

# Sports Beat

BY BILE JOHNSON



## TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS.....

Did you know that Jesse Clement has been named head basketball coach at North Carolina Central? A graduate of St. Augustine's College where he served as head football and basketball coach for a number of years, Clement has worked with the NCCU football team as an assistant coach for the past several years. He's one of the most highly-respected gentlemen in coaching circle.

John Harris, who is tough to beat on the golf course, shot a four-under-par 32 at Revolution Park Golf Course here Monday morning. In doing so, he whipped the pants off J. D. Grier and James Black, two of the better golfers around.

John Love, the co-chairman of the popular Par Busters organization which sponsored the four ball tournament at Sunset Hills last weekend, says that 144 players or 72 teams participated in the annual event. Love informed that six of the teams were composed of brothers. Not, "black people," silly boy....He meant they're "blood relatives." .... Or did he?

With the 10 teams in the Jackie Robinson Semi-Pro Baseball League counting down to the season opener here a week from Saturday, the word is leaking out that Ulysses "Rabbit" Withers may have the team to beat this summer.

It seems that "Rabbit" has been putting together a squad of aging veterans and aggressive youngsters who are blending to make the Hoskins Giants a potent force to deal with.

Phil Busher, the young guy who beats the drums for Johnson C. Smith sports, predicts the Golden Bulls will do well in Saturday's track and field championships. According to Busher, coach Kenny Powell will have "depth in all of the running departments with no real weakness in any race."

Busher says Ronald Bell and James Hardy should be "threats in the 880 yard run." He continued, "Both runners have posted a 1:56 indoor half mile. That time should be cut by several seconds outdoors."

Wonder why the CIAA officials did not select a Johnson C. Smith basketball player to attend the Senegalese Basketball Federation's Invitation to the first Pan-African Basketball Classic in Dakar, Senegal, West Africa, beginning Saturday. The CIAA Cagers, coached by Dave Robins of Virginia Union, will also play the Ivory Coast, Guinea and several other African teams during the tour.

Has Johnson C. Smith quietly scheduled a football contest for the Bahamas? Word is out that the Golden Bulls will fill the date they had with Shaw University with a contest on the Islands. Shaw has dropped football from its sports program.

Hampton Institute has added Liberty Baptist and New York Tech to its 1979 football schedule. The Pirates will host the Golden Bulls in Hampton, Va. September 22.

Mike Ballweg, sports information director at Hampton, calls her "fabulous Gwen Jordan" for excellent reasons. A highly-touted freshman, Gwen was recently honored as All-Virginia AIAW and third team National Association of Women's Sports. She shot 17.2 points per game while leading the Lady Pirates in field goal percentage, free throw accuracy and assists this past season.

Remember Walter Funderburk, the former All-State standout at quarterback for the Second Ward Tigers? He's currently serving as the co-center director at Sprague Street Recreation Center for the city of Winston-Salem.

Jerry Jones of Winston-Salem is making final plans for the 16th annual Spring Festival Golf Tournament to be held at the Winston Lake Golf Course April 28 and 29. The tourney will consist of five flights, with valuable prizes up for grabs for the first three winners in each flight. Entry fee will be \$25 for club members and \$35 for non-members. To enter, contact Jones at (919) 727-2703.

Would you believe the asking price for Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Larry "The Bird" Bird is said to be somewhere near \$7 million? One source reports that the \$7 million figure is only speculation and that the price could go even higher.

Miller High Life and Miller Life Distributors have announced a series of regional amateur golf tournaments they will sponsor around the state this summer.



ANDREW JACKSON AND SAM GARRETT

...Finish third in second flight

## With 11-Under-Par 133

### Littlejohn, Stevenson Breeze

## To Par Buster Golf Title

The golf twosome of Haywood Stevenson and Donald Littlejohn birdied the first three holes at Sunset Hills Golf Course Saturday afternoon and wound up with a six-under-par 30 on the front side to take a commanding lead for championship honors in the annual Par Busters Four Ball Golf Tournament here last weekend.

This feared pair finished the day with a 9-under-par 63 and was never headed as they walked away with their second straight and their third title in the past four years in this popular event. They finished the tournament with a spectacular 133 and were 11 under par for the 36-hole tourney.

Robert Brown and Milton Murray finished a distant second while Reggie Sellers and Phil Neeley were coming in third and Ray Crowder and Jason Doster were finishing fourth.

First Flight honors went to

## Orioles Will Open New

### Season Monday Night

In an unusual departure from baseball tradition, the Charlotte Orioles "first ball" ceremony will feature someone other than a local dignitary or parent team official.

The precise identity of that individual is presently unknown. On Opening Night, Monday, April 16 at Crockett Park, moments after he or she has passed through the entrance gate, the Orioles fan who has clicked number 1,000 at the turnstile will be corralled by a team official.

One of the Oriole Peppers

Alonzo Pettis and Ed Mitchell, who followed a non-too-impressive 75 on Saturday with a five-under-par 67 on Sunday to wind up two under at 142. Richard Reid and Frank Liston wound up in second place with 145 and Jack Lawson and J. Will Bolden captured third, James Boulter and Al Frazier were fourth and Herman King and Robert Stradford fifth.

An interesting fight was waged for top honors in the second flight where Lonell White and James Ingram came in ahead of the field with a 147. Willie Pruitt and William Gill were a close second at 149 and Sam Garrett and Andrew Jackson had to go one extra hole before wrestling third place away from Wayne Carr and C. L. Chancellor, who finished fourth.

One point separated the first and second place finishers in the Third Flight. James Davis and Jesse Davis bagged the

title with a 74 on Sunday while John Love and Roosevelt Swift were going three over at 75. Both teams shot 78 on Saturday. David Pauling and Tic Rudisell were a shot back at 154. They claimed third place honors.

George Young and William Hoey encountered very little difficulty in picking up the Fourth Flight crown. After shooting an 80 on Saturday, this pair improved to a one-over 73 Sunday afternoon to win the title by six strokes. Gerald Bridges and Michael Hughes were third and Mack Adams and Willie Dunlap fourth.

Fifth Flight honors went to Robert Moore and James Jones, who took the title by one stroke over Frankie Hilton and George Crawford. Both groups shot 85's in the opening round, but Moore and Jones posted a four-over 76 Sunday afternoon while Hilton and Crawford were carding a 77.

## Will Be Held Here Saturday

# JCSU Track And Field Relays

by Ulysses Lee Nesmith  
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In any form of competition, the prevalent proverb, "May the best man win" is the logic that determines the champion. This coming weekend the Golden Bull Track Team of Johnson C. Smith University has excellent possibilities of entering that category.

On Saturday, April 14 at 11 a.m. the Athletic Dept. of Johnson C. Smith University will sponsor the Eleventh Annual J. C. Smith Invitation

al Track and Field Relays on the West Charlotte High School field.

The presence of extremely qualified teams such as High Point College, North Carolina A&T State, and South Carolina State along with J. C. Smith sets the pace for intense, exciting, and record breaking performances. In last year's meet thirteen records were broken, much of the same is expected with these teams and other teams participating. The Golden Bulls hold nine of the thirteen records that were

set last year, and also placed first in overall men and women competition.

J. C. Smith is deemed to shine in the 100, 220, 440, and 880 yard dashes. Radiance is also due in the One and Two Mile relays, which is the "Crowned Jewel" of the Smith track team.

The contenders will face returnees Emile Randolph (120 yd. High Hurdles 14.4) and Johnny Colquitt (One Mile run 4:22.2) who each set records in last year's meet.

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