

Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

People who never make mistakes are poor companions.

It is felt here that Morris Field Rangers will make a good showing in the North Carolina Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament in Lenoir this weekend. It is my feeling that the Hawks are too young to offer serious competition and that Town and Country likely will find the hot weather too much to conquer.

It would appear that poor management has caused more problems to surface in the Triple County League. Several of the managers have publicly backed the umpires in their protest against the top officials.

"I support the umpires one hundred percent," James "Sonny" Berry, manager of the Hoskins Giants said Monday afternoon. "After all, Berry continued, "what's the use of making a rule if you're not going to enforce it."

The controversy rages around rule 38 which reads "A player or coach must not touch an umpire while he is engaged in a heated argument with him such as a push, shove, or strike. Penalty will be suspension for the rest of the season."

It all started when a player from Town and Country Ford allegedly pushed Hank Sartors, one of the league's top umpires during a heated argument over a call strike in the recent all-star game.

The player was suspended, then later reinstated in a following meeting that has caused some flaring of tempers.

Let's hope it will be settled shortly.

Ira Mitchell, one of Shaw University's most famous athletes and head basketball coaches, is returning to the Raleigh School as head basketball coach, a position he relinquished in 1971. A graduate of Shaw, Mitchell served as the head basketball coach at Delaware State for five years and he was the coach at Fuquay Senior High School in New York for one season.

John B. McLendon, one of the most famous names in basketball, conducted an all day junior Olympic Basketball Clinic on the campus of North Carolina Central last week. A former NCCU head basketball coach who later became the first Black professional league basketball coach, McLendon is now a vice president of Converse Rubber Company.

If you are very good, or very smart, someone will eventually discover it without your bragging about it. Right!

Pro golfer Lee Elder has scheduled the 1977 Lee Elder Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3 and 4 at the Kings Mill Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va. Proceeds will go to the Elder Scholarship Funds which supports disadvantaged college students. If you'd like to compete, the entry fee is 225 bucks.

Have you noticed that none of the big money baseball players are among the leading hitters in either the National or the American Leagues?...

Hoskins Giants Maul Charlotte Raiders

The Hoskins Giants, who postponed their important league contest with Town and Country Ford on Saturday, easily whipped the Charlotte Raiders, 16-3, Sunday afternoon.

"I felt it necessary to ask for a postponement when it became apparent the official league umpires would not work the game," James "Sonny" Berry, Hoskins manager said Monday afternoon. Berry refused to play Town and Country when he learned the league's umpires had gone on strike in protest of a league ruling.

According to Berry, the game will be played at a later date. The Giants ran their season record to 17-3 with the victory over the lowly Raiders.

Floyd McDowell, the swift-throwing left hander, scattered seven hits while fanning seven and walking only one to register his third straight Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League triumph.

He shared hero's honors with Nobert Reid, Lawrence Cousins, Bobby Jones, Victor White, Fred Grier, Jerry Alexander and Tolly Goode, who led a 23-hit attack against

three Raiders' pitchers. Reid and Cousins each had four bingles and Jones chipped in a home run, double and a single. White, Grier, Alexander and Goode contributed two hits apiece.

Altogether the Giants pored seven blows for extra bases, including a trio of home runs. Goode, Alexander and Jones each drove in three markers.

Berry was especially pleased with the hitting of Goode, former Olympic High School star. "He's not quite 5-foot tall," the skipper explained, pointing out that "he looks so small out there at second

base, but he sure can hit." The Giants' new secondsacker hit a triple and a single and three rbi's in what Berry assessed as "a good afternoon."

The Raiders broke away in the first inning with two runs on a home run and a sacrifice fly. But white homered on the first pitch for one tally and Reid clouted a four-base blow to tie the score. The Giants went ahead to stay when Cousins doubled, Grier walked and Alexander delivered both runners with a long double. They wound up the point production with two runs in the third, four in the sixth and six in the eighth.



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