HERALD SPORTS

Isaac To Drive In Southern 500

DARLINGTON, S. C.—Bobby Isaac, reigning Grand National champion, has decided to challenge the Granddaddy of the South's superspeedways on Labor Day as a warmup for his world record land speed attempt at Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah later in the month.

Isaac, a top qualifier and consistent victory threat in all races in which he chooses to compete, has filed entry in a K & K Insurance Dodge for the Southern 500 at Darlington raceway. He will drive a modified version of a similar racer in his quest of the stock car record at Bonneville.

The 36-year-old veteran from Catawba, N. C., admits that he can't resist the opportunity to realize his life-long dream of winning the Southern 500, oldest and most prestigious of NASCAR's superspeedway races.

Isaac nearly had the cherished victory in his grasp last year before an untimely accident involving other cars gave a pit-stop advantage to Buddy Baker, who proceeded to victory.

"I thought I had finally beaten this tough old track," said Isaac, who has often said that he would rather race anywhere else, but would rather win at Darlington. "It was one of the breaks of racing that I stopped under the green flag and Buddy got a caution flag. But I still intend to win at Darlington, and I'm getting closer. For years I never even finished a race here."

Isaac's entry brought the number to 65 who will attempt to qualify for the 40 starting positions in the $122,500 race. Isaac's only superspeedway triumph of the season came in the Firecracker 400 at Daytona Beach, Fla., but he has led in most races that he has competed.

The Grand National champion will again be pitting his skill and track savvy against such formidable opponents as Plymouth ace Richard Petty, a three-time winner here, and Bobby Allison, in a Holman-Moody Mercury. Petty and Allison's battles this season are becoming legend.

Other prime victory contenders include Charlie Glotzbach in a Junior Johnson Chevrolet, Fred Lorenzen in a Glen Wood Mercury, David Pearson in a Ray Nichels Pontiac, Buddy Baker in a Petty Dodge and Pete Hamilton in a Cotton Owens Plymouth.

VFW MEETING

Frank B. Glass Post 9811, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at the Post home on Grover road. The VFW Auxiliary will meet at 7 p. m. at the Post home.

The first Nazarene preachers' conference in South America will be at Cordova, Argentina, Nov. 22-26, 1971.

Curtis Turner To Be Inducted Into Race 'Hall'

Curtis Turner, called the Babe Ruth of modern day stock car racing, will be inducted into the National Motorsport Press Association Hall of Fame Saturday night, Sept. 4.

Turner, who was fatally injured in a plane crash last October, after one of the mostcolorful careers racing has witnessed, was a unanimous choice by the members of the NMPA.

Since 1946 when Turner left the fans yelling with his flat-out fender banging driving.

Turner started racing the Southern circuit when it was formed. Look back to the first offical NASCAR point standing in 1949 and you'll find Turner in sixth place. His driving and way of life never changed. He loved a party anytime and anywhere. He loved to race anytime, anywhere and in anything.

They say Turner won over 353 recoded stock car races. No one wants to argue the point. In 1956 he won 22 grand national convertible events plus the Southern 50 for a record 23 NASCAR wins that year.

Barred from NASCAR in 1961 for allegdly attempting to organize race drivers for the Teamsters Union, Turner came roaring back in1964 to win an ARCA 250-mile race at Charlotte. Once reinstated in NASCAR, Turner proved he wasn't over the hill by winning the American 500 at North Carolina Motor Speedway.

As late as 1966 Turner made a shamble of the 300-mile modified and sptrosmans race at Daytonia International Speedway, which turned out to be his last major stock car Victory.

Turner will join his best friend Joe Weatherly in the NMPA Hall of Fame. Other Hall of Fame members include: Cotton Owens, Lee Petty, Bob Colvin, Herb Thomas, Billy Myers, Cannonball Baker, Pat Purcell, Paul McDuffie, Fonty Flock, Red Byron Fireball Roberts and Marshall Teague.

...ny Lund Is Winner ...Hickory Saturday

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...Lund took home the ...re of the purse, it ...arcis in a 1969 Dodge ...at gave the Grand ...ivers their biggest

... on the pole with a ...d of 80.17 miles-per ... qualifying, eclipsing ...ord set by Bobby ...3 a year ago.

... green flag fell on the 22-car starting field, Marcis wasted little time moving ahead. He was followed by Elmo Langley, Lund, Petty and Bobby Allison.

On the fourth lap, the first of two caution flags appeared with Richard Brooks in a Camaro and Richard Brown in a Chevelle, tangled on the main straightaway. Neither car was damaged and both returned to the action. On lap 179, H. B. Bailey in a Firebird, brought out the second caution when he spun on the back stretch. He also returned to the race.

In the meantime, Marcis was running away from the field and by lap 95 had lapped the entire field except for Lund, Langley and Petty.

But as in the past, the number one spot was bad luck for the likeable Marcis as his car developed rear end problems on lap 174 and he was through for the night.

Prior to the race, NASCAR officials had ruled that all cars must make a pit stop between laps 100 and 150. Most of the racers came in on lap 148, taking on gas and tires. But Lund, driving the lighter Camaro, only received gas, an advanged he never relinquished.

Petty took the lead when Marcis came out, but the all-time king of NASCAR, could not get his car to hold in the turns and Lund raced by the Randleman ace on the back stretch on lap 180 and then extended his margin to almost half a lap by the finish.

The victory was worth $1,500 too Lund who said that his "crew had done a real job of

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...ON, S. C.—One of ...Country and West... in America, Marty ...ashville, Tenn., has ... for the 22nd South... Day, Sept. 6.

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SOAPBOX DERBY WINNERS — Pictured are the winners in the Cleveland County Soap Box Derby following the finals competition here Saturday. From left to right, Terry Ward, sponsored by Shelby City Police, fourth; Eddie Smith, sponsered by Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, third; Johnny McDevitt, sponsored by Kings Mountain Police Department, second; and Terry Beason of Boiling Springs, sponsored by Cleveland County Sheriff's Reserve, first. McDevitt, son of Police Chief Tom McDevitt and Mrs. McDevitt, won the Kings Mountain race Saturday. Races were also held in Boiling Springs and Shelby Thursday and Friday with the driver receiving the most earned points in all three events declared the grand winner. (Photo by Jim Belt)

DERBY WINNER, TOO — Kings Mountain Police Chief Tom McDevitt, driving son Johnny's car, won the Officer's Derby held in connection with Saturday's Junior Police championship soapbox derby here. Others participating in the event were Boiling Springs Police Chief Clary, second, sponsored by Boiling Springs City Police and Sheriff's Reserve; Sheriff Haywood Allen, third, sponsored by the county sheriff's department; and police officer Roy Spurling of Shelby, driving for Shelby Police Chief Barry Lee, fourth place, sponsored by Shelby Police Department. (Herald Photo by Jim Belt)

John McDevitt, Chief McDevitt Derby Winners

A father-son team—Chief Tom McDevitt and son, Johnny—won the Kings Mountain Junior Police Soapbox Derby Saturday before a cheering crowd.

Kings Mountain's first annual soapbox derby produced a grand champion driver—Terry Beason, of Boiling Springs, grandson of Mrs. A. W. Kincaid of Kings Mountain, and trophy winners in both youth and adult divisions.

Police officers from the county sponsored the youthful Junior police drivers in a Charlotte race recently and in three races in the county—and in good-natured vein, raced against each other in the finals event here.

Tommy King, chairman of the promotion and an oficer in the local police department, said winners were: Terry Beason, sponsored by Cleveland County Sheriff's Reserve, first; Johnny McDevitt, sponsored by Kings Mountain police department, second; Eddie Smith, sponsored by Cleveland County Sheriff's department, third; and Terry Ward, sponsored by Shelby city police, fourth.

In the police officers' category, Chief McDevitt placed first, sponsored by the local police department; Boiling Springs Chief Clary, sponsored by Boiling Springs police and Sheriff's Reserve, second; Sheriff Haywood Allen, sponsored by the county sheriff's department, third ;and Shelby officer Roy Spurling, sponsored by Shelby police, was fourth.

The Junior police members from the four Cleveland County police units selected the driver for each of the cars and the boys themselves, using specifications provided, made their own race cars. Colors of each car represented the sponsoring police organization and sponsoring policemen donated $52 to the four entries for their car costs and entry fee in the Charlotte derby. It required two and one-half months for each of the young people to fashion his entry.

Chairman King stated appreciation to all the law enforcement agencies who supported the Junior Police project and to Willie's Jewelry of Kings Mountain and Carter's Chevrolet of Shelby who provided the handsome trophies to the winners. Mountain Rescue Squad who The trophies will be engraved and presented at an Awards Banquet to be held in Boiling Springs.

King also expressed appreciation to his local department for "their help in making the first annual derby a success." He also stated appreciation to the Kings

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KM Opens Grid Season On Friday

SWC Coaches Tag Shelby, Belmont

Southwestern Conference football coaches are pointing to Shelby and South Point as the favorites in this year's race.

In a poll of eight of the conference's 10 head mentors, Shelby and South Point received three votes each and Lincolnton received one. One coach called the race a toss-up between the Golden Lions and Red Raiders. Though Shelby and South Point are regarded as the top two clubs, most coaches are saying that any one of four or five teams is capable of going all the way.

Most coaches see the two favorites, Lincolnton, Kings Mountain and East Rutherford as possible championship clubs.

Gerald Allen, head coach of Shelby's defending champions, rates South Point, Lincolnton and Shelby as the top three clubs. Allen says the league is more balanced than it has been in years and that no club will run away with the title.

"We're in a rebuilding stage," said Allen, "but we've got some fair boys coming along. We'll be representative. I don't think we'll be the worst team in the conference. Whoever wins will have to beat us."

The Lions open against 4-A Hunter Huss of Gastonia Friday night. The Huskies, who are expected to be improved after a 3-7 showing last year, have given the Lions a rough time the past three seasons.

Other coaches who rate South Point as the favorite are Bob Bush of Chase and Bob Jones of Kings Mountain.

Jones, a former Shelby High three-sports star who is beginning his first year as KM coach, agrees that any team in Division Two of the split SWC is capable of going all the way.

"South Point has the best material," says Jones, "but that won't mean a whole lot. Shelby's always strong and Lincolnton, East and Kings Mountain should be improved."

Bush sees things about the same way.

"I feel like everyone in the conference will be beter than they were last year," remarked the Chase boss. "Everyone is pointing to South Point as the best, but I understand Kings Mountain is stronger than last year and Lincolnton and Shelby are always tough."

As for his own team, which finished 2-8 a year ago, Bush sees much improvement if the Trojans stay away from injuries.

"If we have any luck and nobody gets hurt, we might break even," he said. "We're running the triple-option this year and our backfield is experienced so this should help us."

The coaches rating Shelby as the pre-season favorite are Jerry Green of Burns, Jerry Carpenter of Cherryville and Worth Johnson of R-S Central. All three agree that other clubs will have a good chance, but the Lions have a championship tradition going for them.

Carpenter, beginning his first year at Cherryville, rates South Point, Kings Mountain and Lincolnton behind the Lions.

As for his Ironmen, he can see only improvement over last year's 0-10 record under Fred King.

"Our kids have learned a lot," said the former Gastonia Ashbrook assistant, "but they still have a lot to learn. We've got some good kids, but don't have many."

Carpenter has only a 32-man squad and most of his players are young and inexperienced.

Johnson rates Shelby and South Point as even but says if he had to pick one he would "lean toward Shelby on past performances." He rates East Rutherford and Lincolnton after the Lions and South Point.

He says his Hilltoppers, last year's Division One champs, has a better team. They finished 5-5 last trip before bowing to the Lions in the opening round of the playoffs.

"We've been down the past few years," said Johnson, "but we have some experience this year and would like to think that we'll be back near the top."

Johnson has experienced players at every position. He expects quarterback Bill Hawkins and 200-pound fullback Alan Carpenter to be among the best backs in the conference.

"One of our main weaknesses last year was our defense," he said, "but I believe we'll be a much better defensive team this year."

Green of Burns also goes with Shelby because of past performances. "I know South Point is going to be awfully tough," he said,

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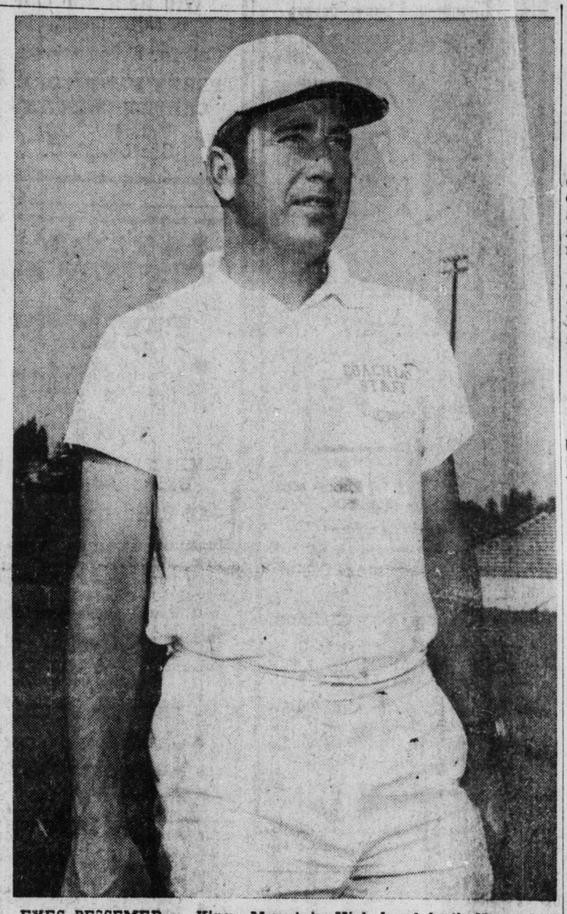

EYES BESSEMER — Kings Mountain High head football coach Bob Jones looks anxiously to Friday night's grid opener with Bessemer City. Jones is beginning his first year as Mountaineer mentor and he expects his team to be among the top clubs in the strong Southwestern Conference.

Bessemer City Is Opponent In 8 p.m. Test

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers open their 1971 football campaign here Friday night against non-conference foe Bessemer City. Game time is 8 p. m. in John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers have been working in heavy equipment all week in preparing for the 2-A Yellow Jackets, who opened their season last week with a 17-0 loss to West Lincoln.

The Yellow Jackets, who had KM on the ropes last year before losing 13-6, have not won a football game in over three years but Coach Bobby Jones, beginning his first year as KM mentor, warns his team about over-confidence.

"Bessemer City has everything to win against us," says Jones, "and we have everything to lose. This is a big game for them."

Jones has announced his starting lineups for Friday's opener and they show lettermen or returning starters at almost every position.

David Bolin, a 165-pound senior who started at fullback his sophomore and junior years, will open at quarterback in the new Power-I formation. John Grier, who started at guard the past two seasons, will open at fullback and returning starters Marshall Logan and Chris Blanton will be at the halfback spots.

Up front on offense, the Mountaineers will have Gerald Owensby and Bobby Johnson at the ends, Johnny Bridges and Jacob Bridges at tackles, Dale Russell and Alfred Ash at guards and Steve Plonk at center. Steve Ingle, who was slated to open at tackle, has been bothered this week by an abcessed tooth and probably will not play.

The picture will be about the same on defense. The only changes show Mark George at a linebacker spot, Jerry Valentine ta end and Owensby at a halfback.

The Mountaineers scrimmaged 4-A Olympic High School of Charlotte last Wednesday at Gamble Stadium and tied the bigger Trojans, 12-12. Grier scored on a two-yard plunge and reserve quarterback Chris Johnson went over from five yards out for the Mountaineers.

Jones said he was impressed with his defense but commented that the offenive attack was not consistent.

"However," he added, "our offense is looking a little better. We're getting off the ball better and doing a better jo bof blocking."

The Mountaineers, who play six of their 10 games this year at home, go to Chase next week for the first of nine straight Southwestern Conference contests. They will then return home for back-to-back games against two of the SWC's strongest clubs, East Rutherford and South Point.

Jones, who is picking South Point as the team to beat, says his club is capable of beating anybody if the offense jells.

"Florida's defense is extremely well trained and looked superb in their spring game," remarked McGee. "Florida is a really deep football team with strong reserves in every area."

The Duke-Florida game will be the third meeting between the two schools. Duke won in 19.. 28-21, while the Gators won la... season.

Bulldogs Preparing For Opener At LR

BOILING SPRINGS. — There are only a few more working days left before the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs travel to Hickory to do battle with the Bears of Lenoir-Rhyne and Bulldog Coach George Litton says his boys "are right on schedule, so far."

The quad of more than 70 men, a large number of them freshmen, has already gone through some intensive conditioning drills.

"We are in good physical condition," said Coach Litton. "We feel like we are making normal progress. We are on schedule with our practices so far."

Coach Litton did point out that there is still much work to be done in the area of the offensive line. He said that some of his first year men were making progress in this area.

Mark Cranford a 205, 5-7, offensive guard, has looked good in early drills. He is a freshman," said Coach Litton. "Offensive Tackle Steve Phillips, a 225-pound senior from Atlanta, has also looked good in the drills. I feel that we are making progress in our offensive line."

The Bulldog coaching staff also commended other men who have been putting forth good efforts.

A pair of freshmen backs, Scott Thompson, 185-halfback from Mableton, Ga., and Dennis Dukes, a 185-pounder from Forest City, have both shown moments of brilliance.

Terry Wilder, a 175-pound wide receiver from Perry, Fla., brought praise from the coaches for his work. Danny Hudson, 210-pound freshman tackle, from Tucker, Ga., has been getting some special notice for his work.

Litton is especially pleased with the passing game to the present time. "Either our pass defense is very poor or our passing game is in good shape," said the Bulldog coach. "We are well pleased with the progress on

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Blue Devils Getting Ready For First Game

DURHAM. — With the Duke-Florida game less than two weeks away, Coach Mike McKee and his staff are working long hours trying to get ready for the Gators, whom McGee calls "one of the best balanced offenses in the country."

McGee, a former Duke All-America tackle, who begins his first season as the Blue Devil head football coach, opens with Florida in Tampa, Fla., on Saturday, Sept. 11.

"They have one of the best balanced offensive attacks to come along in recent years," says McGee. "The great throwing ability of John Reeves and the outstanding group of receivers headed by Carlos Alvarez and Willie Jackson give them a great passing attack. Their balance comes in the running game with such fine athletes as Tommy Durrance, Mike Rich, Vince Kendrick and Lenny Lucas."

Reaves is the nation's leading passer over the past two years and i within eay striking distance of becoming collegiate football's finest all-time passer. In two years, Reaves has passed for 5,445 yards for 37 touchdowns.

Alvarez, an All-America pick at flanker in 1969, missed much of last season with a knee injury. In 1969 he caught 88 passes for 12 touchdowns. Last season, his 67-yard punt return beat Duke, 21-19.

Durrance and Rich have been starters for the past two years and will get much help from Kendrick and Lucas this season. In two years, Durrance has ruhed for 1,315 yard and 18 touchdowns, while Rich has 66 yards in two seasons.

Don't forget about the Gator defene, warns Duke's McGee.

Teams, Officers Are Chosen For Ladies' League

Teams and officers have been chosen for the 1971-72 women's bowling league season, which begins Tuesday night at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

Officers are as follows: President, Pat Panther; vice-president, Charity Tignor; secretary, Karen Moss; treasurer, Ethel Tignor.

Teams include:

Blonk Brothers: Bobby McKee, captain; Charity Tignor, Karen Moss, Glenda Belk and Cecile Reynolds.

American Legion: Barbara Miller, captain; Edna Bowen, Ethel Tignor, Ruth Bagwell and Bonnie Myers.

Cleveland Radiator Service: Becky Barnett, captain; Pat Pan-

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