

# AARON AT BAT

## Old-Timers' Game

I enjoy playing in old-timers' games. It's a chance to visit with people I haven't seen in awhile. Many of them are guys I played with or against, and we reflect on our careers and recall some of the more interesting games and experiences.

There are many old-timers' games through the summer. One of the biggest is in Washington, D.C., and I always like to go to it. Some of the proceeds go to help ex-players who may be a little down on their luck. This gives us a chance to help some of our old teammates.

It's easy to forget in these days of million-dollar salaries, but for most of baseball's history, the average player didn't make all that much money. Players now can be in the game for 10 years and be set for life.

Some of the real old-timers played before baseball had a pension system. They played just as hard but were not able to reap some of the good harvest players do today. The game gives us a chance to help those old-timers, and those of us who were more blessed appreciate the opportunity.

There is a danger in these games — the threat of injury. The frightening part is that once back on the playing field, the old competitive urges return. Some of the old guys want badly to hit another ball out of the park. Others want to throw a 90-mile-per-hour fastball. That just isn't going to happen. Competitive desire or not, an old body just can't do some of the things it once could do.

Players can be out of baseball for years, and suddenly they hit a ball and want to speed around the bases. Old, underused muscles can pull and tear, and it's a lot longer healing at 55 years old than it was at 25.

There's been some talk about a new professional league for baseball's old-timers. I suppose it is modeled on the success of golf's senior circuit, which has been steadily increasing in popularity. But in golf, you can hit a ball and then stroll after it. Baseball involves too much physical activity. With few exceptions, I don't think a player who is 50 years old can go out and play three or four games a week. That's asking too much of your body.

I don't have any interest in playing in such a league myself. When I retired, my body was telling me it was time to quit. The game has been too good to me through the years for me to go out now and be a second-rate ballplayer. **ll**

Hank Aaron is the top home run hitter of all time with 755 homers. A member of baseball's Hall of Fame, Hank is vice president of the Atlanta Braves.

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## Barons Start First Preseason Camp

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grade players on suitability to compete in the MLFS, which begins play later in the month. Additional tryouts will be held for kicking specialists, with the best of them to round out the 42-player roster.

League rules allow each team to make five roster changes per month. The Barons hope to add

depth to the squad by picking up players released from NFL camps, which will likely bring about changes during the season. Players removed from the roster will be allowed to remain with the team but can't dress for league games.

Barons coaches were impressed last month with the

play of quarterbacks Earl Harvey of N.C. Central and Vince Sutton of Alabama, a late addition to the squad. Stanley Monk of Duke and Randy Russell of Reidsville, N.C. showed promise at tailback while Doug Beatty of Appalachian State and Henry Thomas of Johnson C. Smith were penciled in as frontrunners at fullback.

### Triple County Standings

TEAM	WON	LOST	%	GAMES BEHIND
Charlotte Bombers	18	2	.900	---
Rock Hill O's	15	5	.750	3
Hoskins Giants	13	7	.650	5
Queen City Rangers	13	7	.650	5
Charlotte Red Birds	11	9	.550	7
Charlotte Trojans	10	10	.500	8
Newton/Copnover Twins	9	11	.450	9
Clover Hornets	4	16	.200	14
Norwood Pirates	2	17	.100	14-1/2

### TRIPLE COUNTY SCHEDULE

Date	Where They Play
<b>Saturday, July 8</b>	
Norwood Pirates at Hoskins Giants	Hoskins
Charlotte Trojans at Charlotte Bombers	Northwest Jr. Hi.
Newton/Copnover Twins at Rock Hill O's	Rock Hill
Charlotte Red Birds at Clover Hornets	Clover
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	
Q. C. Rangers at Norwood Pirates	Norwood
Hoskins Giants at Charlotte Trojans	J.T. Williams Jr. Hi.
Newton/Con. Twins at Charlotte Bombers	Northwest Jr. Hi.
Rock Hill O's at Charlotte Red Birds	Spaugh Jr. Hi.

(All games begin at 3:30 p.m.)

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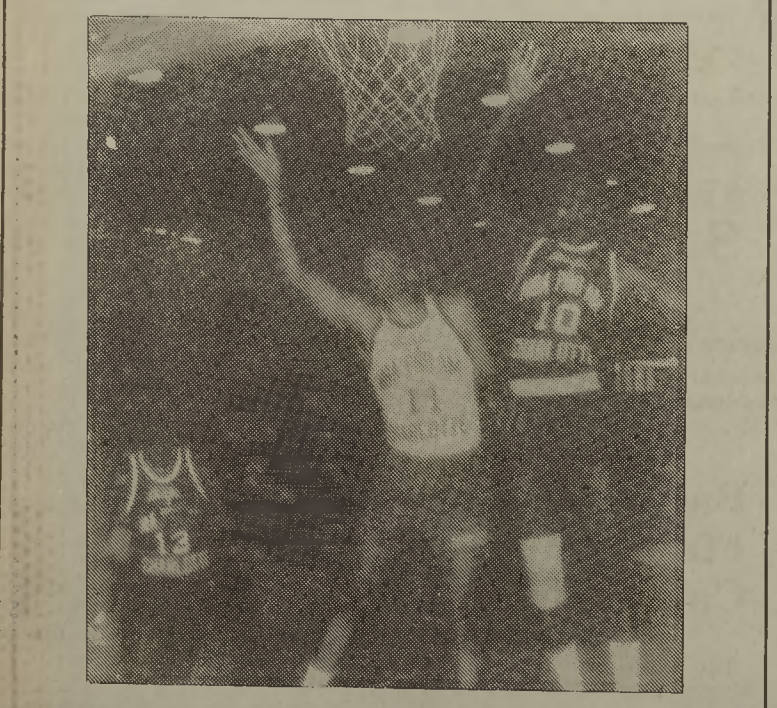
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David Van Every (left) of the King's Gym presents a check to weightlifter Joe Russel for an international competition later this year in London. Russel's last international competition was the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul, South Korea.

## NBA Pro Am Starts 2nd Half Of Season Saturday



Photo/FRANK WILLIAMS

The Charlotte NBA Pro-Am summer league for NBA and European professionals and former college players will kick off its second half of the season at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Johnson C. Smith. The league will showcase last summer's champion Philip Morris, which has added former UNCC player Byron Dinkins, Damon's which boasts several Charlotte Hornets, including Brian Rowsom, Tim Kempton, Mugsy Bogues, and Dell Curry; and Kiss 102, which features Chris Brown and former Davidson player Kenny Wilson. Other notables include Tyrone Corbin (Minnesota Timberwolves) and Larry Jordan of Stop The Violence and Tony Perkins, a former Clemson player who now plays in a professional league in Ireland. Admission is free.

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