

From Baseball Team

Curtis Wilson Is Disqualified

by Chase Vance
Post Sports Writer
The biggest mystery in the Southwestern 4A Conference is how All-Country Curtis Wilson allowed himself to get in the academic trouble that resulted in his disqualification from the Mustang baseball team.

Wilson hit .440 with 11 home runs last year. The Olympic Trojans are one of the best baseball teams around. They finished third in the conference last year. With 11 game winner Eddie Poole on the mound and outfielder Eddie Howard batting the cleanup spot, the Trojans figure to do just as well this year.

The West Indians have top notch John Boyd in the outfield. Their junior varsity was one of the best in the city last year.

Eric "Moose" Barringer fired two no-hitters for the North junior varsity last year. He is joined by shortstop and second baseman Reggie Barringer and left fielder Willie Bost in what some believe is one of the best Viking squads ever.

With Chris Hill on the mound and centerfielder Mike Eppley in the outfield, the Harding baseball team looks like the football team.

Eppley hit .560 as a junior varsity player last year. Darius Davis is the dynamic first baseman for the East Meck Eagles. Tough Greg Smith patrols the outfield with his iron sticky gloves.

Hobby Davis in the outfield, Allan Parker on the pitcher's mound, Joel Chessor at the catcher position and



Curtis Wilson
...Myers Park star

Dougie Thomas at shortstop give the West Charlotte Lions hopes of a third major championship.

Pitcher Bobby White, first baseman Buzzy Bacote, outfielder David Goodwin, catcher Ricky Gibson, and third baseman Tim Eubanks give the Garringer Wildcats some-



Chris Hill

...Harding standout thing to be excited about.

Pitcher Archie Moore, Wayne Brown and Johnny Woods will form the nucleus for the South Mecklenburg Sabres.

The Independence Patriots have Herbert Moore in the infield and Mike Smith, Barry Dowell and Tom Barnette pitching.

Professional Soccer Coming To Town

Professional Soccer comes to the area on Saturday, March 24th, 7:30 p.m., when the Atlanta Chiefs meet the Minnesota Kicks in a North American Soccer League (NASL) exhibition game at Memorial Stadium in Charlotte.

Sharing the spotlight to make it a Soccer weekend will be an indoor tournament March 24th and 25th at Park Center Arena in Charlotte.

Press Box of Charlotte and Datagraphics of Atlanta, the South's best independents, will compete with fourteen top area college teams including: Appalachian, Campbell,

Davidson, Duke UNC and UNCC. Indoor soccer is wildly exciting combination of basketball and ice hockey.

Ticket prices for the professional match are \$3.00 adults and \$2.00 children. The amateur tournament is priced at \$3.00 adults for both days and \$2.00 for one day. Children will be half price. Proceeds will go to area youth sports.

For information write to: Charlotte Soccer 79-212 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28281. For information, call 704-372-3331. There are special rates for groups of twenty-five or more. More information will follow.

Army National Guards Offer High Benefits

RALEIGH-Young men and women who join the North Carolina Army National Guard during the next three months will be eligible for cash or educational benefits which range as high as \$2,000.00.

Guard members reenlisting beyond their initial six-year enlistment are also

eligible for bonuses up to \$1,800.00 during this same period.

According to Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, North Carolina Adjutant General, who made the announcement today, this is part of a nationwide program to strengthen the recruiting and retention efforts of the military's re-

serve component.

Gen. Ingram went on to say, "The purpose of the incentive program is to increase enlistments and retention of qualified people in the Army National Guard, providing more stability by reducing losses and keeping people active for longer periods of time."

The program will last from March 15 through June 15.

This new program supplements a program, begun last December, which made the same benefits available to 38 selected North Carolina National Guard units, according to Gen. Ingram.

"For the March 15 - June 15 period," he continued, "all men and women are eligible. If they meet the qualifications, regardless of the unit they want to join or in which they want to reenlist."

The enlistment incentive is available only to men and women who have completed high school and who have not previously served in the military.

Upon joining the Guard, these men and women may choose to take a payment of \$1,500.00 payable over a six-year period, or to obtain educational benefits up to a maximum of \$500.00 per year to pay for tuition, fees and books.

Those choosing this education option may obtain up to a total of \$2,000.00 by the time the Guard member completes a baccalaureate degree or equivalent period of study.

This program does not affect educational benefits already in existence, added Gen. Ingram. The North Carolina National Guard, for example, has a state scholarship program. This will continue.

Guard members who in the March 15-June 15 period extend their initial enlistment for an additional six-year period, will be eligible for a bonus payment of \$1,800.00, payable over the six-year period.

Those who decide to extend for a three-year period, will be eligible for a \$900.00 bonus, payable over a three-year period.

The program allows a number of contingencies, including continuation of payments if a person transfers from one unit to another.

In The CIAA

Johnson C. Smith Tennis Team Is "Team To Beat?"

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The Johnson C. Smith University tennis team is rated as the team to beat in the Southern Division of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Number one seeded Tyrone Holland is a junior from Washington, D.C. He is a well-rounded player with over all knowledge and consistency.

Second seeded William Crutchfield from Washington is a senior with court experience and steadiness. He is the leader of the team.

Charlie Ridout is the third seeded freshman from Washington. He is aggressive with good strokes.

Fourth seeded Ramon Wigfall is a freshman from Washington, D.C. Wigfall is quick and is rapidly developing into a well rounded player.

Fifth seeded Dennis Holland is a freshman from Washington, D.C. with a strong serve and a great two-handed backhand.

The other members of the team are sophomore Miles

Smith of Charlotte, freshman Greg Payne of Washington and senior Michael Shelf of Winston-Salem.

William R. Jackson is the coach of the Bulls.

Big matches for the Bulls are Sunday, March 18 at More-

house in Atlanta, March 23 at home with Ohio University, Thursday, April 12 with Davidson in Davidson.

Sabrina Moore Is League's Top Hurdler

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Sabrina Moore at West Mecklenburg will be one of the leading hurdlers and sprinters in the Southwestern 4A Conference this spring. Her team with standouts Jackie White, in the sprints, Wanda Blackmon in the 40 yard dash, Carolyn Johnson in the triple jump and Trena Blakely in the long jump should be one of the best teams around.

The South Sabres have Angela Beckendorf in the two mile and Patti Bostedo in the 100.

Olympic has Jan Rennick in the 220 and Libby Peeler in the mile and two mile.

Sandra Carter, in the 100 yard dash leads the East Mecklenburg Eagle roster.

Rere Smith in the 440 and 220 and Lias Newell in the 440 and on the mile relay team head the Garringer Wildcats.

The Harding Rams of

Coach Jane Blanchette have sprinters Collette Fox, Resa

Gregory, Sylvia Houston and Nesa Houston, Doris Reynolds, and Jewell Moultrie.

Iris Watt and Regina Ratcliffe head the mile relay team.

Terran Sloan is a terror in the relays for North Mecklenburg. Veronica Munday in the

440 and Sedeia Knox in the sprints should help the Viking program.

Debra Thompson is a great 100 yard dasher for the Mustangs of Myers Park. Cynthia Covington in the shot and discus and Joan Wright and Neece Nivens in the hurdles are top Mustangs also.

Brenda Walker in the mile and Katrina White in the 440 head the Independence Patriots.

Would You Like To Play Baseball?

Do you like to play baseball? Are you 16 years old (or will you be by Aug. 1, 1979)? If you answer yes to both of these questions the Metrolina Athletic Association has good news for you.

The Clark Griffith Babe Ruth Baseball team will hold a meeting Saturday, March 17, at 1:10 p.m. in the Greenville Center.

Any 16 year old wanting to

play competitive summer baseball should plan to be there.

Interested adults and parents are also welcome to attend.

A drawing for a prize will be featured.

If unable to attend the meeting contact Dexter Hayes at 373-1490 or 372-4100 ext. 2122 to register.

Poisoning

In The Home

Over 50 percent of the cases of accidental swallowing of poisons involve children age 5 or under.

According to specialists with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, the majority of incidents occur inside the home; mainly in the bathroom and kitchen, and nearly half the time when the product is in use.

During National Poison Week, March 18-24, they remind parents that containers of household cleaners, improperly stored or carelessly placed while being used, can tempt the inquisitiveness of a child and tempt him or her to taste the contents.

It's not always feasible to lock up all household cleaners and medicines, but it is possible to reorganize the space you have and set up child-proof areas in the home, they say.

By adhering to the following safety measures in handling and storing potentially harmful substances, incidents of poisoning can be reduced:

Carefully read directions, special instructions and warnings on packages and containers of household cleaning products. Federal law requires that product labels list all hazardous substances. The label also gives first aid information.

Keep household cleaning products in original containers. Don't put them in cups, bowls or soda bottles. According to the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers, a high portion of accidental ingestion of household chemicals occurs when a user transfers the product into a cup or glass. The child may assume it is something to eat or drink.

In addition, the original container carries a label, identifying the product and its manufacturer - essential information in the event of poisoning.

Keep the product in view while in use. A pause to answer a phone call or the doorbell is all it takes for a toddler to reach an unguarded container. If you own an automatic dishwasher, be sure not to leave the door or lid open after placing dishwasher detergent in the dispenser.

Arrange drawers and cabinets for safe storage. Cleaning supplies stored under the kitchen or bathroom sink, in accessible drawers, behind easy-to-open, unlocked cabinet doors are a Pandora's box for the curious child, say the specialists.

All household cleaning agents should be kept in upper cabinets in the kitchen or bath, or on high shelves in linen closets and laundry rooms. These include bleach, washing soda, detergents, fabric softeners and other laundry aids.

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