the best in Columbia, S.C. and Greensboro, High Point and other places in North Carolina.

Crystal Springs, which is nestled along more than 7,000 yards of treacherous farmland in South Carolina wasn't impressed. And, with the tees set in impossible places, and with water, traps, rough and other hazards lurking within range of each shot, Crystal Springs wasn't about to yield to subpar golfers or their lesser known playmates. The greens were as slick as glass, contributing to the hazardous downfall of the majority.

Robert Brown, who is fondly known as "Git" posted the best round on Saturday. He was one of only three golfers who managed to shoot in the 70's. His 75 was three better than Cornelius Howell's 78 and four better than Ed Kennedy's 79. Par is 72.

No one shot in the 70's on Sunday. Frank Liston, who won the third flight, had the best round, an 80. Ten others finished in the 80's, only six finished in the 90's and the majority went skyward, soaring over the century mark.

Hence the reason for the trip southward. There were rumors that some tried to sell their golf clubs in the parking lots while others gave their treasured belongings away free. There were some who left cussing the golf course, the GGO officials and everybody else within range while others gathered under the coolness of the tall trees to enjoy football on T.J. Greene's colored television in an effort to forget the horrors of the day. They also tried to drown their sorrows with a large variety of cool ones.

ONE WILL GET YOU TWO THAT

Johnson C. Smith will get by Virginia Union in their CIAA football headliner in Richmond, Va. Saturday night and A&T's popular Aggies will get sidetracked by South Carolina State College in Greensboro in the MEAC Game of the Week.

Tickets went on sale Tuesday for the Sixth Whitney M.-Young Jr. Memorial Football Classic. Mayor Abraham D. Beame bought the first one. Look for S.C. State to introduce the "Hungry Senior" to the Aggies of North Carolina A&T State in Greensboro Saturday night.

Who's the "Hungry Senior"? He is Mickey Sims, 6-5, 265 pound defensive tackle, who earned Black College All-American status a year ago. Incidentally, did you know that S.C. State is the winningest football team in the Palmetto State. The Bulldogs are 23-6 with a pair of ties for their last 31 regular season contests.

No wonder they call Willie Jeffries, the "Miracle Worker."

For TCL Championship

Speedy Morris Field Rangers

Crush Charlotte Chiefs, 25-8

It's official now! The dashing Morris Field Rangers are the 1976 champions of the popular Triple County Semipro Baseball League.

Manager Herman Thomas' speedy crew, who hovered near the top of the standings in the 18-team league all season, crushed the Charlotte Chiefs, 25-8, before a large crowd at Harding High School's athletic field Saturday afternoon to remove all doubts.

In winning their 30th game in 35 contests this season, and their fourth straight in the tournament, the Rangers didn't encounter much difficulty after the first three innings. The Chiefs, who battled their way through the 8-team tournament with two impressive victories and a setback to Morris Field, didn't have much fight left after the third.

They pushed ahead 1-0 in the first inning, then fell behind 4-1 in the second before coming back for a 4-4 deadlock in the top of the third. That's when the floodgates opened. The Rangers rallied for four runs in the bottom of the third, added six in the fourth, a singleton in the fifth and nine in the sixth to win going away.

"It was our best offensive display in the series," Thomas said. "As a matter of fact, it was the best offense we've put together all season. We had six players to hit .500 or better."

Thomas had praise for his pitchers. Deservedly so. For



Larry Wright
...Most valuable player

Larry Wright worked the first five innings, giving up only five hits while striking out six. He was the winning pitcher. Londell McClary and James Davis followed.

In the meantime, the Rangers lambasted four Chiefs pitchers for 20 base hits, including four homeruns. Keith Koster was the starter and loser. Ike Williams, Dave Yost and Don Medlin were the other pitchers who could not stop the landslide.

Wright, who was named the tournament's "Most Valuable Player", led the cannonading with a pair of homeruns. Londell McClary hit a triple, double and a homerun and Bobby Reynolds contributed two doubles and a triple, Kevin Staley a double and a single as did Billy Whitmire, and Tim Morris hit a homerun.

The Chiefs jumped ahead in the first inning when Minnie



Londell McClary
...Leading hitter

Mendoza walked, stole second and scampered home on Jim Erwin's single. Morris Field went ahead when Kevin Staley opened the second inning with a walk. Reynolds followed with a double and McClary cleared the bases with a triple. McClary scored on Alfred Thompson's sacrifice fly and Wright produced the fourth run of the inning with a homerun blast over the 340 wall in left field.

The Chiefs came fighting back when Steve Helm started the third with a single. Mendoza followed with his second hit and both runners breezed home on an error. Nestar Valesquez, who went all the way to third on the miscue, brought home the third and tying marker on a sacrifice fly.

Morris Field immediately broke the deadlock with four tallies on doubles by Randy Falls, Staley and McClary and singles by Thompson and Harold Adams. The Rangers also stole three bases during the spree.

It was no contest thereafter. "Our pitching was terrific," Thomas concluded, "it got us through the tournament."

Golden Bulls Take On

Tough Virginia Union

In response to the praise heaped upon his football team by many of the fans of the Johnson C. Smith University Golden Bulls, Head Coach Eddie McGirt, smiles and says, "Well, I am not gloating over the victory."

"We should have scored more. We should have taken advantage of our scoring opportunities. Our offensive line didn't get off the ball well enough and our defense didn't adjust to the Lenoir Rhyne wishbone as well as I thought they should have."

He continued, saying that his team really blew an early play whereby Lenoir Rhyne got its first touchdown.

"I think that we have inexperienced quarterbacks and anytime you do you can expect to have rough spots in the opening ball game," added the

veteran coach.

The quarterbacks in question are senior Wayne Banks, junior Curtis Johnson and junior Anthony Dawley.

McGirt said Johnson will probably get the nod in Saturday's game against the Virginia Union Panthers in Richmond at 7:30 p.m.

The Bulls will take a 1-0 record to Richmond where the Panthers are 1 and 1, losing to MEAC contender North Carolina A&T and winning over Fisk of Nashville.

McGirt expects it to be a tough ballgame and although he refuses to make a prediction as to the success of his program this year, he says his initial encounter is one his team needs to win to be in contention for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title.

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(Pronounced Do-ers "White Label")



NAOMI SIMS

HOME: New York City

AGE: 26

PROFESSION: Writer, businesswoman, one of America's most original and successful wig designers

HOBBIES: Collecting contemporary art, Southern cooking, water-skiing

MOST MEMORABLE BOOK: "Pathos of Power" by Kenneth Clarke

LAST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Wrote the encyclopedic "Naomi Sims' Health and Beauty for the Black Woman."

QUOTE: "I feel that true beauty must be a reflection of the spirit as well as a quality of the face or body. Good health is crucial to beauty, and too many women overlook the importance of an annual checkup."

PROFILE: Determined to use her experience as one of the world's top fashion models to help Black women have better health and better self-images.

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