

Freddie Smith eyeing victory  
in Shrine 100 race May 20....

## Shrine 100 Race Set

GASTONIA — Mike Duvall, the moustachioed Gaffney, S. C. driver is beginning to monopolize the Shrine 100 in much the same manner that Richard Petty looks on the North Wilkesboro Speedway. A haven of sorts for Mike who has won the last two races over the half-mile track south of Gastonia, the Gaston Speedway. Last year, it wasn't even close as Duvall pushed his trusty Camaro into victory lane to pick up the \$2,000

first-place prize money. That represents a third of the total booty and the same financial set-up has been arranged for the 1977 running Friday night, May 20, again sponsored by the Gaston County Shrine Club. Proceeds, as has been the case through the years through promotion of collegiate baseball and now stock car racing, will go to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, S. C.

"We have every reason to believe that this year's race will attract a record field of drivers and, assuming the weather will be good, a record crowd to Gaston Speedway as well," says John Stanley, general race chairman. Duvall, it goes without saying, will be back to defend his championship and the other two former winners of Shrine 100s, Billy Scott of Union, S. C., and Shelby's Stick Elliott will also be on hand. Even though Duvall racked up one of those no-sweat wins in 1976, no such easy sledding is expected in the May 20th race.

In addition to Elliott and Scott, Mike Duvall will have to contend with the likes of Freddie Smith of Kings Mountain, J. C. Eaves of Bessemer City, the veteran and talented Charlie Blanton of Gaffney and the Cooper brothers, Doug and Bob of Gastonia, C. L. Pritchett of Lenoir, Ga., and Bennie Clontz of Morganton. As for Duvall taking a liking to the Shrine 100 and

the Gaston Speedway as Petty does to the North Wilkesboro, Mike's got to go some to match the Randleman Rocket to really monopolize things. But he's headed in the right direction and, for good measure, wound up in first place in the weekly racing program at Gaston Speedway last week.

The secret of his success?

Edgar (Rock) Gault Jr., who promotes at Gaffney's Cherokee and Lenoir, Ga., Speedways, probably put it best: "Really no secret, Mike simply works at it and it makes no difference whether he's racing or pitching horseshoes. He goes all out and I think that kind of effort is reflected in his winning consistency." Gates open on the night of May 20, time trials set for 7 and racing at 8. "And with good weather, something we didn't have last year when we had our first postponement," says Stanley, "I'm confident we'll have that 3,500-plus fans we've been shooting for since the first one."

### Junior High Golfers Win

Kings Mountain Junior High's golfers moved into a tie for the Foothills Conference lead Monday with a 179 to 185 victory over

Burns. The victory gave the Patriots a 2-1 league record heading into a match yesterday against East Lincoln. KM, East Lincoln and Lincolnton are tied for the top spot. Delk Haigler of the Patriots copped medalist honors with a four-over-par 40. Other KM scores included Don Sellers 48, Sammy Wolfe and Mark Hulleander 47s, and David Rhea 49.

### KMHS Third In Conference Golf Tourney

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78 — Grant Hoffman, East Gaston, and Herbie Beam, Kings Mountain.  
79 — Glenn Deck, R-S Central, and Gary McMurry, R-S Central.  
70 — Darrell Austin, Kings Mountain, and Dana Boles, Cherryville.  
81 — Jeff Williams, East Gaston, Jeff Barnard, R-S Central, and David Cash, Shelby.  
82 — Freddie Ballard, Shelby, and Kirk Sparks, R-S Central.  
83 — Rodney Smith, East Rutherford, Mark Sanders, Kings Mountain, and Pat Spangler, Shelby.  
84 — Bobby Faires, Cherryville, and Mark Lingerfelt, East Gaston.  
85 — Kenny Appling, Chase, Royce Hawley, East Gaston, Greg Carrigan, North Gaston, and Bill Knox, South Point.

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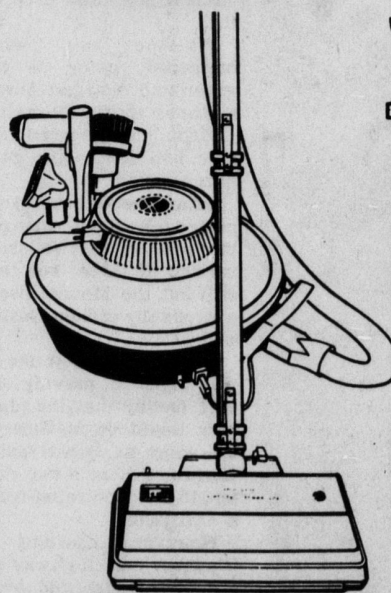


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