

# SCSC's Stills Tabbed All American Golfer

Orangeburg—South Carolina State College junior, Adrian Stills, became the 81-year-old institution's first All-American golfer after a stellar performance in the recent 27th NAMA National Golf Tournament at Huntsville, Texas.

Stills, a native of Pensacola, Fla., was one of 11 All-Americans named by the NAIA. The S.C. State standout fired a four-day total of 302 at the Atkins Lake Golf Course. The 62 tied him for ninth place, 12 strokes behind the 290 winning individual total posted by Greg Brown of Point Loma College. College of Charleston's A.J. Duncan finished second in the competition with a 292 to give Palmetto State College two All-Americans.

Stills team did not fare as well as the Bulldogs missed the third round cut by a mere five strokes. Host Sam Houston State won the team title with a four-day total of 1206, 10 strokes better than second place Elon.

S.C. State shot a team total of 319 the first day and 316 the second day for a 635 score after 36 holes.

Becoming S.C. State's first All American golfer is one of several firsts Stills has accomplished as a Bulldog. Earlier this season, he became the first black to take the individual title at the State intercollegiate Golf Championship and was also named the most outstanding collegiate golfer in South

Carolina, another first for the business administration major.

Bill Davis, golf coach at S.C. State, calls Stills "A truly great athlete and individual. We have always been able to rely on Adrian to pull us through," said Davis. "This was our first trip to the nationals and we felt a bit let down after missing the cut. But he (Adrian) was shooting well individually. We were proud of him, his teammates love him and the school may enshrine him," concluded an elated Davis.

**Charlotte Hawks Down Albemarle, Oak Ridge**

The Charlotte Hawks posted two victories in the Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League here last weekend.

Manager Walter "Dub" Cuthbertson's outfit edged Albemarle 11-10, in 12 innings in Albemarle Saturday afternoon. They followed with an 8-7 triumph over Oak Ridge Sunday afternoon in Revolution Park.

Ira Simpson and Leroy Dun-

ham were the heroes. Simpson drove in five runs in addition to making spectacular catch to save the contest in the bottom of the 12th.

Dunham was outstanding in relief, posting his third straight win.

"We're shaping up as a real good team," Cuthbertson said Tuesday afternoon. "We've picked up Fred Stratford, a dependable shortstop who is also a dependable stickman."

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WALTER STRONG  
...Won 8 tournaments

## Golf Enthusiast Strong Has Had His Share Of Good Luck ?

By Chase Vance  
Post Sports Writer

"There are three fundamentals that a beginner has to learn about the game of golf," said Walter Strong, a local enthusiast who has had more than his share of good luck this summer.

"A beginner must learn the grip, how to concentrate and the proper stance for hitting," he explained.

### Rangers Maul Giants, Lose To Orioles

As they have done on two other occasions this season, the Mecklenburg Orioles snapped a Morris Field winning streak.

Manager Minnie Mendoza's super crew turned back the Rangers Sunday afternoon, 4-3 before the largest crowd to witness a semi-pro baseball contest here this season.

The Orioles, now 20-1 and leading the Jackie Robinson League by a wide margin, had to come from behind to accomplish their third straight verdict over the Rangers, who now have dropped only 4 of their first 21 contests.

Koster, who came on in relief of Bert Cueto, got credit for the win and Lafayette Currence absorbed the loss.

Currence took over the starter Ricky Summers in the seventh.

Morris Field went ahead on a long time home run by Albert Turner in the second inning and they stretched the margin to 2-0 with a pair of hits and some nifty base running in the third. The Orioles got back in the contest with two markers in the seventh, but Morris Field got one back in the third to take a 3-1 advantage.

A base hit, walk and two Ranger errors let in a Oriole run in the eighth to tie the game for the second time and the Oriole produced the winning run on Nester Valesquez's single to go ahead for good in the top of the ninth.

Herman Thomas's sharp crew whipped the Hoskins Giants, 7-1, Saturday afternoon behind the fine pitching of Chris Hill, who wiffed 11 and walked five.

In the meantime, Tim Morris, Bobby Reynolds, Randy Falls and Kevin Staley were leading a 10-hit Morris Field attack against Benny Little and Floyd McDowell.

Morris set the pace with three singles and as many RBI's. Reynolds contributed two doubles, Falls a single and a double and Staley a home run.

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