



KEITH HARRIS CROSSES UP IN THE TURN — Keith Harris shows the skill he's got as he leads the competition through the turn.

Keith Harris Eyes Racing As Prospective Profession

What does it take to race down a dirt track at speeds over 70 mph on a motorcycle knowing that a fall could bring serious injury or worse? Well, whatever it is, Keith Harris has it! The quiet junior has been racing since the age of ten on the local circuits and is currently moving to the national level.

For Keith, racing is just a "hereditary hobby." Perhaps Keith started on the road to motorcycle racing at the age of eight when his motorcycle-racing uncle, William Taylor, brought home a mini-bike for Keith and his cousin, Mike Taylor. The two boys enjoyed it so much that they started getting bigger and bigger bikes until they began racing. It was also at this time that Keith's brother, Kenny Harris, was racing, but with the passage of time, girls and college forced Kenny to "retire."

Since his debut in racing, there have been numerous experiences which Keith would

like to forget. In his second year of racing, for instance, he was running third in a national championship race when he was knocked down to the ground and into the sour grapes of defeat. Unfortunately for Keith, pain has not evaded him either, as a broken collar bone and a broken ankle will testify.

To the average spectator, a "night at the track" means a bunch of guys racing around the track to see who can take the checkered flag first. Most likely Keith wishes it were that easy. There are such things as predicting your speed in the turn, etc., to worry about. At the start of the race, Keith feels that concentration on the competition and "blocking out" the fear of wrecking are the two most important mental factors.

For Keith racing is more than just a "Saturday night affair." For example, a typical week's schedule will find Keith racing in Richmond, Va., on Wednesday, in Portsmouth, Va., on

Friday, at Brewers Speedway on Saturday, and Lupers Speedway in Elm City on Sunday. During the rest of the week Keith will spend at least seven hours repairing, cleaning, and preparing the bikes. This does not include his actual racing time.

What's in the future for Keith Harris? Well, probably a "professional hobby" with appearances in places such as Daytona, Fla., Louisville, Ky. and Syracuse, N.Y. For now, though, Keith, in the words of one of his foremost competitors, will continue to be "one of the calmest drivers in the business."

Wilson, Greenville Overcome Gryphs

On Tuesday, Apr. 13 the Rocky Mount Netters took on Wilson Fike. Wilson was able to overpower the Gryphs for an 8-1 victory. This was Rocky Mount's second loss. The scoring went as following:

Singles			
(W)	B. Young Defeated (RM) D. Eatman	6-2,	6-0
(W)	R. Edmonson Defeated (RM) J. Joyner	6-1,	6-1
(W)	B. Rose Defeated (RM) T. English	6-1,	6-0
(RM)	D. Wheelless Defeated (W) G. Clayton	6-4,	6-3
(W)	S. Boone Defeated (RM) J. Thorp	6-3,	6-2
(W)	V. Simmons Defeated (RM) P. Mayberry	6-1,	6-0
Doubles			
(W)	Young Defeated (RM) Eatman	8-1	
	Edmonson	English	
(W)	Rose Defeated (RM) Joyner	8-6	
	Clayton	Wheelless	
(W)	Scott Defeated (RM) Barnes	8-2	
	Ross	Williams	

Greenville Rose was next on the list for the Gryphs as Rocky Mount lost its second match in a row and third over all. The final score was Greenville 7, Rocky Mount 2. This is how the scoring went.

Singles			
(RM)	D. Eatman Defeated (G) D. Kendrick	3-8,	6-3, 7-5
(G)	G. Dempsey Defeated (RM) J. Joyner	6-4,	2-6, 7-8
(G)	M. Murad Defeated (RM) T. English	6-1,	6-1
(RM)	D. Wheelless Defeated (G) D. Daniels	16-3,	7-8
(G)	D. Tucker Defeated (RM) J. Thorp Forfelt		
(G)	J. Barber Defeated (RM) O. Wilson	6-4,	6-2
Doubles			
(G)	Kendrick Defeated (RM) Eatman	8-2	
	Murad	English	
(G)	Dempsey Defeated (RM) Joyner	8-5	
	Daniel	Wheelless	
(G)	Lautares Defeated (RM) Mayberry	8-6	
	Hinsley	Warren	

Rocky Mount got back on the winning track with a 7-2 win against Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday, Apr. 26. This gave Rocky Mount 8 wins to 3 losses. The scoreboard looked like this after the match.

Singles			
(RM)	D. Eatman Defeated (RR) J. Merritt	6-1,	2-6, 6-3
(RM)	J. Joyner Defeated (RR) G. Jones	6-3,	6-2
(RR)	W. Brown Defeated (RM) T. English	6-3,	6-4
(RM)	D. Wheelless Defeated (RR) B. Goodall	7-5,	6-3
(RM)	J. Thorp Defeated (RR) D. Frazier	1-6,	7-5, 6-1
(RM)	O. Wilson Defeated (RR) C. Taylor	6-4,	4-6, 6-3
Doubles			
(RR)	Merritt Defeated (RM) Eatman	8-5	
	Brown	English	
(RM)	Joyner Defeated (RR) Jones	8-2	
	Wheelless	B. Goodall	
(RM)	Mayberry Defeated (RR) Short	8-5	
	Williams	C. Goodall	

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