

# Prep Chatter

With James Cuthbertson



James

At this time of the year, we have all the tears from the teams who did not make it to the promised land. But we should keep everything in perspective.

Robert Kleine said it explicitly in these words: "To be an athlete, you first must learn that it's self-respect you will have to earn. You must conquer you, or you will surely get beat. Because you are the one, against whom you compete."

"Victories are the reason a team comes to be. But scores and stats are for the fans to see. Athletes know that what matters more is attention to the effort, that causes the score. Springers can lode and leaders can flop; talent without effort is always a flop. If you hold back in fear of opponents or mistakes you simply don't have the stuff that it takes.

"Speak first to yourself and firmly say. I am going all out - today is the day. Then concentrate totally to do what you are told. Be poised, Be alert, Be Aggressive and Bold.

"That's what it takes to earn self-respect. It is not quite as tough as many suspect. The goal never changes, all athletes agree, whatever you have is what you must be.

"Heed not the opponent's name or fame. Care not for others' praise or blame. For there is this fact at the final gun. If you were all you can you - you won."

**FINAL TRI-COUNTY STANDINGS (Boys)**  
West Charlotte 12-0, 29-0; East Gaston 9-3, 19-6; North Mecklenburg 9-3, 19-7; Harding 5-7, 8-17; Crest 3-9, 5-18; West Mecklenburg 2-10, 7-17; and Olympic 2-10, 5-19.

**Final Standings Southwestern 4A (Boys)**  
Hunter Huss 10-2, 20-7; Independence 9-3, 21-6; Ashbrook 7-5, 13-13; Garinger 5-7, 20-8; South Mecklenburg 4-8, 13-13; East Mecklenburg 4-8, 9-16; and Myers Park 3-9, 10-14.

**FINAL STANDINGS TRI-COUNTY (Girls)**  
North Mecklenburg 12-0, 26-0; West Charlotte 8-4, 15-9; West Mecklenburg 8-4, 10-14; East Gaston 6-6, 14-11; Olympic 6-6, 7-14; Harding 2-10, 5-15; and Crest 0-12, 0-23.

**FINAL STANDINGS SOUTHWESTERN (Girls)**  
Ashbrook 100-2, 21-4; Huss 9-3, 17-7; Myers Park 8-4, 17-7; South Mecklenburg 7-5, 14-8; East Mecklenburg 5-7, 7-14; Garinger 2-10, 4-17; and Independence 1-11, 5-15.

**SOFTBALL RANKINGS**  
1. South, 2. North, 3. Independence, 4. East, 5. Garinger, 6. West, 7. West Charlotte, 8. Garinger, 9. Olympic, 10. East Gaston, 11. Hunter Huss, 12. Crest, 13. Harding, and, 14. Ashbrook.

Outstanding softballers in the area are Cathy Gibbs of West Mecklenburg and Andrea Stinson for North Mecklenburg.

Gibbs had two long triples and three runs batted in when the West Mecklenburg Indians plummeted East Gaston, 7-0, recently.

Stinson, one of the nation's top basketball players, homered to help the Vikings blast Crest, 9-1.

Also homering for the Vikes was Jeanne Brumley, who is also a member of the state championship team.

Anne Hull had a homer in West Charlotte's 8-7 win over Olympic and Michelle Williams homered for the Garinger Wildcats, victors over Harding by a 12-9 score.

Garnering four hits apiece were Tina Malchesky and Susette Perry of Independence. The Pats routed Ashbrook, 22-0, recently.

One of the standouts in girls' soccer is Jennifer McCullom. She got four goals in Independence's 5-0 shutout of West Mecklenburg.

**TENNIS RANKINGS**  
1. East Mecklenburg, 2. South Mecklenburg, 3. Myers Park, 4. West Charlotte, 5. Independence, 6. North Mecklenburg, 7. Hunter Huss, 8. Garinger, 9. East Gaston, 10. Olympic, 11. West Mecklenburg, 12. Ashbrook, 13. Harding, and 14. Crest.

The starting six for that outstanding West Charlotte tennis team are John Williams, Chris Olsen, Brian Watt, Buton Pinckney, Rob Vest, and Devon Berry.

Outstanding players for East are Eric Abrams, Mike Weber.

Outstanding tracksters are DeRon Davis of West Mecklenburg in the 110 hurdles, Ed Reid of Olympic, and Alvin Blakeney of Myers Park.

## In Par-Buster Tourney McClure And Rorie Will Face Stiff Competition

By Joe Brown  
Post Staff Writer

John McClure and Lewis Rorie will be facing stiff competition when they defend their title at the Tenth Annual 4-Ball Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6, at the Pawtucket Golf Course. McClure and Rorie captured the title of the 36 holes of medal play tourney last year.

Recapping last year's winners: Richard Hinton and Shedric Jackson carded a 144 total in a dramatic playoff to take second place over Mark Harris and Rick Powell, who finished third in the championship flight.

In the first flight, James Brown and William Thunderbird were victors with a 144. The team of Larry Tucker and Ken Rade shot 147 to win the second flight. Richard Mitchell and Francis Pendergrass placed third with a 148 total.

Registration for the tourney starts Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m. at the Par-Busters Club House, 3401 Statesville Avenue. The first 50 teams will be accepted.

Some of the players who will be featured are: James Elmore, Robert Brown, Carl Stowe, Carl

Bailey, John Lathom, Kenneth Mitchell, John Granger, Rowe Motley, Johnny Ligon, Reggie Sellars, Bornice Bittle, James Blummer, Allen Talley, David Taylor Sr., David Taylor Jr., John Love, Charles McCullough, and Otis Worthy.

The entry fee is \$35 per person and \$70 per team (includes green fee, closest-to-the-hole contest, and the social hour). A Social Hour will be held at the Par-Busters Club House Saturday night, April 5, from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tee times will be posted in the Club house after 9 p.m.

Other participants in the tourney are: Pete Key, Howard Glover, Tim Harris, Dewey Robertson, Charles Kemp, Jimmie Browers, Freddy Goodman, Ollen Grier, and George Moore.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each flight. There will be five flights. Each team will be flighted after Saturday's round of play. There will also be a closest-to-the-hole contest.

For further information, call Pawtucket Golf Course, 394-5890, or John Love Sr., 392-1038.



John Love  
...Tourney director

### Tee Off For Charity

The second annual Rotary Golf Tournament will be held beginning at 2 p.m., April 24, at Cedarwood Country Club, with proceeds from the event going to the Arthritis Foundation. The entry fee is \$42 per player which includes green fees, cart, favors and a steak dinner. Registrations are now being accepted, and the field is limited to 104 golfers.

For more information and entry forms, call 393-2091.

### Tar Heel Games

Students, adults, senior citizens and handicapped people can participate in the second annual Tar Heel State Games, scheduled for June 14-15. Registration is now open for 25 different amateur sports events including archery, handball, cycling, softball and tennis. This statewide competition will be held in Mecklenburg County at City park and school facilities. Registration forms are available by writing Tar Heel State Games, 6311 Carmel Rd., Box 2087, Charlotte, NC 28211-2087.

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### Wooten Featured In Basketball Clinic

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Wooten, who coaches at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, MD, will discuss all phases of the game over the two days. He is a sound fundamentalist who has led his teams to some 822 victories with only 113 losses in his 31 seasons. His teams travel extensively to play all

comers and every senior for the last 27 years has received a college athletic scholarship.

The clinic may be attended by players as well as coaches at all levels, if not in conflict with state regulations. Some 400 coaches are expected to attend.

The registration fee is \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. Players may pay at the door.

For more information, call toll-free 1-800-633-3823 or Bob Nastase at Myers Park High School, 704-525-2821, extension 26.

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