

# Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



## LIKE IT REALLY IS....

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

Enthusiasm is running high as the football coaches make camp at A&T, Winston-Salem State, Fayetteville State and S.C. State. Each reports their finest crop of candidates ever.

Football coach Charlie Bates, who has utilized the wishbone offense so successfully at Southern University, will introduce the box veer formation this fall. According to Charlie, who is entering his 15th season at Southern University, the box veer is a two-back offense with three receivers which "provides greater flexibility in running and passing."

Words from Elizabeth City inform that the new head football coach Tommy Holmes of Elizabeth City is looking forward to the 1977 season "with guarded optimism." 30 Vikings veterans and over 40 freshmen are expected to report to Holmes on August 17.

A&T is making big plans for homecoming, scheduled for October 15. In addition to the usual hullabaloo, the university will honor its athletes of the past with the first of a series of programs, which, according to Hornsby Howell, "aim at strengthening the university's alumni and gaining support for various university endeavors."

Local golfers are shining up their clubs and sharpening their skills for the annual Par Buster Golf Tournament, which will be played at the Crystal Springs Golf Course on August 20-21.

John Love and Robert Sanders have been named chairmen of the popular event which annually attracts about 150 duffers, and several others who play just a little bit better.

Entry fee is \$35, including carts and green fees for the two days. There will be five flights and four trophies will be awarded the first four top finishers in each flight.

The second Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League Championship Playoffs begins Saturday at Harding High School's athletic field. Town & Country Ford and the dashing Morris Field Rangers are the early choices as the teams to beat. However, informed sources say the Charlotte Mets and the Charlotte Bombers have the ammunition to pull off some upsets.

The feeling here is that Morris Field will successfully defend its title.

Accolades of the week go to Lloyd Harris for his determination and untiring labor in assuring the success of the West Charlotte Babe Ruth Baseball League this summer. Also because Mr. Harris honored this writer and politician Bob Walton with handsome trophies last week.

List this reporter among those who do not agree with Hank Aaron, who blames players Rico Carty and Lavell Blanks for the dismissal of Frank Robinson as coach of the Cleveland Indians.

WBTV has scheduled the NFL pre-season football contest between the Baltimore Colts and WBTV has scheduled the NFL pre-season football contest between the Baltimore Colts and the Houston Oilers for Sunday afternoon, starting at 3:45 p.m.

Dr. L. Walter Lovett expects over 100 players when the Hampton Institute football camp opens in Hampton, Va. Tuesday. 27 freshmen and about a dozen walk on candidates are included in the number which more than likely will be the largest football squad in Hampton history.

Activities on the city's 47 playgrounds will come to a close here Friday afternoon. "It's been a great year," echoes Robert Meachem, recreation supervisor.

## At Harding High School

# Triple County League Championship Playoffs Begin Saturday

Action begins here Saturday afternoon at Harding High School's Athletic Field as eight top teams in the Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League open battle in the league's second annual Championship Playoffs.

According to president Bill Cole, the double elimination event will start with a double-header Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m. Another twinbill is on tap for Sunday afternoon, winding up opening round competition.

The four losers will then

drop to the loser's brackets, beginning Thursday night, August 18 at 7:30 o'clock. The winners will advance to second round play which will be played next Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The surprising Charlotte Mets, who posted a 22-5 record during regular season play, will open the tournament playing against the Kings Mountain A's. Town and Country Ford, which finished second in the overall standings with a great 25-3 record, takes on the dangerous Hoskins Giants in

the second part of Saturday's doubleheader, beginning at 5 p.m.

Sunday's twinbill will match the Royal Bums against the Charlotte Bombers at 2 and the Morris Field Rangers against the Charlotte Chiefs at 5.

Second round pairing will pit the winners of the Mets-Kings Mountain game against the victors of the Town & Country-Hoskins Giants contest Saturday afternoon, August 20, at 2 p.m. The losers will meet at 7:30 Thursday

night, August 18.

The winner of the Royal Bums-Charlotte Bombers game will take on the winner of the Morris Field Rangers-Charlotte Chiefs tilt at 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon, August 20.

The losers of this bracket are matched for second round action Friday night, August 19 at 7:30.

"We expect this tournament to top the one we held so successfully last year," Cole explained. The league championship went to the Morris

Field Rangers when the 1976 tournament ran its course of 15 games.

Cole continued, "The teams are more evenly matched this time, and I feel that we've strengthened our league with such newcomers as Town & Country and the Charlotte Mets."

Town and Country, with such standouts as Minnie Mendoza, Jim Erwin, Nectar Vallesquez and Luke Vassar, has hovered near the top of the standings all season long. They wound up regular season

play, 25-3. Henry "Lunchmeat" Wallace, veteran manager, guided the Mets to a 22-5 year with Johnny Davis, Palmer Gilmore, and Roosevelt Davis having great seasons.

The Morris Field Rangers, Royal Bums, Charlotte Chiefs, Hoskins Giants, Kings Mountain and the Charlotte Bombers are all making their second appearance in the big tournament.

Morris Field, Charlotte Bombers and Town and Country Ford are the teams favored to capture the title.

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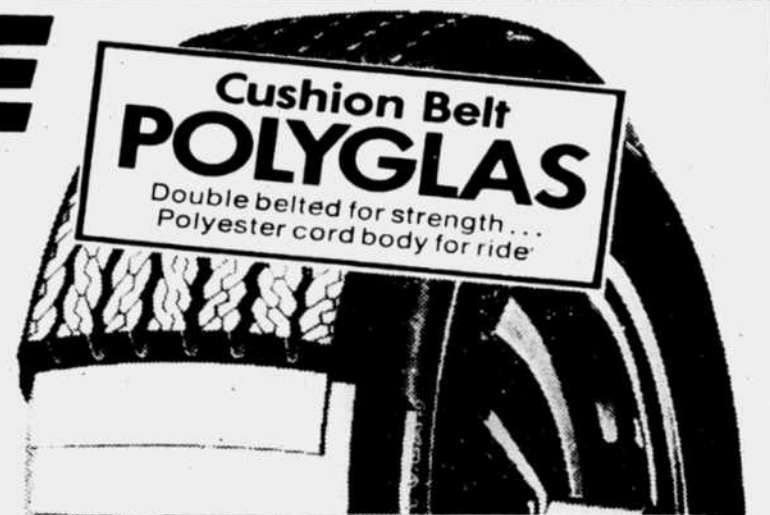
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## Summer Tradition

The last summer before senior year and graduation has traditionally been a time when most college students consider their last chance to relax before embarking on a career. Some students spend their days at the lake or by the pool side, while others go camping or possibly mountain climbing.

This summer, over 6,000 young men and women from colleges and universities across the country are continuing another tradition. They're involved in some similar activities but unlike their college counterparts, their goals differ.

These college students are Army ROTC cadets attending Advanced Camps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Lewis, Washington.

For five weeks the cadets are engrossed in field training which is designed to supplement their on-campus military science instruction and in turn instill individual leadership qualities. A daily test of endurance, agility

perception and confidence, the cadets are challenged with some of the most exhausting physical and mental exercises.

Advanced Camp is training these cadets to be leaders, because as Army officers, that will be their job. Each cadet is given an opportunity to demonstrate his or her leadership abilities. They are learning to lead by leading their peers.

When the majority of these college students successfully complete their summer training, they'll return to their campuses to conclude their studies. At graduation, along with their diplomas, they will receive the gold bars of second lieutenants.

Some of these newly commissioned Army officers will complete their military obligation in the active Army, while the remainder will spend three to six months on active duty for training and serve the country and their communities as members of the Army Reserve and the National Guard.

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