

# Sports Beat

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## TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS ...

Billy Booe and the good people over at Quail Hollow Country Club pulled out the red carpet last week, along with their finest china and their most delicious food to entertain the visiting press.

The occasion was Media Day. Along about this time each year, Quail Hollow officials make their beautiful facilities available to the reporters from the two Carolinas. A few are invited from upper Georgia and lower Virginia and more than 150 representatives from both the printed and the electronic media immediately go about the business of making complete fools of themselves.

They eat too much...consume too much favorite beverages...And most stay around too long enjoying the opportunity to get out of the office for a day in the country. They do this, of course, after they have spent more than five hours destroying the lovely golf course that the top pros will use when they compete for Kemper Open dollars here in about a month.

Now don't get the idea that Bill and his able staff condone such practice....They do not. They are, however, obligated to "butter up" the men who will give exposure to one of the most colorful golf tournaments on the Professional Golfers Association circuit.

Indeed no one can blame Bill or his staff for what happened last Tuesday, shortly after they opened their private facilities to the press. Most of the visitors had not seen the inside of a country club before and none of them had enjoyed playing on a golf course that is so inviting...so treacherous...and so long. In fact several of Quail Hollow's greens are almost as large as the entire golf course most of the reporters play.

As a result, many of the golfers (duffers) turned in score cards that reveals well over 100 strokes for the 18 holes. Some refused to turn in their cards for fear of being a public embarrassment. Others shot in the 90's, few in the 80's and none in the 70's.

It was that sort of day. Can you imagine a low paid person who pounds typewriters for a living, suddenly finding himself in the plush surroundings of Quail Hollow Country Club? Can you further imagine such a person having a day in the sun, with all the food he can eat, liquid he can drink, including a round of golf? All for FREE....

## HITTING THE HIGH PLACES....

Confession is not only good for the soul. In Washington, it can also be turned into a best seller.

Black golfers Lee Elder and Jim Thorpe pocketed slightly more than \$12,000 last week, having played well in the tournament of champions.

Cheyney State's athletic director Edward Lawrence is being swarmed with applications for the head football coach position. Lawrence, who says "this is a good job and the next coach will inherit an excellent program," expects to process more than 100 inquiries in the next few days.

Billy Joe, who led Cheyney State to an impressive 7-3 record last fall, resigned recently to accept the offensive backfield coach post with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Look for Lennie Wilkins to be named general manager of the Seattle Super Sonics before the start of the next NBA season. It was not reported in either the dailies or the television, but the top Dallas Cowboys officials and players, including quarterback Rogers Staubach, coach Tom Landry and team owner Tex Schramm, were among those asking District Judge Richard Mays to spare Bobby Hayes from the ordeal of prison.

Did you know that Walter Davis finished 10th among the individual scorers in the NBA? The Pineville native, who starred with North Carolina, swished an average 23.6 points through the hoops during the regular campaign.

The good folks over at White Lakes are playing their annual White Lake Water Festival for the weekend of May 18. The planned activities include, delta wing kite and glider tournament, long distance run, golf tournament, water ski show, parade, arts and crafts exhibits and performing arts on an outdoor stage. The golf tournament will be held on the Carolina Sands Country Club.

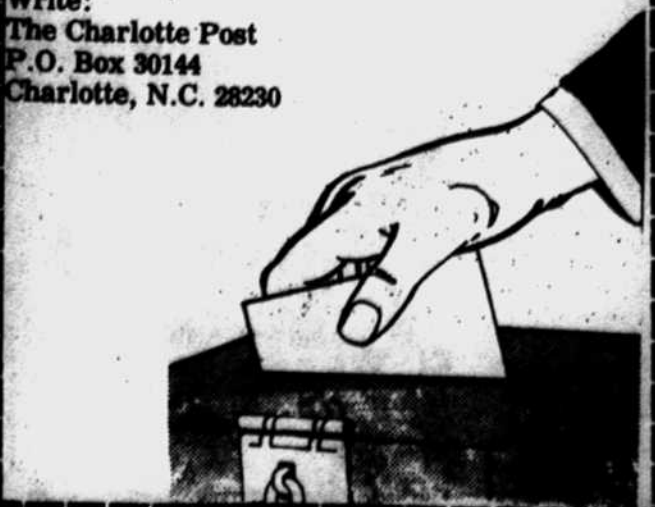
Wonder why Johnson C. Smith's publicity people didn't inform the local press about the CIAA Golf Tournament that was held at Sunset Hills Golf Course last week?

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## McCrorey YMCA Swimmers

McCrorey only had nine swimmers at Pfeiffer's Swim Meet placing six in the finals and winning six heats. Jennifer DeCann won first place in the Girls 9 and 10 200 yards Individual Medley with a time of 3:09.0. She also placed 6th in the 100 yards Freestyle. Crump placed 4th in 50 yards Breaststroke. Wendall McCain aged up from 8 and under to the 9 and 10 division handled himself well with the older boys. He placed 6th in the 50 yards Butterfly and 6th in the 200 yards Individual medley. That's a great improvement from a kid

who nearly drowned at the age of 3 while he was on a trip with his parents. The dedicated swimmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin McCain. They enrolled Wendall in Pre-School swim classes at the YMCA. He has won more medals and ribbons than his older brother, Frank, Jr. He also has a younger brother, Bert, who is four years old and can handle himself well in the pre-school class.

The heat winners were Wendall McCain, who won two, Jennifer DeCann, Dan-Dan Herron, Tynee Stevenson and Derrick Chambers.

## Metrolina Speedway Will Be Site Of 270 Laps Race

Metrolina Speedway will be the site of 270 laps of stock car racing on Friday and Saturday nights, May 25 and 26 with a total of \$36,000 in prize money up for grabs.

Identical racing cards are slated for both nights that include late model sportsman, semi-modified and street division competition.

Action will get underway at 8 p.m. both nights with qualifying runs for all three divisions.

Once starting positions are determined, a night of racing that includes a 10-lap street division main event, a 50-lap semi-modified feature, and a 75-lap late model sportsman race, will get underway.

The two nights of racing will fall on the same weekend as the World 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway which is slated for Sunday, May 27.

The regular Furr Racing Association weekly program is scheduled for this Friday night at the half-mile clay oval located just North of Charlotte on Highway 21.

Friday's card includes a 40-lap late model sportsman main event, a 30-lap semi-modified feature and a 10-lap street division chase. Starting slots for the semis and late models will be determined by 10-lap qualifying heats.

1978 track point champion Hayward Plyler of Kannapolis has been having problems finding his way to victory lane this season after winning 20 of 37 late model features at Metrolina last year.

Kings Mountain's Freddie Smith has been the dominant figure in the late model division so far this season, winning three late model main events in his Camaro.

Plyler, in a Camaro built by Harrisburg's Robert Gee, has one win this season as does Benny Clontz and Carl Smart. Other top late model drivers expected at Metrolina Friday are David Perry, Chuck Piazza, Billy Scott, Stick Elliott, Mike Duvall and Shorly Baucom.

Top semi-modified competitors include two-time winners Tony Eury of Kannapolis and David Taylor of Lancaster. Ralph Eury, Don Diablo, and Kenny Polston.

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# Falls, Harlee Key Rangers Over Union County Dodgers

Randy Falls' clutch hitting combined with the airtight pitching of veteran William Harlee enabled the Morris Field Rangers to come from behind to edge the Union County Dodgers, 13-11, in Monroe last Saturday afternoon.

A large crowd in William Pickett Stadium watched Falls triple in the top of the 10th to send Charlie Houston racing home with what proved to be the winning run. Houston opened the frame with a single and Alfred Thompson later singled Randy across home plate with the insurance marker.

In the meantime, Harlee, a swift lefthander who spent some time in the high minor leagues, pitched hitless ball over the last two innings, struck out four and walked only one batter to gain the triumph.

Londell McClary worked the first five innings, giving up seven runs on five hits while striking out five and walking four. The Dodgers rallied for four runs to build a 10-7 lead off



Randy Falls  
...Weilds sizzling bat

Lafayette Currence, who worked the middle three innings, Falls poked a three-run homer in the top of the 8th to send the Rangers ahead by one (11-10)

but the Dodgers fought back to tie at 11 apiece in their half of the same frame.

Manager Herman Thomas's speedy crew racked up their second straight Jackie Robinson League win with an easy 8-2 verdict over the Charlotte Bombers Sunday afternoon at Harding Hall stadium.

Young Darrell King held the Bombers in check, allowing only five hits over the first seven innings. He struck out four and walked two. Ricky Summers finished up with a 1-run hit performance that included four whiffs and three bases on ball.

Bobby Reynolds and Alfred Thompson, and Harold Dawkins led the offense with six hits. Reynolds clouted a pair of singles, and drove in three runs while Thompson was hitting a home run and a single and Dawkins a pair of one base blows.

The Rangers will return to Jackie Robinson League action this weekend when they journey to North Mecklenburg High School to face the dangerous Davidson Jets on Saturday afternoon. Sunday afternoon will find Morris Field at the Southside Playgrounds battling the unpredictable Charlotte Hawks.

Thomas will pitch Ricky Summers against the Jets and William Harlee is ticketed to start against the Hawks.

Jackie Robinson League contests will start at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and at 3:30 on Sunday.

## Waltrip, Pressley Score Sun-Drop Victories

HARRISBURG—Grand National superstar Darrell Waltrip and Late Model Sportsman ace Bob Pressley scored impressive Sun-Drop 300 Invitational victories last weekend to add a bit of irony to the field for the \$85,000 May 26th 300-miler at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Pressley is the epitome of a "short track" driving specialist. And Waltrip, the reigning World 600 titleholder who graduated from "Saturday Night Specials" to the opposite end of the stock car racing spectrum, is now a full-fledged superspeedway performer. Both have to be rated among the favorites in the upcoming Sun-Drop 300...the preliminary event which opens the door for the May 27th World 600 Winston Cup Grand National Classic.

Pressley, the Asheville, N.C., competitor who finished second in the fight for NASCAR's Late Model Sportsman championship last season, won last weekend's Sun-

## Drop Invitational event at Nashville, Tenn.

The curtain goes up on 1979's World 600 Week at CMS Sunday, May 20, with Formula Ford, Formula Super Vee and Canadian-American road racing.

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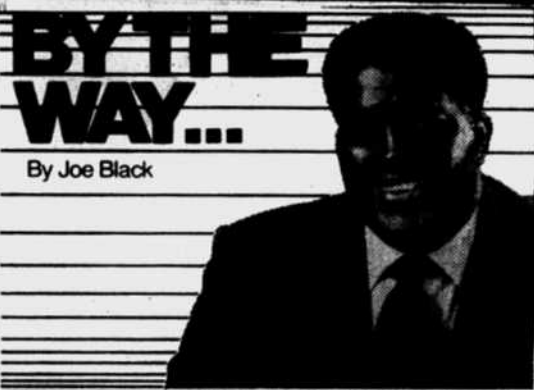
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Who is Joe Black? Who writes that stuff he talks about in his commentaries? He ain't no brother because he doesn't even deal with racism. I'll bet he doesn't even live in the ghetto, so he can't know nothing about Black folks. Those are some of the responses that "By The Way" receives from the Black Community.

Well, if the taunts of race-haters in the stands, or ballplayers singing "Old Black Joe" in the dug-outs, didn't make me lose my cool when we were integrating baseball more than twenty-five years ago, then those negative comments won't make me stop in my attempts to provoke Black people to use the minds God gave to them. Yes, the Lord is my shepherd and as long as one Black voice says to me:

"I am seventy-four years old and I was born and raised in Georgia; therefore, I didn't get to go to school full-time. But, thank God, I had Christian parents and they taught us the Golden Rule and also to respect ourselves and others. It grieves me to see the great change in so many of our young people... for our race of people have a better chance now than we ever had but unless there is more concern shown in the ones in our race, instead of going forward they will find themselves going backward. The ones that are guilty of stealing, snatching pocketbooks, smoking dope may wake up too late to find out that they can't make it that way."

You may rest assured that as long as one voice calls out for help, I shall continue to challenge Black people to get our heads out of the proverbial sand.

Joe Black  
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