Herman Thomas Excited About

Upcoming Baseball Season

Herman Thomas

.Successful manager

fans. Our players are really

enthusiastic about what is

going on in Union County. We

should have some exciting

The "Goaldiggers" defeated

"Duke Power" in the YWCA

night, April 5, by a score of

Basketball League finished a

10-week season at the Park

Thursdays at 7:30 and 8:30

Softball times and places

p.m. for Volleyball.

GoalDiggers Bag

YMCA Basketball

Championship

by Chase Vance **Post Sports Writer**

Morris Field Ranger manager Herman Thomas is very excited about the upcoming Jackie Robinson Baseball League's season.

"We will play a regular 25 game schedule with the last game coming on July 29 and the playoffs beginning immediately after that," Thomas

Who are the favorites? There are 12 teams in the league which begins its regular season on April 21. They are the Hoskins Giants, the Charlotte Hawks, the Mecklenburg Hornets, the Davidson Jets, the Northside Bombers, the Royal Burns, the Charlotte Mets, the Union County Dodgers, the Charlotte Bummers and the Kings Mountain A's.

The Morris Field Rangers have been in the championship game of the league for the past five years. That should tell you something.

The Mecklenburg Orioles headed by former Charlotte Hornet great Minnie Mendoza are another team that should be at the top of the league.

The Rangers get an early test of their strength in the Union County Dodger tournament at Walter Bickett Stadium in Monroe on April 14

On the 14th, the Morris Field Rangers will play the Lancaster Tigers at 4 p.m. At 7 p.m. the Union County Dodgers will play Concord.

The winners play on Sunday at 4. The losers play on Sunday at 7 p.m.

"We are very excited about this tournament," said "We have four teams that should draw a lot of

baseball. Everyone is invited to the games. They will have a good time." The Rangers have some

additional strengths this year. If no major league team picks up star centerfielder Bobby Thompson, he will play. Thompson played for the Texas Rangers last year.

Lefthanded pitcher William Harley comes to the team with experience in the Atlanta Braves organization.

Harold Dawkins was the Jackie Robinson League's most valuable player with the Charlotte Hawks. He is now with the Rangers.

Augusta Cager

Signs With

S. C. State

ORANGEBURG-South Carolina State College, which recently won the AIAW small college championship, has announced the signing of one of the top female basketball Championship Basketball players in the Augusta, Ga., Tournament playoff Thursday

Sandra Collins, a 5-6 guard at Butler High in Augusta, will The six teams in the YWCA attend S. C. State on a grantin-aid next season, according to Lady Bulldog head coach Road YWCA gym. The cur-Willie Simon. Collins, who will rent season of 10 weeks will be devoted to Volleyball League play at the point for S.C. State. averaged 21 points per game and a newly-formed Softball to lead Butler to a 14-7 record League. Late registrations and into the region semifinals. are still being taken. Play is

In 1978 she helped Butler to the semifinals of the state Class AAAA tournament and can be obtained by calling was named Georgia CSRA Wanda Geer at 525-5770, ex- (Central Savannah Region Area) Player of the Year.



BOBBY THOMPSON ... Has field day

Keys Rangers'

Win Over Victory

Former major leaguer Bobby Thompson wielded a red-hot bat here Sunday afternoon to lead the Morris Field Rangers to a 14-3 romp over the Charlotte Trojans.

Thompson, who played re-gularly for the Texas Rangers of the American League a year ago prior to being traded to the Seattle Mariners, treated the local semi-pro pitchers with little respect as he clouted a homerun and a single, stole two bases, and drove home two runs to set the pace in a lusty 16-hit attack.

"He's (Thompson) playing with us just to keep in condition," Herman Thomas, manager of the Rangers said Tuesday afternoon. "We're hoping he'll get a call from one of the major league teams in the next few days.

Thomas said that Bobby Bonds, one of Thompson's teammates with the Rangers, is one of the players making contest for the Charlotte .native, who starred with Harding High School and with the Rangers prior to being

Local Preps Having Good Season On The Asphalt?

high jump with 6-7.

166-3 and 5-8.

Hewitt Denman of South is

On the girls' front, Terran

Sloan of North is running the

the leader in the discus with

by Chase Vance

Post Sports Writer Charlotte athletes are having a good season on the

In the 120 high hurdles, Independence's James Orr is the leader with a time of 14.6 seconds. West Charlotte's Eric Black has a time of 15.2.

Scott Davis of West Mecklenburg is running the 100 yard dash in 9.7. Henderson Threatt of West Charlotte is right behind with 9.8. Olympic's Chip Hand, West Mecklenburg's Herbert Dunn, Myers Park's Jerry McCorkle Bobby Thompson and Renault Springs all have a 10 second mark.

In the 440 yard dash, Threatt of West Charlotte leads with a 49.8, Teddy Froneberger of South Mecklenburg is second with a 50.5 and Independence's Steve Bulluck has a time of 51.5.

Orr is the leader in the 180 low hurdles with 20.2. Eric Black has 20.6; Dunn has a

East Mecklenburg's Carlton Frazier is the leader in the 220 yard dash with 22.3. Threatt has a 22.3, Williams Evans of West Meck has a 22.4, and teammate Cleo Alexander of West Meck has a 22.5.

In the shotput, North's Darryl Harris is the leader

Harding's Chris Johnson is the leader in the long jump with 22-7.

Independence's Bulluck is the leader in the triple jump

110 low hurdles in 15 seconds Veronica Munday of North Reynard Sanders of Independence is the leader in the

dash in 1:01.2.

Meck is close to her conference record of 11.2 seconds.

She is running it in 11.3. Myers Park's Valerie Wil-

liams is doing the 440 yard

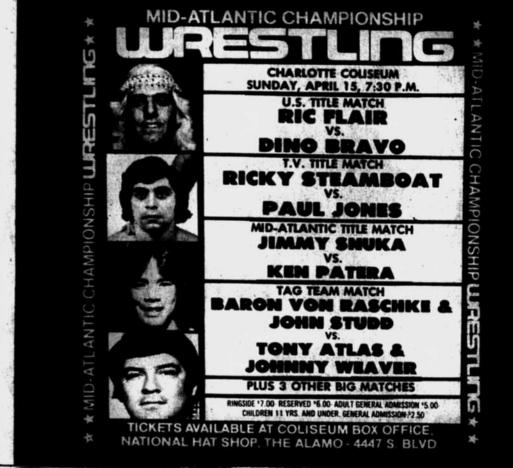
Munday is running the 220 yard dash in 26.5 seconds... Gloria Roundtree of Harding is throwing the shotput in 37-4

32.3 seconds

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and 1-4. Rhonda Cline of Harding is

Garinger's Jackie Ellis is running the discus in 105.









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