

Sunday best

Preston models parade latest in spring styles

By Roxanne Powers
On this day, they were all model children.

They should have been; they were participants in the Kids Club Fashion Show and Tea at Prestonwood Country Club on March 24.

Prestonwood's formal dining room was transformed by the appearance of a runway positioned through the length of it with seating on either side for the capacity crowd.

The late afternoon fashion show promised to be entertaining early on when sister team Ale and Nikki Gutierrez modeled plicated tennis skirt ensembles by "Little Miss Tennis" from the Prestonwood tennis shop. Nine-year-old Ale wore the pink skirt and a white polo shirt with a collar trimmed in pink and blue. Little sister Nikki wore the turquoise skirt and a white polo with multicolored letters spelling TENNIS traveling in a haphazard manner down the shirt. Eight-year-old Nikki charmed the audience by flipping the tail of her skirt as she exited the runway.

Also from the tennis shop was a sleeveless white knit dress modeled by seven-year-old Krista Paoiella. It featured a drop waist, ribbed collar and lavender tennis rackets crossed on the shoulder and outlined in rhinestones.

The tennis shop flaunted an eye-catching ladies line beginning with an ensemble by "Marcia Originals" modeled by Cathy Dillon. She sported a navy and white houndstooth tennis skirt and jacket with matching houndstooth sleeves and navy bodice. Beneath the jacket was a sleeveless white knit shirt with houndstooth piping across the breast and a collar trimmed in navy and pink.

Lisa Mathers modeled a black textured plaid tennis skirt and yellow tank top with a black daffodil print by "TAIL."

Maureen Segall commandeered attention with both of the ensembles she modeled. The first, by Nike, was a black and white diamond print tennis skirt paired with a black polo sporting a collar trimmed in black and red.

Maureen also modeled a cotton blend warm up suit that generated a great deal of interest. This patriotic navy suit boasted bold vertical red and white stripes down one side of the front and equally bold white stars on a navy background on the other.

Talbot's Kids was the co-host of



TINIST MODEL—Two-year-old Billy Jewell was the youngest model among participants in the Kids Club Fashion Show held Sunday afternoon at Prestonwood Country Club. His mother, Debbie Jewell, escorted him down the runway in her fashionable tennis attire.

the children's fashion show and dressed Kids Club members in numerous adorable spring and summer outfits.

Molly Jewell pranced down the runway in a double-hemmed chiffon shift with an ecru-colored background and large mauve roses.

Two-year-old Billy Jewell may very well have stolen the show as

the youngest model of the day. He wowed the audience in his golf length khaki shorts, creamy white polo shirt and matching knit vest.

And did you hear about that little Austin Oates? She...wore...an...it'sby, bitsy, teeny weeny, multi-colored floral bikini. Like everyone else, she was a big hit on this day at Prestonwood.

New storage units offer climate control

A state-of-the-art storage facility with 367 units set on four acres has opened at Morrisville Commons, a new retail center at Morrisville Parkway and N.C. 54 where eight retail shops will be located as well as an Amoco gas station and convenience store.

The storage facility is called Mr. Store II, and according to resident manager George Horvath, offers climate-controlled units with individual state-of-the-art security alarms, carpeting, fenced property and a property manager on site day and night. Storage units range from 5- by 10-feet to 10- by 30-feet.

The owner is Jim Rice Development Inc. of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Horvath said the site was chosen because of growth prospects in the area and Morrisville's central location. Other company locations are in Greenville, Wilmington, Charlotte and Myrtle Beach. Facilities to ship out and receive bulk packages will be available to the public, he said.

In addition to the storage facility and convenience store and gas station, other businesses open now include Village Cleaners, Smash Hit Subs and Hot Stuff Pizza. Negotiations are taking place for prospective tenants at the other 10,000-square-foot retail store locations in the center, according to Woody Byrd of The Properties Group Inc., which is handling the project.

Byrd is also involved in another project in Preston: a 10,000-square-foot medical building planned along the proposed extension of Cary Parkway, north of High

House Road.

"It is a little premature for details," Byrd said, "but the proposed building will be owned by several doctors."

The harsh winter allowed construction on a new office building overlooking the golf course at Prestonwood Country Club, but

preliminary leasing is being accepted there, Byrd said. The building is part of seven buildings set for a 12-acre site behind Jasper's Restaurant and First Citizens Bank.

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