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Superdoffer '76: Who Will It Be?

Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. will participate in the 1976 National Superdoffer Tournament and will announce plans for the competition within the company.

Billed as the world's most unusual athletic contest, the first tournament was held in 1973 under sponsorship of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute. The tournament is open to doffers from any part of the world. Doffing is the art of removing filled bobbins of yarn from spinning frames and replacing them with empty bobbins.

Phillip Dickerson, of the Bedsread Mill, was Fieldcrest Mills' champion doffer in 1973 and plans to enter the 1976 tournament. Mr. Dickerson received cash awards, a trophy and various other forms of recognition for his excellent showing in the contest.

He became the Fieldcrest champion by defeating Rudolph Dalton of the Blanket Greige Mill. Mr. Dalton had earlier downed Herbert Blackstock of the Draper Sheeting Mill.

In the first elimination contests outside the company, Mr. Dickerson was defeated by Monnie Wilkie, the Burlington Industries champion. Mr. Dickerson won the contest on his "home" frames at the Bedsread Mill but could not overcome the large lead gained by Mr. Wilkie on his own frames at Burlington's Caroleen plant a week earlier.

Winners of the national doffing championships in 1973 were Bob Lawrence of Dixie Yarns, Inc., Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., in the warp doffing division; and Randy Teal of Cannon Mills Company, Kannapolis, in the filling doffing division.

Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Teal each received \$1,600 from the ATMI in addition to cash awards and trophies from their own companies.

The ATMI announced that the prize money to be divided among the champion warp and filling doffers in the 1976 tournament is expected to total over \$5,000, depending on the number of companies participating. Competing in the 1973 tournament were 38 warp doffers and 49 filling doffers from 38 textile firms in six southeastern states.



PHILLIP DICKERSON
Still Fastest Doffer?