

sports action for the week



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RCPRC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

LUMBERTON-Robeson County Parks & Recreation Commission's summer league softball is slowly winding down around the county. The following is a rundown of upcoming tournaments.

Pembroke: Men-Regular season ends Thursday, July 17 with tournament to run from Monday, July 21 through Tuesday, July 29. Women-Tournament to run from Wednesday, July 23 through Wed-

nesday, July 30. Both tournaments will be played at Oxendine Field in Pembroke.

Fairmont: Men- Tournament is scheduled to run from Monday, July 28 through Saturday, August 16. Women- Regular season ends Saturday, July 19 with Tournament to run from Thursday, July 31, through Tuesday, August 12. Both tournaments are slated to be played at Fairmont Middle School.

St. Pauls: Men-Regular season ends Monday, July 21. Tournament is scheduled to run from Wednesday, July 23 through Thursday, July 31, at St. Pauls High School.

Red Springs: Men- Tournament is currently going on at Tom Pope Athletic Park in Red Springs. Championship game is Friday, July 18.

North Robeson: Women-Regular season ends Tuesday, August 5. Tournament play begins Thursday, August 7 and will run through Thursday, August 14 at Magnolia High School.

Softball Schedule

(As of Monday, July 14)

Pembroke Men	
TBS	20-3
Bear Swamp	18-5
Mack's	17-6
Lowery Hamps	11-12
Union Chapel	10-13
Bera	8-16
Tabernacle	7-16
Hartley's	7-16
Mt. Airy	6-17

Pembroke Women	
Ronyan Farms	11-5
Lumbee Bank	8-6
D&D Loggers	8-7

Fairmont Men	
Ballbuster #2	15-0
Ebony	12-3
Lumberton Knitwear	5-10
Nutcrackers	5-10
WFMO	4-11
Marietta All-Stars	4-11

Fairmont Women	
Essence	9-1
Shining Star	7-3
Argo	6-4
Gators	3-7
Marietta All-Stars	3-7
Trojans	7-8

Maxton Men	
Rainbows	11-1
Maxton Funeral Home	8-4
Gold	7-5
College Gulf	6-6
Maxton Merchants	5-7
State Farm	0-12

St. Pauls Men	
Rejects	10-1
P&H Auto	8-2
Indians	7-4
Robeson Plant	4-7
Rebels	4-8
St. Pauls Milling	3-8
St. Pauls Plant	1-9

North Robeson Women	
Hardin Grocery	6-1
Bell's	6-1
South St. Pauls	4-7
Ustermeck	4-3
Red Springs Mtrs.	4-3
Robeson Plant	2-5
Lady Panthers	1-5
Rex Rennet	0-7

BEAR SWAMP WINS TOURNNEY

Bear Swamp defeated T.B.S. in the championship game of the Mt. Airy Jaycees Softball Tournament last Saturday. Eight teams survived 90 degree-plus temperatures Friday and Saturday to participate in the tournament held at Oxendine Field in Pembroke.

Mt. Airy took third place. Bear Swamp's Dennis Lowry won the Homerun Ball championship.



(Jamie Franklin photo)

Tabernacle's Granford Oxendine gets a moment's rest during a break in the action of the game between

ed of players from Hartley's Construction, Mac's Construction, and Tabernacle. Bear Swamp defeated TBS for



First place winners, Bear Swamp.



Third place winners, Mt. Airy.

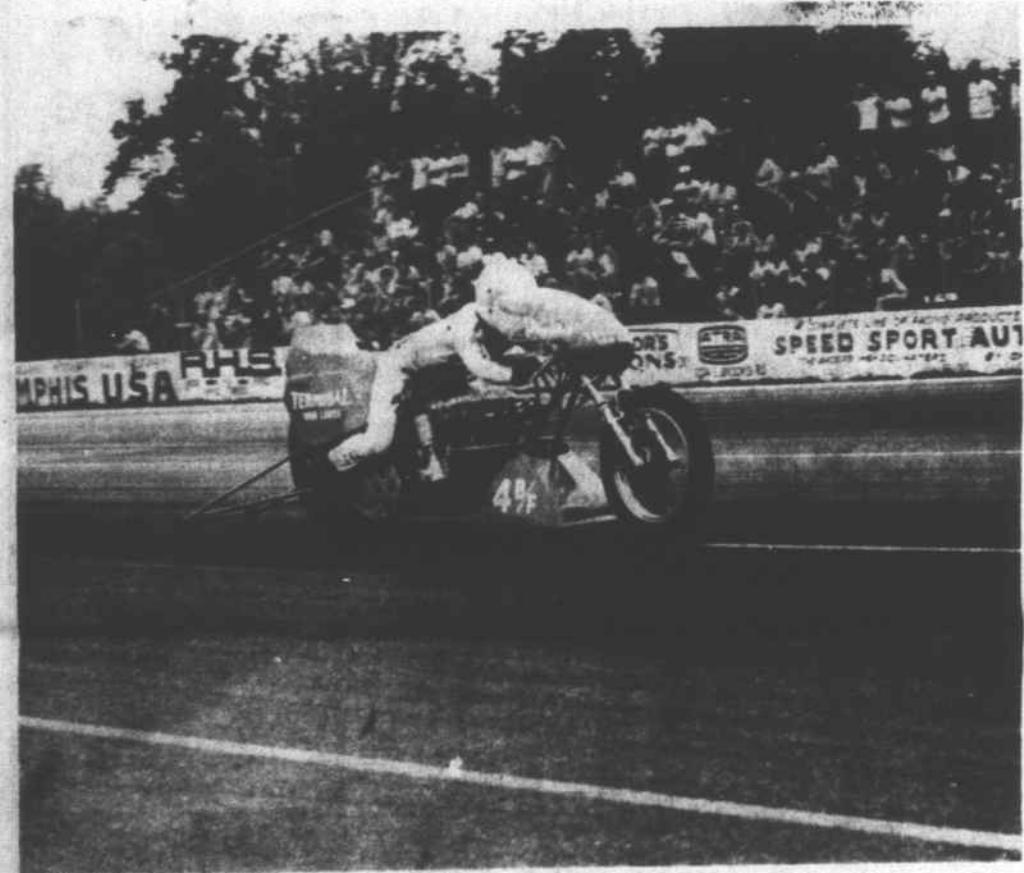


Second place winners, T.B.S.



Dennis Lowry, home run ball winner.

MOTORCYCLE RACING SET FOR JULY 18-19 AT DARLINGTON



IDBA.

The top stars of drag racing on the national scene will be participants at the event. Terry Vance of California on a Suzuki; Sid Pogue of Oklahoma City on a Kawasaki; Elmer Trett of Oxford, OH on the world's fastest Harley-Davidson; Roy Thacker of Lynchburg, VA on the record holding Kawasaki Top Fueler; Vicki Farr of Skitook, OK, racing's fastest lady, on a Kawasaki Pro Stocker, together with nearly 300 of the nation's quickest and fastest professionally prepared machines.

The Darlington race, one of six held in various points in the United States in 1980 to determine the #1 riders of motorcycles in the U.S., will be unusual in that it is the only 1980 event scheduled at night. Friday and Saturday's daytime schedule will be filled with time trials, qualifying and record runs. Grand eliminations (tournament style) to the \$60,000 pot 'o gold will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday night.

Harold Brewington, a partner in the Darlington track who was recently honored by NASCAR and IHRA for his great contributions to automobile racing said, "We're pleased to be involved in the first National Event motorcycle race to be run at night. The cool night air is going to make the machines run even better and spectators will certainly be able to enjoy the race in the cool of the evening."

Bo O'Brochts, of St. Petersburg, FA won the Spring Nationals of drag racing on his Terminal Van Lines blown Kawasaki. July 18th and 19th he'll be trying to repeat the feat at the Sunshine Nationals

of motorcycle drag racing at Darlington International Dragway. O'Brochts regularly turns the quarter mile in seven seconds from a standing start, crossing the finish line in the

Inaugurated a decade ago in Memphis, TN the officials of the International Drag Bike Association moved to race to Darlington this year when a shopping center parking lot claimed the Memphis track.

180 miles per hour bracket. Daytimes Friday and Saturday will be devoted to time trials, qualifying and record runs; grand eliminations will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"The Darlington facility is one of the finest drag tracks in the nation and IDBA is pleased to bring one of our six national events to the city that is clearly a national leader in racing performance," said Tony Lee, National Race Director for

RACING SLANTS

The Race Car--Preparation Key To Winning

(Editor's note: The User name is synonymous with auto racing. By his own admission, Bobby Unser — who is also a racing consultant for S-K Tools of Dresser Industries — has been a part of the racing scene for 30 years. His accomplishments are almost legend. Here, the famed driver talks about what it takes to get a championship car ready for racing.)

Q — Do drivers work with designers in the development and testing of a car?

Unser — "Some do. Some drivers — such as myself — are 'development' drivers. If the designer thinks a concept will work, he can get together with the mechanics and a development driver to test it. That's one of the things I'm probably best known for in the [racing] industry. If not to the public."

Q — How long is a car tested?

Unser — "It really depends. We may run a car one to three laps and then come into the pit and make changes. Bobby Unser do something different. The last car was tested approximately 4,500 miles."

Q — Where is the testing done?

Unser — "You have to test at different race tracks, because conditions differ. In the winter, it would be hard to test in Indianapolis or Michigan with snow on the ground. Therefore, I choose Phoenix, Arizona and Ontario, California. We rent the tracks on open dates to use whenever we need them."

Q — How long is it between the time you begin testing and when the car actually takes to the track in a race?

Unser — "Well with Penske and the Norton car, for example, we started testing the car in November last year and we started racing it this April."

Q — How long will a car be run before you go on to a new one?

Unser — "We try to use a car for a year before changing. Not just because we need a new car, but because we are always searching for a faster car. All of our racing cars are always kept in top mechanical condition... and we're just like any motorist on the street who's concerned about the family car and high repair bills. We would be lost without good tools. My pit crew wouldn't think of tackling any maintenance without proper wrenches, etc."

Q — Your mention of Phoenix and Ontario earlier brings to mind this question: The cockpit of these cars must get terribly hot; how do drivers keep cool?

Unser — "Some drivers have what we refer to as 'cool suits' — a garment with tubes running through it connected to a tank filled with ice water and a pump. The problem is the cars get so darn hot, the ice tends to melt fast, and you end up with hot water!"



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Several of baseball's most feared hitters will be sharing the spotlight when NBC Sports Major League Baseball Game-of-the-Week offers regional coverage featuring the Pittsburgh Pirates and their slugging outfielder Bill Robinson (upper left) against the Los Angeles Dodgers with Ron Cey (upper right) or the American League match-up between Roy Smalley (lower left) and the Minnesota Twins and the Jim Rice led Boston Red Sox. **SATURDAY, JULY 19 ON NBC-TV.**

Sports I.Q.

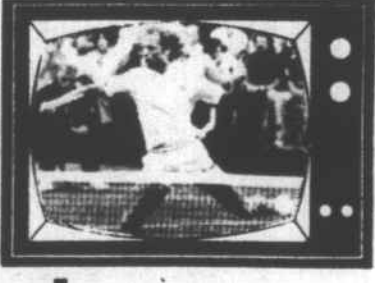
- Who is Edgardo Romero?
- Robin Yount has been with the Brewers for six years. How old is he?
- Where was Ben Oglivie born?
- Minnesota Twins skipper Gene Mauch replaced which ex-Twins player as manager in 1975?
- Who is Don Denkinger?
- How many times did Mickey Mantle lead the A.L. in homers?
- Which member of the California Angels leads the ... in career grand-slams?
- Name the New York Mets batting instructor.
- Which NASL team does Cor Van Der Hart coach?
- What sport do you associate Dick McAuliffe with?

answers

1. Milwaukee Brewers infielder
2. 24
3. Colon, Panama
4. Frank Quilici
5. American League umpire
6. Four—1955, '56, '58 and '60
7. Joe Rudi, 12
8. Dick Sudler
9. Ft. Lauderdale Strikers
10. Slip-pitch softball

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SUNDAY

(ABC) THE STORY OF THE BRITISH OPEN: 3:00 PM E.D.T. - 2:00 PM C.D.T.
This special golf feature will highlight past British Opens with historical film clips and a preview of this year's tournament.

(CBS) SPORTS SPECTACULAR: 3:00 PM E.D.T. - 2:00 PM C.D.T.
Boxing—15-Round Bout WBA Light Heavyweight Championship Fight, Matthew Saad Muhammad vs. Yaqi Lopez (live from Great Gorge, N.J.); U.S. Acrobatics Championships, finals featuring top U.S. competitors (taped same day coverage from the British Grand Prix, Brands Hatch, England).

(NBC) SPORTSWORLD: 4:00 PM E.D.T. - 3:00 PM C.D.T.
United States Olympic Trials: Men's diving from Austin, Texas; AstroDome Thrill Show demolition derby from Houston, Texas; Sports Challenge, with Dick Enberg; and Survival of the Fittest.

(ABC) U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN: 4:00 PM E.D.T. - 3:00 PM C.D.T.
ABC Sports will provide live coverage of the final round of play in this golf tournament from The Richland Country Club in Nashville, Tennessee.

SATURDAY

(NBC) MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL—A LOOK INSIDE: 2:00 PM E.D.T. - 1:00 PM C.D.T.

(NBC) MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME-OF-THE-WEEK: 2:15 PM E.D.T. - 1:15 PM C.D.T.
Los Angeles Dodgers @ Pittsburgh Pirates or Minnesota Twins @ Boston Red Sox.

(ABC) BRITISH OPEN: 3:30 PM E.D.T. - 2:30 PM C.D.T.
ABC Sports will provide coverage of the third round of play in this golf tournament from the Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers in Muirfield, Scotland.

(ABC) WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS: 4:30 PM E.D.T. - 3:30 PM C.D.T.
Videotape coverage of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran fight.

(CBS) SPORTS SPECTACULAR: 4:30 PM E.D.T. - 3:30 PM C.D.T.
"Tour de France" (same day coverage)—an update on the most prestigious bicycle race in the world, from Paris, France; and "Boxing," to be announced.

INTERNATIONAL DRAG BIKE ASSOCIATION

Friday & Saturday July 18th & 19th, 1980

Sunshine Nationals of Motorcycle Drag Racing

See 300 Of The World's Quickest And Fastest Nitro, Alky And Gas Professionally Prepared Drag Racing Machines!

Friday's Schedule:

Gates Open 10:00 A.M. For Tech-In Time Trials & Qualifying; Track Closes 5:30 P.M.

Saturday's Schedule:

Tech-In, Time Trials, Qualifying 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.; Grand Eliminations To The Pot 'O Gold 7:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.

Darlington International Dragway

6 Miles West Of Darlington, SC On Hwy 151