

Bowlers' Story Is Spreading

The determined success story of Kings Mountain's duckpin bowlers continues to spread throughout the southeast.

As you'll recall, local bowlers salvaged the lanes when old Mountain Lanes Bowling Center was destroyed many years ago, and about a year back they purchased automatic pinsetters and installed two good lanes in the basement of Dilling Heating.

Their story was first told here, then picked up by other area papers and then hit Duckpin World, the Bible of duckpin bowling in the United States. Now, their story is being told by Lennox News the magazine for Lennox-Corporate Marketing. Dilling, as you know, is this city's dealer for Lennox heating and cooling supplies.

Even since the bowler's story was last told here, their success has grown even greater. They've captured some more national titles and the interest in their two weekly leagues (the Tuesday and Thursday night mixed leagues) has continued

to grow, with more and more bowlers taking part. Kings Mountain area fishermen are going to be awfully happy in the near future.

State Wildlife officials are currently in the process of conducting tests on the fish population of Moss Lake and they report that the lake is heavily populated with blue gill, largemouth bass and carp.

The lake was stocked with over 10,000 channel catfish last week and plans are to stock some 40,000 more in the near future. The cats, officials said, should weigh around a pound within a year's time and should grow rapidly after that.

Johnson Doesn't Repeat

Kings Mountain's Chris Johnson, sophomore defensive back at Gardner-Webb, failed to repeat as an ALL-SAC-8 defensive back. Bill Salyers of

the Bulldogs did rate that honor, however, G-W's Johnny Walker made the team at halfback and was also named offensive player of the year. Defensive player of the year was Wes McLaughlin, an end from Elon, and coach of the year was Cally Gault of Presbyterian...

Fred Herrin has resigned as head football coach at Newberry College. One man that might be highly considered for the job is KM native Mike Ware, who has coached the Newberry High School team to four straight Midlands 3-A Conference titles... Maryland's Lefty Driesell on UNC-All-American Phil Ford: "I call him Phil Cadillac."

Another Shrine Injustice

The Shrine Bowl team, announced a week ago, always gives one a chance to let some steam off, and this year's no exception. There is always someone left off that should have been on, and that's understandable, because out of all the hundreds of high schools in the state, only 85 players can be selected. But the thing that tees me off about this year is Coach Don Hipps of East Mecklenburg chose one player that participated in less than half of his team's 11 games. Granted, the young man is a good athlete and good enough to play in the Shrine Bowl. But I know somewhere in North Carolina there is a young man with just as much talent that played an entire season. Making a choice such as this is a grave injustice to the thousands of athletes who worked hard all year...

Western Carolina owned the nation's number two rusher (Darrell Liptford) and the number one pass receiver (Wayne Tolleson) this football season but got very little ink from the state's big daily newspapers...

Girls Race Wide Open

The Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball season, which began Friday, should have the same familiar faces (Crest and Shelby) at the top of the boys' race, but the girls race should be wide open. North Gaston, which walked off with league honors the past two seasons, lost three of its five starters, including the SWC's top two players, Nancy Scoggins and Donna Elrod. Several teams, including KM Burns, Crest, East Rutherford, East Gaston, R-S Central and South Point, have all or most of their players returning, so it should be quite a race...



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Kings Mountain's Butch Blalock is off to a fast start with Tennessee Tech's Golden Eagles. Blalock poured in a game-high 20 points in Tech's opening season 72-71 victory over Southeastern Conference power Vanderbilt. Coach Cliff Malpass said he got outstanding leadership from Blalock. "Not only did he shoot well," said the ex-Clemson aide, "but ran our offense effectively against a good defensive team."

Two young women who helped lead North Gaston's Lady Wildcats to the Western N. C. high schools Activities Association title a year ago are making a big splash on the college basketball scene. Player of the Year Nancy Scoggins is at Pfeiffer College and Denna Elrod has turned "Mountaineer" and is now at Appalachian...

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