

CHECKERS

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over left wing," he said, "but this team is well-fixed with centers."

CLARK'S goal came at 9:51 of the third period, and it gave the Checkers a 2-2 tie at that stage. He was set up on a fine pass from Claude "Ox" Set. Chuck Stuart and Art Hart got the other Charlotte scores, with defenseman Ted Baylis and Ennie Dvina turning in assists on the respective goals.

"I was glad to score in my first game here," said Neil, "but it wasn't enough. I missed too many chances."

Clark could have been speaking for the entire team when he said that. The Checkers unleashed a 34-shot attack on Knoxville goalkeeper G. A. Coley, but they could make only three of them count on the scoreboard.

The nights, forechecking hard and waiting for opportune scoring moments, played their own game through the first two periods and held a 2-0 lead on goals by Larry Mick and David Lee. Player-coach Don Labele was using only 12 players, though, and they were harassed to keep up when the Checkers changed the tempo in the third period.

Charlotte then struck for the three goals, and it looked like the lead would stand up until Mick got his second goal with only 16 seconds remaining.

"I thought we would win the game," said Creighton, "even when we were down 2-0 at the end of the second period. I thought we'd get going and we did. We just quit 16 seconds too soon."



NAME OF THE GAME IS BASEBALL

West Mecklenburg High star Johnny Severs signs an athletic pact with Clemson Monday as Tiger Coach Bill Wilhelm looks on. Severs, a two-sport star, chose baseball over football. Looking on at rear are (left to right), Clyde Peek, Carl Boliek and dad, Fred Severs.

Sam Huff: Redskins Need Confidence, Championship

By BOB MYERS
Charlotte News Sports Writer

GASTONIA — Sam Huff's new world is far removed from the violence of professional football.

The All-Pro linebacker has retired to a New York office as a sales director for a large textile firm. Huff will be concerned with shirts and slacks instead of tackling enemy ball-carriers.

The 12-year veteran of the New York Giants and Washington Redskins turned on his charm and spun yarns at the eighth annual Chamber of Commerce Sports Banquet here last night.

More than 700 persons, including major league baseball players, collegiate and prep coaches and athletes, attended the affair.



SAM HUFF
... Life Soft Now

HUFF says there's hope for the Washington Redskins from whom he resigned after four seasons. "There's nothing wrong with the Redskins except lack of confidence."

Tar Heels Retain Third In Rankings

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
The New Mexico State Aggies, the only new team among the Top Ten in the latest Associated Press college basketball poll, got a chance to move up further in the standings Wednesday night when they take on sixth-ranked New Mexico. It's the only game this week matching ranking teams.

The Aggies were beaten by New Mexico 74-61 on Jan. 6, but have been defeated only once other time while winning 17. Ohio State beat them, 78-75, on Dec. 19.

NEW MEXICO'S 17-game winning streak came to an end Saturday night when the Aggies lost to Arizona, 69-68. The result dropped them from fourth to sixth in the rankings.

The unbeaten Houston Cougars held first place in the poll, but their margin over runnerup UCLA was trimmed to eight points.

The Cougars collected 35 votes for No. 1, and 322 points.

THE AP POLL

- 1. Houston (25) 206-222
- 2. UCLA (19) 181-214
- 3. North Carolina 141-263
- 4. Newsmenbury 138-227
- 5. Tennessee 132-192
- 6. New Mexico 132-192
- 7. Columbia 132-191
- 8. Vanderbilt 132-191
- 9. Michigan State 124-47
- 10. North Carolina State 114-42

Ronald Green

had," he began, and a member chirped, "The New York Yankees."

Stanky laughed, then said, "No, he had a retentive mind. He could sit after a game and talk until three, four, maybe five o'clock in the morning. I can't do that. I can't sit there until five a. m. talking about how good I am."

Someone in the audience chimed in, "Maybe that wouldn't." Take until 5 o'clock."

When the rooster had subsided, Stanky replied, "What are you, a newspaperman?"

Mishaps And Miseries

Olympics Begin Today

GRENOBLE, France (AP) — President Charles de Gaulle of France opens the 10th Winter Olympics today — 2 a. m. s. — shrouded with problems even before an athlete bids for a medal.

The International Ski Federation's decision to allow manufacturers' names to be used on skis has produced the biggest controversy.

EVERY Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, heard the decision and immediately called an emergency meeting for today of his 10-man executive board to discuss the problem.

Earlier in the week, the Ski Federation had said that trade marks would be barred from the Olympics and Brundage, a disciple of compete amateurism in the Olympics, said that any athlete breaking the rule would be thrown out of the Olympics.

But about an hour later, the Ski Federation, under pressure from team captains, reversed itself and said it would allow trade marks to be used.

The Federation argued that the decision was a technical one because painting or waxing over the manufacturers' names could unbalance the skis. But it pledged itself to try and sort out the problem for future Olympics.

Brundage may not take the same view. And an official said the emergency meeting had been called because amateurism could be involved.

Count Jean de Beaumont, president of the French Olympic Committee and a member of the IOC, requested a special meeting of the 72-man congress.

His request probably will be considered by the executive board.

RUMORS spread around Grenoble that it was possible that skiing events — instead of being Olympic events — would be called world championships. In championships outside the Olympics, skiers are allowed to use the names of manufacturers on their skis without any problems.

Brundage refused to comment and simply said, "We have our meeting arranged and you must wait to see what the decisions are."

At another meeting — called by the Russians — Yuri Mashin, president of the Central Committee of Soviet Sports Delegates, told more than 100 newsmen preparing to cover the games: "The Soviet sportsmen are profoundly disgusted by the American aggression in Vietnam."

An American reporter asked whether it was "right and proper" to introduce political matters at a news conference concerned with sports. "Questions of peace and war are not only political questions," Mashin replied, "they are of vital importance to everyone, particularly in the world of sports."

There were several mishaps as athletes completed training for the Games. Robin Morning, a 20-year-old American skier from Santa Monica, Calif., suffered a broken right leg training for the women's downhill race.

Dr. Lawrence Crane, who set the leg in a cast, said a distal tibia would be made today on a possible operation.

Rod Hebron of Canada, who had been entered in the men's downhill, suffered a bruised shoulder in another spill and was considered doubtful for the Games.

training and Dennis McCoy of Bishop, Calif., was nursing a sore back and torn tendon in his finger after a spill.

Cynthia Kauffman of Seattle, Wash., fell during figure skating practice with her brother, Ronald, and suffered a bruised left wrist, but the injury was not considered serious.

Food poisoning hit three members of the U.S. speed skating team — Bill Lantian of New York, Dianne Holm of Northbrook, Ill., and Toy Joan Dorgan of Springfield, Ill. All were expected to be ready for the competition though.

Three hockey games open the Olympics today with the schedule of events increasing Wednesday.

Tipoff

Rodney's New Role

By LEONARD LAYE
Charlotte News Sports Writer

ONE MAN'S OPINION: Amid all the talk of conflict between Davidson Coach Lefty Driesell and popular senior Rodney Knowles, the head man of the Cats may be outdoing us all. He has found an instant offense in crucial situations with Rod coming off the bench with a hot hand in wins over VPI and West Virginia. Whether by design or not, the move is paying dividends. . . . When they talk about big men in the Southeastern Conference these days, 6-11 sophomore Bob Lienhard of Georgia

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TAKE A POLL on the best of the big men in North Carolina and Bob Kaufman of Guilford would rate a lot of votes. The latest NAA statistics show the small college star averaging 24.3 points and 24.8 rebounds per game. To top it off, Kaufman has hit 135 of 187 field goals for a brilliant percentage of 72.2.

Henry Logan of Western Carolina, one of the most popular subjects Coach Ken Resemond's young star frustrated Auburn in a recent SEC clash, dropping in 19 of 21 field goals and grabbing 23 rebounds on route to a 45-point night. Consistency may be a problem, though, for Lienhard hit four of five shots from the floor and scored only nine points in his next outing.

MODESTY in today's collegiate stars is fine, but isn't it refreshing to listen to South Carolina's Jack Thompson evaluate his game from time to time? He may be the cockiest player in the Atlantic Coast Conference, but he backs up his words every time he takes the floor. News of Virginia baseball is often dismal, but rookie guard Tony Kim is inspiring some bright reports this season. He's averaging 15.5 for the Cavaliers, and rival coaches say he can score on the best of defenders. . . . Writers in Baltimore have been pulling out all the stops in describing former Winston-Salem State standout Earl Monroe, now a rookie with the NBA Bullets, but the team publicist really went overboard in a recent release. He remarked that Earl had become "the Pearl in Maryland's sports oyster."

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