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

The trouble with most minds is that they are unused.

It was good to know that some of you missed my article which did not appear in the paper last week....Thanks for the calls and other inquiries... To answer your questions (some of your questions, that is!) it will appear weekly hereafter.....Can you imagine someone writing to tell me that it would be better if we'd leave it out forever?

Thirty two local golfers made the trek to Columbia, S.C. two weeks ago and returned with five trophies and prizes. It was a most productive weekend, says John Love who points out that eight of the 10 golfers who competed for the fourth flight title were from Charlotte.

Jerald Bridges won the crown with a 179. Donald Queener shot 180 for second place and Otha Gamble's 181 was good enough to capture third place. Ben Hood, Jennings Brewer, James Parker, Charles Camp and William McCollum were the other local golfers vying for the title.

Donald Littlejohn, who was three under par at the turn on Saturday, won third place in the championship flight while Haywood Stevenson, who lost to Littlejohn in a sudden-death playoff, finished fourth.

James McDougal walked away from the field to capture second flight honors with a two-overpar 146 for the 36 holes.

Billy Brannon, Johnny Campbell, Raymond Mason, Walter Strong, John McClure, John Crow, John Love, James Bouler, A.B. Jenkins and Frank Liston competed for first flight prizes and John Crawford, Robert McDowell and John Hearn were among the players in the championship division.

Would you believe that three Philadelphia Eagles football players were arrested by Camden, N.J. police last week on drug-related charges? If convicted, Mike Hogan, James Betterson and Will Wynn could get up to 10 years in prison, plus facing a \$10,000 fine.

Did you know that a dollar sign is a capital S which has been double-crossed?

Winston-Salem State has recruited what basketball coach Alfred Harvey terms "a super prospect" in Pam Gleen of Forbush High School. "She was an all-state selection in basketball, volleyball and softball and she will give us even

more strength up front," Harvey praised.

Don't be too surprised if the Boston Celtics trade Bob McAdoo before early fall. The much traveled Greensboro native has been considered prime trade-bait since Boston signed Larry Bird to the five-year \$3.25 million pact.

The good news on the pro golf circuit this week! Lee Elder will become the first black to quality for the Ryder Cup team. The Washington, D. C. native, seventh in point standings among members of the 12-man team, will compete in the 1979 Ryder Cup matches against Great Britain when top golfers of the two nations meet in the Greenbrier Club, White Sulphur Springs, W.U.A......There will be two blacks in the Masters' Golf Tournament next year. In addition to Elder, Calvin Peete has qualified for the 1980 Masters and will join Elder as the second Black in the Augusta event next April.

Wonder when, where and how the big bucks will stop flowing generously to the top professional athletes? Ron LeFlore, Detroit Tigers' superstar who earns a mere \$200,000 per year just to roam the outfield and swat a little white baseball, is thinking of becoming a free agent at the end of this season, if Detroit doesn't meet his demands. What are his demands? He wants to triple his current salary.

Dennis Johnson, one of the most complete players in the NBA, is also asking for more money. He currently earns \$85,000 per year as a standout performer with the Seattle Supersonics. He likely will test the free agent waters a year from now.

Life would be much simpler if we didn't try to hake people think we're what we're not!

Fayetteville State has two open dates on its 1979 football schedule. The Broncos likely will be idle on September 22 and November 3. Coach Raymond McDougal will host the Golden Bulls in Fayetteville in the season finale on November

It's going to be interesting to see if the four remaining schools in the MEAC can successfully merge with six of the schools in the SWAC. According to Ken Free, commissioner of the MEAC, they have "agreed in principle and a committee has been appointed and dates were established for future meetings to further define and institute procedures related to the proposed new conference."

Alcorn State, Delaware State, Florida A&M, Grambling, Jackson State, Mississippi Valley, Howard, N.C. A&T, S.C. State and Texas Southern are the schools, colleges and universities represented at the first meeting.

Tickets went on sale July 2 for the 1979 Bayou Classic, which matches Louisiana Southern with Grambling. It will be held in the Louisiana Superdome on Saturday, December 1. More than 80,000 spectators will be on hand for the

## **Prep Football Series**

# Rams Have The Horses To Do It!

**Post Sports Writer** 

Last season was a season of several near misses for Harding High School coach Bruce Hardin. But everyone knows that near misses do not count in the win column. They are recorded as losses.

The Rams hope to rectify this situation in the fall. They hope to redeem a 7-6 loss to arch-rival West Mecklenburg, a 28-26 loss to Myers Park and a 10-0 loss to defending conference champion West Char-

The Rams have the horses to do it.

Perhaps the most sensational player on the team and the one all the scouts will be watching is number 10. That's 6-0, 170-pound quarterback Mike Eppley.

"Eppley is an outstanding athlete," said Hardin. "He does everything that you ask of him. You couldn't have a more coachable person. He

by James Cutnoertson

Post Sports Writer

getting excited about the

Jackie Robinson League's All

Star baseball game at Croc-

kett Park on July 20 beginning

The managers of the West

All Stars are Minnie Mendoza

of the Mecklenburg Orioles,

Herman Thomas of the Morris

Field Rangers and Larry

Burns of the Union County

The East Managers are

Rufus Mingo of the Northside

Bombers, Mack Rivens of the

Davidson Jets and Andrew

Brown of the Kings Mountain

The trainer is Harold Claw-

son of the Morris Field

Rangers. The scorer is Tony

Tompkins of the Kings Moun-

tain A's and Jonathan Rivens

The East players are Martin Rivens, Grover Rivens, Javet

Wilson, Marcus Rivens and

John Patterson of the David-

son Jets; Fred Rembert, David Shirely, Sammie White-

side, Johnnie Taylor and Mark

Windle of the Northside

Bombers; Willie Hancock and

Richard Harris of the Hoskins Giants; Mark Hager, Scott

Vause and Danny McDowell of

the Kings Mountain A's;

**MEAC To Hold** 

Football Clinic

Durham-The Mid-Eastern

Athletic Conference will con-

duct its annual football officials' and coaches' clinic

here July 13-14, according to

Commissioner Ken Free. Re-

gistration is set for 6 p.m.

Friday at Ramada Inn I-85,

which will serve as headquar-

Atlantic Coast Conference

Supervisor of Officials, Nor-

vell Neve, is the two-day

clinician. Neve grew up in

western Kansas, attended Fort Hays State, did graduate

work at Colorado, and began

officiating in 1935. He has

been at his present post since

Ron Pinkney, long time

sports announcer, and now the voice of National Black Net-

work Sports out of New York, will be in on Saturday. He will

discuss diffferent phases of

sports media with the coaches

and Sports Information Direc-

tors tentatively scheduled for

Five new MEAC head coaches will be introduced

during the weekend: Tyrone

Caldwell (UMES), Henry Lat-

timore (NCCU), Bill Davis

(SC ST.), Floyd Keith (How-

ard), and Charles Henderson

(Delaware St.). The other two Clarence Thomas

of the Davidson Jets.

at 8 p.m.

Dodgers.

Everybody in Charlotte is

Thomas To Manage Stars



Chris Hill ....Rams' Lost

throws the ball well. He runs the offense well and the boys respect him.

4A Conference championship. Minnie Mendoza, Herman

Respect is something the team offers for Coach Hardin also. He came to the Rams as an assistant from Olympic High School and in two years has turned the Harding program from the conference doormat to a legitimate contender for the Southwestern

Darryl Jackson, ira simpson,

Larry Spears of the Charlotte

Hawks and Ed Thompson, Jim

Irvin and David Yost of the

Garry Morrow, Eddie Latta

and Melvin Latta of the North

Charlotte Bombers; Darryl

King, Alfred Thompson,

Bobby Reynolds and Londell

McClary of the Morris Field

Rangers; James Williams,

Ronnie Doster and Melvin

Cuthbertson of the Union

County Dodgers; Ricky Care-

lock, Jackie Jennings, Jerry

Alexander of the Charlotte

Mets; Phil Harris, Dalvin

Eggelston of the Royal Bums;

Allen Smith, Bobby Harrison,

Rick Siler, Steve Helms,

Micky Ledford, Nestor Velaz-

quez and Luke Vasser of the

Mecklenburg Orioles.

The West All-Stars are

Mecklenburg Hornets.

# the junior varsity last year.

are mainstays.

Harding and James Springs who aided the Rams' cause.

team was 4-6. They were 3-6 in the Southwestern 4A Confer-

senior defensive back Zack Wallace

The Harding Rams are

"We should have a good

Some schools may have to reach their heads up to the sky when the new improved version of the Harding Rams pass

The Rams have a bevy of quarterbacks to aid Eppley. Included are 5-10, 150-pound sophomore named Keith Davis who quarterbacked for

In the backfield, 5-7, 135pound Greg Gettys and 5-9, 165-pound Danny Robinson,

Gone are Chris Hill who gained hundreds of yards during his three year stay at

All was not lost last year. The Rams came up with big wins over Garinger 26-6, Independence 20-0, Olympic 14-2 and state 2A runnerup Charlotte Catholic 21-10.

The overall record for the

Rams who figure to make contributions to the Ram cause are junior split end Lewis Cornelius, junior tailback Reggie Floyd; senior tailback Johnny Love, junior fullback Danny Robinson, senior center Tracy Kiser, senior center Cliff Traylor, senior tailback Jeff Wright, senior offensive guard Steve Johnson, junior guard Bobby Shoemaker, junior tackle Carl Hubbard, junior guard Chip Helms, senior tackle Mike Kydd, senior tackle Rick Lahm, senior defensive end Rocky Lewis, senior defensive back Charles Baker and

ready for the opening of the spring summer football practice.

year," said Bruce Hardin. "We had a good junior varsity and we will get several out-standing athletes from that team.'

# Morris Field Rangers Win

## Three Out Of Four Ball Games

by James Cuthbertson Post Sports Writer

The Morris Field Rangers had a good week on the local semi-pro baseball circuit.

They won three out of four ball games and sport a 21-2 overall and a 16-2 league record as a result.

The Rangers celebrated the Fourth of July with a 17-5 win over the Charlotte Redbirds. They had 11 runs on 18 hits to support winning pitcher Darrel King's seven hit performance. King struck out 15 and gave up 5 bases on balls. His record is now 7-0.

The leading hitters for the Rangers in their rout of their Triple County League cousins were Darrel King with a single, two doubles and three runs batted in; Alfred Thompson with two singles, a double and three runs batted in: Albert Turner with a single, a home run and three runs batted in; Londell McClary with a single and a triple; Bill Davis with two singles; and Charlie Houston with two singles.

The leading hitter for the Redbirds was Mark Cole with a single, a home run and three runs batted in.

On Sunday the Rangers were upset by the Northside Bombers by a 10-9 count. The losing pitcher for the Rangers was Rickie Summers, now 3-2. Summers who pitched in relief of William Harlee came

The Rangers committed six errors and the pitchers gave

to the mound in the third

inning.

with two outs.

up 11 bases on balls. Northside scored the winning run in the top of the ninth

Saturday, the Rangers play the Mecklenburg Hornets at 3:30 p.m. at Hornet's Nest

Emmett Cherry will pitch his first game as a Ranger.

Exceptional local talents will be on display for the team coached by Harding High

at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Baseball Coach Don Atnip. Atnip coached Crawford Sprinkler to a 16-1 record with which was good for first place in the regular season stand-

The Rangers will play the

Senior Babe Ruth League All-

Stars at Harding High School

SCSC To Face

### 10 Tough

### Opponents

ORANGEBURG, S.C.-A ten-game 1979 football schedule, featuring six home games, has been announced by South Carolina State Col-

In addition to a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference lineup, the Bulldogs will meet Alcorn State, Johnson C. Smith, Grambling and Morris Brown who returns to the S.C. State schedule after a seven year absence, replacing Maryland-

The Bulldogs open the 1979 campaign Sept. 1 at Richmond against Virginia State. Other road games include Alcorn. Sept. 29; Johnson C. Smith, Oct. 6; and North Carolina

Games at Bulldog Stadium are Delaware State, Sept. 8: North Carolina A&T, Sept. 15: Howard, Sept. 22; Morgan State, Oct. 13; Morris Brown (Homecoming), Nov. 3; and

exception of the Delaware



Charlie Houston

... Hit two singles

On Sunday, the Mecklen-

burg Orioles are the foe at

The BATCH Traveling All-

Stars travel to Barraud Park

in Norfolk, Virginia this week-

end to hopefully clinch a tie for

first place in the Southeastern

Racquet Association regular

18-13 Saturday to finish the

season at 4-1 in the con-

The meeting at Norfolk will

The locals warmed up with

each other in the fifth annual

Greater BATCH Invitational.

The winners were Stan Law

and Ron Johnson in junior

doubles, Madelyn Simpson in

ladies singles, Tyrone Holland

and George Krajack in men's

and Darlene McCullough in

doubles, and Keith Haywood

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also pit the conference's num-

ber one junior squads against

each other. BATCH is 4-0.

ference. BATCH is 3-1.

Winston-Salem beat Raleigh

Crockett Park at 3:30.

BATCH All-Stars

Will Take On

Norfolk Netters

season standings.

Norfolk is 3-0.

mixed doubles.

Eastern Shore

Central, Oct. 27

Grambling, Nov. 10. All games at Bulldog Stadium will be at 2 p.m. with the

in men's singles, Bill Carles State and North Carolina A&T games which have a 7:30 p.m. starting time

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Morgan) and Jim McKinley (NC A&T). These gentlemen will be available for interviews both days of the clinic.



