

WCCB To Carry Fight

Norton To Defend

Heavyweight Crown

Ken Norton will make the first defense of his World Boxing Council Heavyweight Championship against undefeated Larry Holmes in a 15-round fight to be televised live and exclusively by ABC Sports, Friday, June 9 (8-11 p.m., EDT), on the ABC Television Network.



Tim Morris
...Raps 5 hits
Morris Field

Rangers Post

Two Victories

The red-hot Morris Field Rangers registered a pair of victories here last weekend, downing the Davidson Jets, 7-4 and the Kings Mountain "A's" 13-3.

The results left Herman Thomas's speedy crew with 12 victories in 13 starts in the Jackie Robinson Semi-Pro Baseball League this summer. Alphonso "Shot" Clawson outpitched Marcus Rivens Saturday afternoon at Harding High School's athletic field to pick up his first win since joining the Rangers three weeks ago. Each hurler gave up seven hits and each team committed two errors.

However, the Rangers produced three runs off a hit by Lafayette Currence, a walk, hit by pitch ball, an error and a fielder's choice to put the triumph out of reach.

Tim Morris led the hitting with a double and a single while Javet Wilson was hitting a single and a homerun for the losers.

On Sunday, the Rangers mauled the "A's", 13-3, in Kings Mountain behind the dependable pitching of Ricky Summers, who gave up only four hits while striking out nine batters and walking only four.

Tim Morris and Bobby Reynolds were the leaders on offense. Tim stroked a single and a double and Bobby came through with a pair of singles. Larry Walters had two doubles for the losers.

Babe Ruth

League Gets New

Season Underway

The West Charlotte Babe Ruth League got its new season underway last week.

As expected the action was furious and unsuspected. For example the Westside Yankees won two contests while the McCrorey YMCA Dodgers were losing two. The Lincoln Heights Reds won one and lost one while the Westside Rangers and the Charlotte Bums were each losing one game.

The teams play on Mondays and Fridays.

This week's schedule has West Charlotte playing the Westside Rangers and Lincoln Heights hosting McCrorey YMCA Friday afternoon.

Monday afternoon will find the Westside Rangers at McCrorey YMCA and Revolution Park at West Charlotte.

The fight will be the main event of a prime time TV triple-header from Caesars Palace in Las Vegas that will also feature an important heavyweight fight spotlighting Jimmy Young, the number one ranked contender by both the ABC and WBA, against unbeaten Osvaldo "Ossie" Ocasio, and a 15-round World Bantamweight Championship fight in which Carlos Zarate, the most feared puncher in boxing today, will put his title on line against highly rated Yungshik-Kim.

Ken Norton gained recognition as Heavyweight Champion from the World Boxing Council in March of this year after the WBC stripped the crown from Leon Spinks for refusing to make his first title defense against Norton, the top contender. Prior to taking the title from Muhammad Ali, Spinks allegedly had agreed to make his initial defense, if he won the crown, against Norton, but apparently reneged. The WBC then gave its recognition to Norton, based on his November 5, 1977, decision over Jimmy Young.

Norton has impressive ring credentials. The former Marine has a 40-4 record, with 32 knockout victories. In addition to his victory over Young, he holds wins over Muhammad Ali, Jerry Quarry and Duane Bobick. Born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on August 9, 1945, the 32-year-old Norton is 6'3" and weighs about 217 pounds.

Jimmy Young, who'll fight on the same card in his quest for another title shot, shocked the world on April 30, 1976, by fighting champion Muhammad Ali on even terms for 15 rounds, only to lose a narrow and highly controversial decision. He went on to defeat Ron Lyle and then scored a major upset by beating former heavyweight champion George Foreman. Now the number one contender, the 28-year-old Young has had 30 fights. His record is 22-6-2. Known primarily as a clever, crafty boxer, he has seven knockouts to his credit.

His opponent, Osvaldo "Ossie" Ocasio, hails from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Ocasio is 20 years old, and is unbeaten, with a 12-0 record. Ten of his wins have been by knockouts, and Young will be by far his most difficult test to date.

Dodgers Upset

Mecklenburg

Orioles, 12-4

The Union County Dodgers has become the first team to defeat the Mecklenburg Orioles in Jackie Robinson Semi-Pro Baseball League competition.

"We jumped on them from the beginning," stated an overjoyed Clarence Alsbrook, general manager of the team that plays out of Monroe.

"I told my players that we should play them as just another ball club and not think of their reputation for having played in organized ball," Alsbrook explained.

Aided by a six-run outburst in the third frame, the Dodgers romped to a 12-4 victory behind the steady pitching of Louis Davidson, who notched his fourth triumph in seven decision. Davidson walked two and fanned four.

Manager Minnie Mendoza, who had three hits, was the only Oriole to cause Davidson any trouble. "We just couldn't get him (Mendoza) out," smiled Alsbrook.

The Dodgers raked two Oriole hurlers for 16 base hits.



BIG JOHN HARRIS
...Bums' designated hitter

Hit & Run To

Meet Derita In

Game Of Week

A trio of important contests are on tap for Queen City Slow Pitch Softball league teams here this weekend.

The schedule lists the Knights playing at North Charlotte; Derita at Hit & Run; and VIP at Tryon Hills.

Last week's results saw the east division leaders, Hit & Run romp to a 17-3 verdict over Westside. The Knights defeated Tryon Hills, 8-4, and Derita upset VIP 9-7. Browns Transport edged Ponderosa, 1-0, and Grier Town eked out a 10-9 decision over North Carol Charlotte.

According to commissioner Cleo Graham, the top game on this week's card matches Derita against Hit & Run. Hit & Run leads the division with a 5-2 record while Derita trails by one game with a 5-3 record. Derita is in a second place deadlock with VIP, who also has a 5-3 league mark.

Where

They Play

JACKIE ROBINSON SATURDAY, June 10 Northside at Morris Field Mets at Hoskins Davidson at Orioles Kings Mountain at Union County

Norwood at Royal Bums SUNDAY, June 11 Orioles at Kings Mountain Hoskins at Davidson Morris Field at Mets Royal Bums at Northside Union County at Norwood

TRIPLE COUNTY LEAGUE SATURDAY, June 10 Biscoe at Albemarle Bombers at Red Birds Trojans at Westside Chiefs at Orange Crush Oak Ridge at Tigers Hawks at Raiders SUNDAY, June 11 Orange Crush at Oak Ridge Westside at Chiefs Red Birds at Trojans Albemarle at Bombers Raiders at Biscoe

TIGERS at Hawks QUEEN CITY LEAGUE Knights at North Charlotte Derita at Hit & Run VIP at Tryon Hills

Royal Bums' Star

Harris Believes Designated

Hitter Is Important Position

By Chase Vance Post Staff Writer
The designated hitter position is relatively new to the game of baseball, but Royal Bum's John Harris believes that it is a very important position.

"I think it is one of the most important positions on the team," Harris said. "When you go up to the bat, you know you have to come through with runs. If somebody is on base, you have to bring them in. If you have nobody on, you have to get a run."

Harris was honored recently by being named as an all-star for the East in the Jackie Robinson League's East-West All-Star game.

Whether or not he goes for the long ball when he comes up to bat depends, he said, on the score.

"If you have runners on and are not far behind you go for the single," he said. "But if the score is close and you need a long ball, you swing for it."

Over the years he has played with his friends on the Hickory Grove Sluggers, the Charlotte Tides, the Charlotte

Hawks, the Gunn Colts, and the Long Creek Sluggers.

The designated hitter for the Bums, said he enjoys the team because he has several friends on the team including coach Willie Barringer and manager Johnny Foster.

In that all-star game the Sluggers, he was one for three, driving in two runs with a double. He has five home runs in this young season and predicts that his team will be better in the second half of the season.

"Eight teams will make the playoffs," said Harris. "And we intend to be one of those teams." We have had a lot of close games and should be much better in the second half.

"When he is not playing with the Bums or driving his rig up the highways during the weekends, he plays golf.

"I feel like I am as good as any golfer around," he said, adding that his foursomes usually include Bill Johnson, Robert Morris, Bob Johnson, or Herman Thomas.

Harris likes to play all the courses in the area but admits

that Crystal Springs near Pineville is the hardest but is his favorite.

"I love it. I wish I had time to follow golf. I believe I could have made the tour," said Harris.

He has been called the best weekend golfer in the city.

Harris lives in Canterbury Woods with his wife Vivian and his 14 year old daughter, Penny, who attends Kennedy Junior High School.

Craft Shop To

Hold Several

Classes

The Craft Shop at 1900 Park Drive will hold several classes this summer.

On Mondays from 9-noon Children's general craft (8-15) will be taught. From 2-4:30, ceramic classes for ages 8-12 will be available.

On Tuesdays, Adult ceramics will be taught from 9-noon and Senior Citizens workshop from 1-4.

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