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BASEBALL OFFICIALS MEET IN KM - National Dixie Youth Baseball League officials were in Kings Mountain Saturday to discuss the possibilities of KM hosting the 1990 or 1991 Dixie Youth World Series. Left to right are Roy Pearson of the KM Recreation Committee, National DY President Matt Goyak, KM Recreation Committee chairwoman Norma Bridges, and state DYL officials Cary Wrenn, Charles Lennon and Daivd Jackson.

## **KM** Considering Hosting Series

Kings Mountain city officials, recreation leaders and other interested persons met Saturday afternoon with state and national Dixie Youth baseball officials to discuss the possibilities of hosting the national Dixie Youth World Series here in 1990 or 1991.

Matt Goyak, national presi-dent, was at the Holiday Inn along with state officials David Johnson, Carey Wrenn and Charles Lennon. They were in-Recreation Committee which is vited here by Roy Pearson, chaired by councilwoman Norformer city recreation director, ma Bridges.



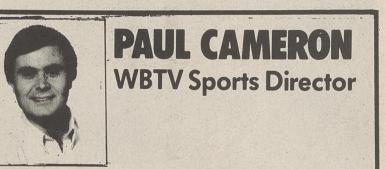


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> SILVER VILLA **UNDER NEW** — MANAGEMENT —



Charlotte Hornets new coach Dick Harter is guite a salesmanand quite the Dapper Dan. To get a lock on the job, he called-in some favors and twisted his buddies' arms-Bob Staak at Wake Forest and former UNC player Donnie Walsh gave him solid recommendations.

Next he met George Shinn face-to-face. Shinn was immediately impressed with the way Harter was dressed. "Neat and trim. First appearances are important," says Shinn. Harter must have known that Shinn has a dress code for all his office workers-no slacks on women, no shorts on men, no smoking anywhere.

One more compliment to Harter's appearance is his 31-year old wife. A former college cheerleader, Mari is extremely attractive. To which Shinn quipped, "If 57-year old Dick Harter can get her to marry him...he can get Michael Jordan for free."

Harter will continue his "sales-job" on potential ticket buyers as his contract calls for a busy schedule on the luncheon-speaking tour.

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one man and woman tried to run the whole show." he said.

Pearson, who was active in youth baseball here for many

years as recreation director and

for years before that on a volunteer basis, said he felt

hosting a national tournament would be "a good thing for the ci-

ty" and he was more than happy to arrange the meeting with DYL

officials after being asked by

other members of the commit-

field, lodging ;and other re-quirements that would be

The endeavor would be costly,

Goyak outlined some playing

tee.

Hosting the World Series usually costs a town around \$25,000 to \$33,000, he said, but some tournaments have brought in over \$50,000.

The tournament usually runs for nine days and includes an opening ceremony on Sunday night with play beginning on Monday. Teams from 12 statesas well as the host team--compete in the doubleelimination event.

Dixie Youth, Goyak noted, is second only to Little League in the number of participants, and it's growing every year. It uses its profits from league franchise fees, etc., to sponsor annual scholarships for deserving high school seniors. One of Dixie Youth's most noted former participants, Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls, played in the 1975 Dixie Youth State Tournament in Kings Mountain.

Hosting the World Series would require Kings Mountain to do ex-tensive work on its fields, but Goyak said those improvements are always recouped through are always recouped through gate receipts, concessions sales and sales of souvenirs and pro-grams. All of that money goes to the local community, he said. Improvements Kings Moun-

tain must make to fields if of-ficials decide to try to land the World Series include:

\*Seeding infields. Dixie Youth requires a pressbox large enough to accomdate the public address announcer, officer scoer scorers,

and visiting media. \*Installing an electric scoreboard and improving lighting.

\*Adequate restroom facilities, parking, and at least 2,500 seats at each field.

"Of course, all of that benefits your local program, not only at the time of the World Series but in the future," he said. "The only thing we (Dixie Youth) want out of it is advertising. We like the media coverage. All the money you make goes to you."

If Kings Mountain decides it wants to pursue the possibility of hosting the World Series, Goyak said it would be necessary to make their intentions known to the National Board early next year to be considered for the 1990 tournament. He said at that time someone from Dixie Youth would come here and inspect the

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