

### 3 Local Teams To Compete In State Meet

Three Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League teams will compete in the 1977 North Carolina Semi-Pro Baseball Invitational Tournament at Walker Stadium in Lenoir, beginning Thursday, July 14.

The Morris Field Rangers and Town And Country Ford share the pre-tournament favorite role with Lenoir Shur-Pakkers, who won the event a year ago. The Charlotte Hawks will be the third club.

According to Ken Sipes, operations manager, the two teams placing highest in the tournament will join Lenoir in hosting the first annual National Furniture City Invitational Tournament August 5-13 in Lenoir.

Twelve teams have entered the double-elimination affair which gets underway at 6 o'clock Thursday, July 14, with Mooresville Moors facing South Buncombe. The Charlotte Hawks will take on Boone House of Upholstery at 8.

Friday night's schedule will have the Charlotte A's encounter **Morris Field**

### Rangers Lash

### Charlotte Tigers

The Morris Field Rangers, who will take a leave of absence from their regular Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League commitments this weekend to compete in the North Carolina Semi-Pro Baseball Invitational Tournament in Lenoir, warmed up for the important occasion with a 19-0 decision over the Charlotte Tigers here Sunday afternoon.

Fauch Davis went the distance, allowing only two base hits for his third victory and his first complete game of the year. Davis struck out eight, walked four and hit one batter.

The Rangers, who are now 19-2 for the season, received brilliant support from seven of their hitters. Elijah Haynes and Londell McClary led the cannoning with three singles each and Bill Davis, Renwick Hall, Bobby Reynolds, Billy Whitmore and Tim Morris added two hits apiece. Hall's production included a home run which drove in two runs.

### Charlotte Mets

### Post Two Victories

The Charlotte Mets continue to manufacture runs on mass-production basis. Henry "Lunchmeat" Wallace's hard-hitting crew routed Kings Mountain, 30-10 on Saturday before demolishing the Charlotte Hawks, 20-9, Sunday afternoon.

According to Wallace, his team has scored 65 runs in its last three contests.

terring East Asheville Sports World at 6 and Cleveland Steele Furniture meeting Town And Country Ford at 8.

Lenoir Shur-Pak will meet the winner of the Hawks-Boone game in game five at 8 p.m. Saturday night, July 16, and Morris Field Rangers will battle the winner of the Mooresville-South Buncombe contest at 6 p.m.

Second round will conclude Sunday with Old Fort facing the winner of the Cleveland-Town and Country tilt at 5 and Granite Falls will play the winner of the Charlotte A's-East Asheville contest at 7.

Semi-Finals will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24 and the championship finals will be played Friday night, July 29.

Walter Cuthbertson says he will pitch Tommie Godwin against Boone Friday night, with Willie Rorie behind the plate.

Manager Herman Thomas has taken a move to strengthen his pitching staff with the addition of Melvin Latta of the Charlotte Bombers and Willie Dixon of the Hoskins Giants.

### Grambling-Morgan Clash Returns To Yankee Stadium

Morgan State University and Grambling State University, predominantly black schools, will meet in their annual football clash at Yankee Stadium, September 17. The time of the game has not been determined at this time.

The modern Morgan-Grambling football feud started at Yankee Stadium in 1968. Since that time the two teams have waged gridiron wars in four of the world's most celebrated sports palaces.

In addition to Yankee Stadium, the game has been played in Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh, Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C. and last year the two squads jetted across the world of play in the first Annual Pioneer Bowl in Tokyo, Japan's Korakuen Stadium.

Before Yankee Stadium seating was reduced, the annual Bear-Tiger tiff attracted 64,204, 60,118, 65,055, 64,970, and 64,317 spectators. This year's game is expected to bring 57,000 fans to Bronx, New York.

Ticket prices will be \$25, \$15, \$10, \$8, and \$6, and can be bought by contacting Morgan State Athletic Department, Hill Fieldhouse, Room 311, Baltimore, Maryland 21239 or calling 301-444-3050.



Photo by Martin Chisholm

**VERSATILE PAT LOOPER**  
 ..baseball standout

## Young Pat Looper

### Is Extraordinary Kid

By Deborah Gates  
 Post Staff Writer

Pat Looper, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy B. Looper of 1338 Plumstead Road may seem like an ordinary kid to most people, but to his family and Adam II team mates, he's something special.

Pat, who is 10 years old, began playing baseball when he was eight. Beginning his career with the Oakland A's, a member of the Derita Athletic Association, he's batted .454, and has had only 4 or 5 strikeouts at 60 times at bat.

According to Pat's father, his son left the A's and went to play with the Cummins Cubs, only to be drafted from there to the Optimistic ball team, both of the Derita league. The unusual circumstance was that the Optimistic team consisted of 11 and 12 year olds, while Pat was only 10.

The season has ended for the Optimistic's where Pat's position was pitcher which allows him to pitch and play outfielder with the Adam II team, part of the Charlotte Law Enforcement League.

Pat attends Statesville Road Elementary School where he is president of the student body. "This was the first year the school had an election for student body president and Pat won," his proud father said.

Along with being a member of the school band where Pat plays the saxophone, he is a member of Grier Heights Presbyterian Church.

In spite of his busy baseball schedule, Pat is active on a basketball team sponsored by the Derita Association. With all of these activities to attend to, "Pat is a very good student," his father said, adding,

"At this point he has four A's and two B's."

Pat's mother, Patricia, said her son is "dynamite." She also said that anything her son goes after, he feels confident he can excel. "When he grows up he'll be like Muhammad Ali and Adam Clayton Powell," Pat's father commented. When asked why Ali and Powell, he chuckled, "Because he brags."

However, Pat said he most admired Minnesota Twin player Rod Carew, and boxer Muhammad Ali. He revealed that he would some day like to play with the Minnesota Twins as well as becoming an attorney.

With so much activity, and maintaining an A average in school, Pat had time to write a book, "Northwestern Bank Robbery."

## Gilmore-Gist Golf Tournament Set For August 6

SALISBURY - The Fifth Annual Gilmore-Gist Golf Tournament will be played at the Corbin Hill Golf Club here, Saturday, August 6, Leon Gilmore, Coordinator; announced Monday.

In making the announcement, Gilmore said that there will be three flights, Championship, B and C. In addition, the annual golf slugfest between members of the Gilmore-Gist family will be staged.

There will also be a tournament for female participants.

George Hargraves, the defending champion in the championship flight, will return to defend his crown. Joe Henderson, who won the B flight last year, has indicated that he will return to defend his crown.

George Wilmore won the family title last year, he's favored to win again this year. The Gilmore-Gist Golf Tournament attracts participants from as far away as Ohio in the midwest and Rhode Island in the East. According to Leon Gilmore, the tournament is open to any interested golfer. "You can form your own foursome and enter," he stated.

For entry blanks, tournament information, and lodging contact Steve Gilmore, 516 West Best Street, Salisbury, North Carolina (704-636-8769), or Leon Gilmore, 543 Sun Valley Drive, Akron, Ohio, 44313.

## S. C. State Among Leaders

### In NAIA Final Track Statistics

Orangeburg, S.C. - South Carolina State College finished among the leaders in six categories, according to final National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Track Statistics released recently.

Bulldog sprinters Charles Burgess and Derrick Harris were ranked one-two in the 100 yard dash with times of :09.2 and :09.25, respectively. Burgess also had the third best time in the 220 yard dash

with a :21.0 showing. Other individual leaders were Al Golden who had the fifth best time in the 880 yard run with a 1:49.6, and Kenny Brown who recorded a :13.7 time in the 120 yard high hurdles to tie Southern's (Baton Rouge) Ricky Davenport for second.

In team events, the S.C. State 440 yard relay team had the top NAIA mark of :40.1 while Bulldog mile relay team was sixth best with a 3:11.3 time.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and NAIA District 6 titles. Johnson's squad also placed first in the Florida Spring Carnival at Tallahassee and was third in the State meet.

The Bulldog track team, under four-year head coach Robert Johnson, had one of its best seasons, capturing the

### Skip Manning

### Heads For

### Nashville 420

Skip Manning, 1976 Grand National Rookie of the Year, is heading to Tennessee to win the "Nashville 420" at Nashville Speedway Saturday night.

Sponsored by Strata-Graph, Inc. and First National City Travelers Checks, Skip and car owner, Billy Hagan, have put together a racing team that they consider not only competitive, but capable of winning races on the NASCAR circuit.

"Last year my team consisted of my brother and me," laughed Manning as he sat in his garage in Harrisburg, N.C. "Since I raced in Nashville in May we have put together a good experienced team. One that's ready to win."

Heading the No. 92 team as crew chief is Darrell Bryant. Bryant was previously with Sam Sommers. Other team members are Mark Nettles and Dennis Connors.

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