

Coming Thursday

- Jennings Withers feature
- CCC Softball update

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CALENDAR

TODAY

CCC SOFTBALL TOURNEY  
5-4 winner  
vs. C. Davidson  
5 p.m.

CCC SOFTBALL TOURNEY  
6-3 winner  
vs. E. Davidson  
7 p.m.

MPC SOFTBALL TOURNEY  
Second Round  
TBA

WEDNESDAY

CCC SOFTBALL TOURNEY  
Championship  
Game  
7 p.m.

MPC SOFTBALL TOURNEY  
Championship  
Game  
TBA

FRIDAY

BASEBALL  
NCHSAA State  
Playoffs (Rd. 1)  
TBD

TUESDAY

BASEBALL  
NCHSAA State  
Playoffs (Rd. 2)  
TBD

SOFTBALL  
NCHSAA State  
Playoffs (Rd. 1)  
TBD

Darlington  
Top 20

1. Denny Hamlin
2. Jamie McMurray
3. Kurt Busch
4. Jeff Gordon
5. Juan Montoya
6. Kevin Harvick
7. Kyle Busch
8. Jeff Burton
9. Ryan Newman
10. Brian Vickers
11. David Reutimann
12. Brad Keselowski
13. Matt Kenseth
14. David Ragan
15. Carl Edwards
16. Mark Martin
17. Regan Smith
18. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
19. Martin Truex Jr.
20. Kasey Kahne

GAME REPORT  
DEADLINES:

Monday-Friday  
9 p.m.

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CCC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

## East brings home CCC title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

With two outs and the game tied in the bottom of the seventh, East Davidson's Preston Gammons ripped an RBI single to left field, driving in Braxton Shetley for a walkoff 8-7 win over West Davidson in the Central Carolina Conference tournament title game.

West had fought back from a 7-1 deficit in the top of the seventh getting a grand slam from Colby Bassett to tie it.

East starter Keaton

Hawks helped his cause in the first inning, plating leadoff hitter Justin Weavil, who had reached on a walk.

The bottom of the Golden Eagle lineup made it 2-0 in the bottom of the second. Braxton Shetley walked, stole second and reached third on a passed ball.

Taylor Warren plated him for the second run.

West put together a serious threat in the top of the third, but Hawks

stood his ground on the hill.

Tyler Hudson had walked and made his way around to third with

no outs, using a Hawks balk and wild pitch to get there. West could have plated a run when Gary Ferguson lined a

deep out to Weavil in right field, but the

courtesy runner on third failed to tag up, and nothing was hurt on the play

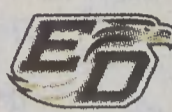
for East. Hawks thwarted the rally with a strikeout

and flyout.

The Golden Eagles took (at the time) a stranglehold on the game in the bottom half, scoring four runs to rattle West's Ferguson. Davin Lawson, Justin Mounts, Preston Gammons and Warren each had an RBI, as the East lead grew to 6-0.

After EDHS scored its seventh run in the fourth, West finally got on the board with a run in the fifth.

Visit [www.tvilletimes.com](http://www.tvilletimes.com) for more on East's CCC title win.



ON NASCAR



CATHY ELLIOTT  
NASCAR Columnist

*Too tough to tame more than name for Kvapil, Darlington*

It seems oddly appropriate to be standing in a hauler with Travis Kvapil in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series garage at Darlington Raceway because in a way, both are testaments to the tenacity of "the little guy."

Kvapil, driver of the No. 34 Long John Silver's Ford for Front Row Motorsports has, to paraphrase the old Joni Mitchell song, looked at racing "from both sides now."

The Wisconsin native got off to a great early start after securing a deal in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series in 2001, where he was named Rookie of the Year that same season. He won the Series title in 2003.

Darlington made an early career splash, too. The big track in the little town created a major sensation back in 1950. Just as great drivers assume the mantle of those who have gone before them and move the sport forward — from Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt to Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson, for example — Darlington Raceway moved NASCAR off the beach and the dirt and onto the pavement for good. It was over 60 years ago, but she was definitely the Rookie of the Year.

Kvapil quickly moved up through the ranks of racing, competing in the Cup Series part-time in 2003 for Penske Racing and full-time in 2005 for PPI Motorsports before joining forces with Jack Roush to return to the Truck Series in 2007. He won four races that year, and in 2008 moved to Yates Racing, where

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SHOWTIME SOUTHERN 500



GETTY IMAGES

Darlington race winner Denny Hamlin (No. 11) battles Jeff Burton on the outside Saturday during the running of the SHOWTIME Southern 500. Burton had a miscue on pit road that cost him a shot at the win.

## Hamlin claims Darlington

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DARLINGTON, S. C. — Denny Hamlin is beginning to like NASCAR's toughest track.

He has a perfect batting average after winning both ends of a doubleheader at the track "Too Tough To Tame."

The young Virginia driver won Friday night's Nationwide Series race and came back Saturday night to win the SHOWTIME Southern 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup race at the 3.66-mile, egg-shaped oval.

It was Hamlin's third win of the season and his first NASCAR Sprint Cup victory at Darlington. He credited his team for get-



GETTY IMAGES

Denny Hamlin is all smiles in Victory Lane at Darlington over the weekend.

ting him out first on his final pit stop, but Hamlin battled Jeff Gordon and Jeff Burton throughout the 367-lap race for the top spot.

Both Gordon and Bur-

ton ran into some tough luck at the end of the race to thwart whatever winning effort they might have managed. Gordon was coming to pit road but was accidentally

blocked at the pit road entrance by Tony Stewart and had to make an extra lap which cost him valuable track position.

Burton was in great shape to give Hamlin a run for his money before running over an air hose on his final pit stop, prompting a pass-through penalty that cost him numerous spots on the restart.

It was a typical Darlington race, full of twists and turns that eliminated at least one of the pre-race favorites, Jimmie Johnson was involved in several scrapes before one with AJ Allmendinger sent him to the garage

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## Myers takes checkered flag at Bowman Gray

BG REPORT

On Saturday, fans were reminded why Bowman Gray Stadium is known as "The Madhouse."

Experienced veterans tangled with talented rookies, many fans were on their feet for more laps than not, and although Burt Myers of Walnut Cove won the race,



ERIC HYLTON PHOTOGRAPHY

See MYERS, Page 8 Tim Brown (No. 83) takes a shot from behind from rookie Zach Brewer Saturday night.