

Rangers To Tackle

Orioles

By Dianne Simpson
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The mighty Morris Field Rangers, the 1977 regular season champions with a record of 25-2, will meet in combat with the forceful 1977 playoff champions Mecklenburg Orioles, holders of a 24-3 record a year ago. This spectacular teeth-grinding, fist-clinching powerhouse event will be held at the Harding High School athletic field on Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m.

"What a game this will be!" exclaimed Rangers' coach Herman Thomas. "Although this game is only an exhibition, it will be just as interesting to see what the outcome will be."

Thomas commented that the Mecklenburg Orioles, formally called "Town and Country" is under the new management of Minnie Mendez, who formerly played for the old Charlotte Hornets and the Minnesota Twins of the American baseball league.

When asked which team he thinks will prove more promising on Sunday, Thomas replied, "Well naturally the Rangers. However, I must admit that both teams are very good. The Orioles consists mainly of former professional league performers, and we have four members who have been drafted in the professional leagues. So what the spectators will see on Sunday is not just an amateur's game, but one that is professional all around."

Also playing in this Easter Sunday's game for the Morris Field Rangers will be 26-year-old Lafayette Currence, who once pitched for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Keep your out-of-town friends informed on what's happening in Charlotte by sending them a copy of the Charlotte Post each week. The cost is only \$40 per year.



EDISTO GOLF CHAMPS—Members of the South Carolina State College golf team exhibit the top prize the host Bulldogs captured in the recent 36-hole Edisto Golf Classic at Hillcrest in Orangeburg, S. C. State, led by medalist Adrain Stills (2nd from left), had a two-day

team total of 593, eight strokes ahead of Francis Marion's 601. Left to right, Bobby Ellis, Stills, Richard Duck, Oliver C. Dawson, organizer of the tournament, Ricardo Britt, Douglas Grier of Charlotte, Daryl Batey and head coach Bill Davis.

On One-Half Marathon Run

Local Runners Will Try Their Legs

Runners in the Charlotte area will have a chance to try their legs on a one-half Marathon Run (13 miles and 192 yards) beginning at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on April 1.

PPLC Cagers

Win City Adult

League Title

The Prince of Peace Lutheran Church basketball team jumped from eighth place after barely qualifying for the City Adult Church League Tournament and won the championship.

The team was coached by Tom Morrison and Willie Williams who served as a player-coach.

L.C. Carter, Barry McNeil, Bill Burrows, K.D. Drakeford, Johnny "Pepper" Jackson, Andy Davis, Elbert McNeely, A.L. Hamilton, and J. Willis contributed to the winning effort.

For others there will be a 10,000 meters run and a two-mile fun run.

Sponsored by the UNCC General Alumni Association and the Charlotte Track Club, the runs will go through northern Mecklenburg County.

Susan Piscitelli, director of alumni affairs at UNCC, said that the association decided upon the runs because they thought it would be "a good opportunity to involve the community. We also want to get students and alumni involved together."

She noted the wave of interest in jogging and said that there are plans to make the half Marathon an annual event.

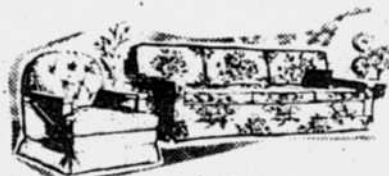
"We wanted the community to see our new track and other facilities here," she said.

T-shirts will be provided for each entrant. Cost of entry is \$3 per runner and trophies will be awarded to those runners who place. All proceeds will go to the UNCC Alumni Association.

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Three years ago, First United Presbyterian Church's basketball team barely made the playoffs in the Central YMCA sponsored church league.

Last year they made it out of the first round. This year, they won the crown.

They will be honored soon at the 53rd annual Awards banquet of the Central YMCA for their endeavors.

The team had a regular season winning margin of 19.2 points per ball game.

Information

Available For

Absentee Ballots

At least 20 Mecklenburg County citizens will vote by absentee ballot rather than at the ballot box on Tuesday, May 2.

Requests for such ballots will be accepted by the Board of Election thru Wednesday, April 26. Absentee votes have been received for the Democratic primary in previous years, but this is the first year absentees have been allowed for the school board. An action by the 1977 General Assembly recently authorized absentee ballots for school board elections.

Led by senior wing Mike Calhoun's 11 points per game and Darryl Singleton's 16 plus average, the cagers of First United Presbyterian won the regular season crown and annexing the Christmas tournament in the process finished the season with two playoff victories and a 14-2 record.

They beat rival First Baptist 69-64 in the finals to win the championship.

All of the team's champions participated in the youth program at First United Presbyterian Church.

Forward: Leroy Brumham,

guard Thomas Pancho Mack and forward Vondell Carthran were the starters in addition to all four the most valuable player and Singleton. Other on the team were Darryl Slater, Eric Davis, John Maxwell, Ernest Kiser, Kelly Key and Steve Osborne.

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