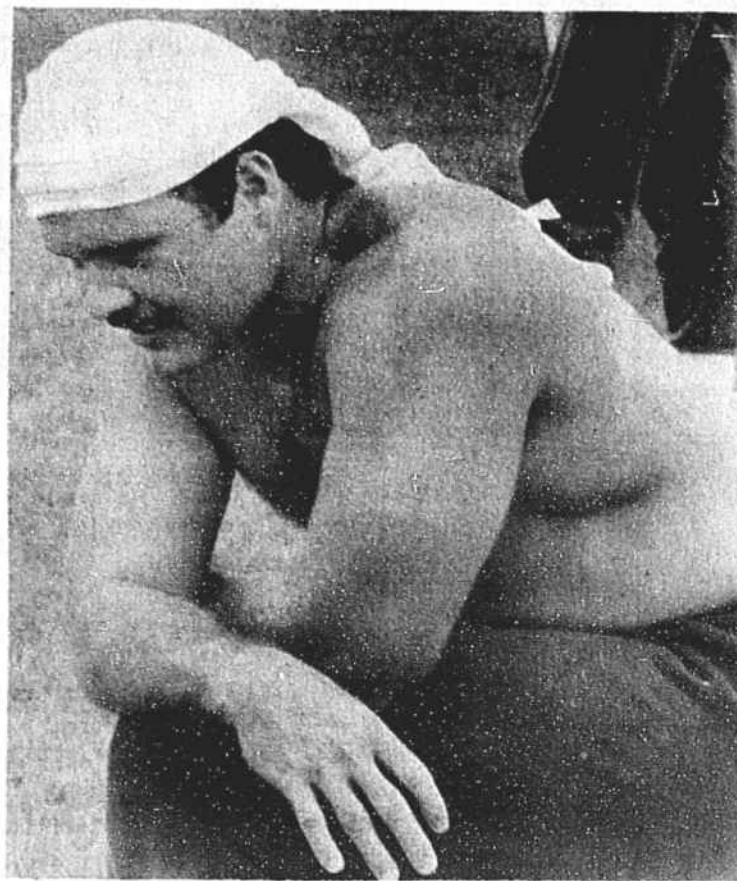


TROOPER JERRY DOVE headed the patrol team in the tug-of-war competition. The patrol team finished second in the overall standings.



MIKE BACCARNY of the patrol team catches a breath after the relay run. Baccarny works with the N.C. Drivers Licensing office in Bolivia.



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WINNERS OF THE first "Clash Of The Titans" competition Saturday was the lawyers' team. Pictured with their trophies are (from left) front, Robert Serra, winner of the 100-yard dash, and David Wall; back row, Napoleon Barefoot and Bill Fairley, winner of the one-mile run.

# Lawyers Capture First 'Clash Of The Titans'

BY TERRY POPE

The final verdict Saturday had a group of local attorneys sweating out of their shirts.

The setting wasn't inside a courtroom. The case was decided at the Smithville Township District Park in Southport, site of the first annual "Clash Of The Titans" competition.

Brunswick County's mini-version of "Battle of the Network Stars" placed local lawyers against law enforcement officials in a test of strength, endurance and heat resistance. Temperatures on the playing field Saturday neared the 90 degree mark.

The attorneys, heavily "outweighed" in the tug-of-war and car push competition, used their speed to capture first place in six of eight categories. They took home all of the trophies.

Attorney Robert Serra received a trophy for recording the fastest time in the 100-yard dash. Attorney Bill Fairley won a trophy for having the fastest time in the one-mile run. Assistant District Attorney Napoleon "Poli" Barefoot and attorney David Wall were also on the team.

The lawyers won first in the obstacle course, the one-mile run, the 100-yard dash, volleyball, basketball (captured by Poli Barefoot's shooting) and relay run.

There were no counter-arguments presented, but participants vowed revenge at next year's event.

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department won the tug-of-war competition and employees of the Brunswick County probation office won the car push event.

Five teams entered the first "Clash of the Titans" track and field competition, organized by State Trooper Jerry Dove.

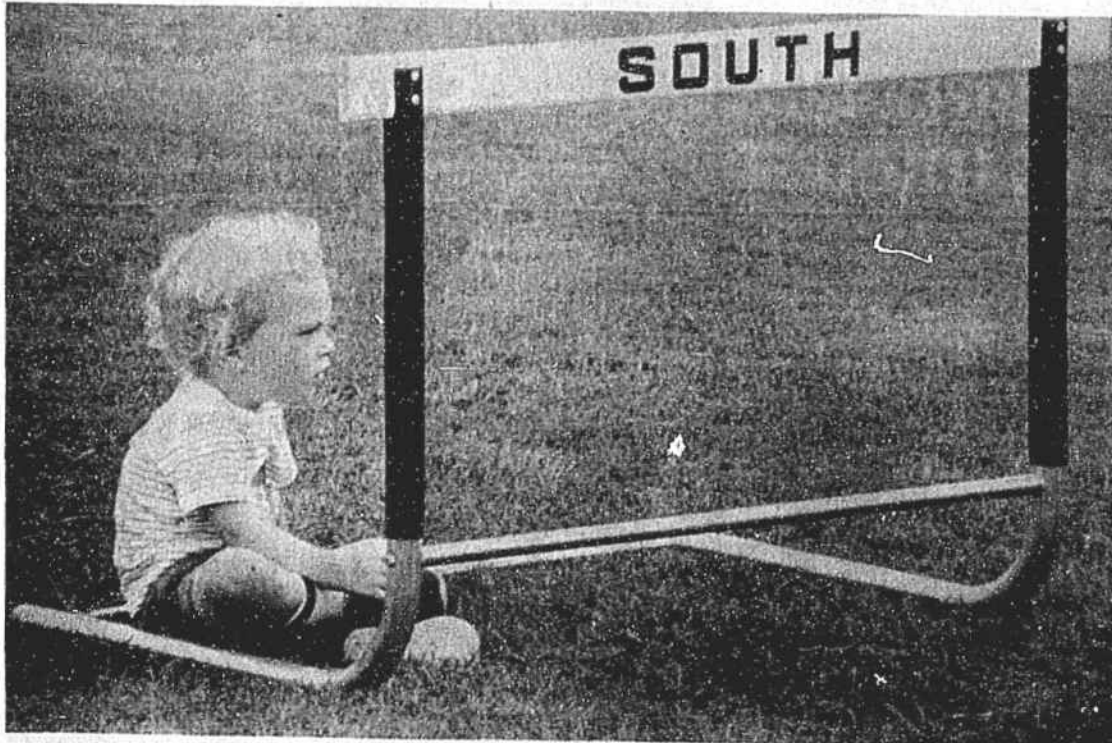
Athletes from the highway patrol, the sheriff's department, the Long Beach Police Department, the probation office and local attorneys competed.

The individual events and the teams' order of finish were as follows:

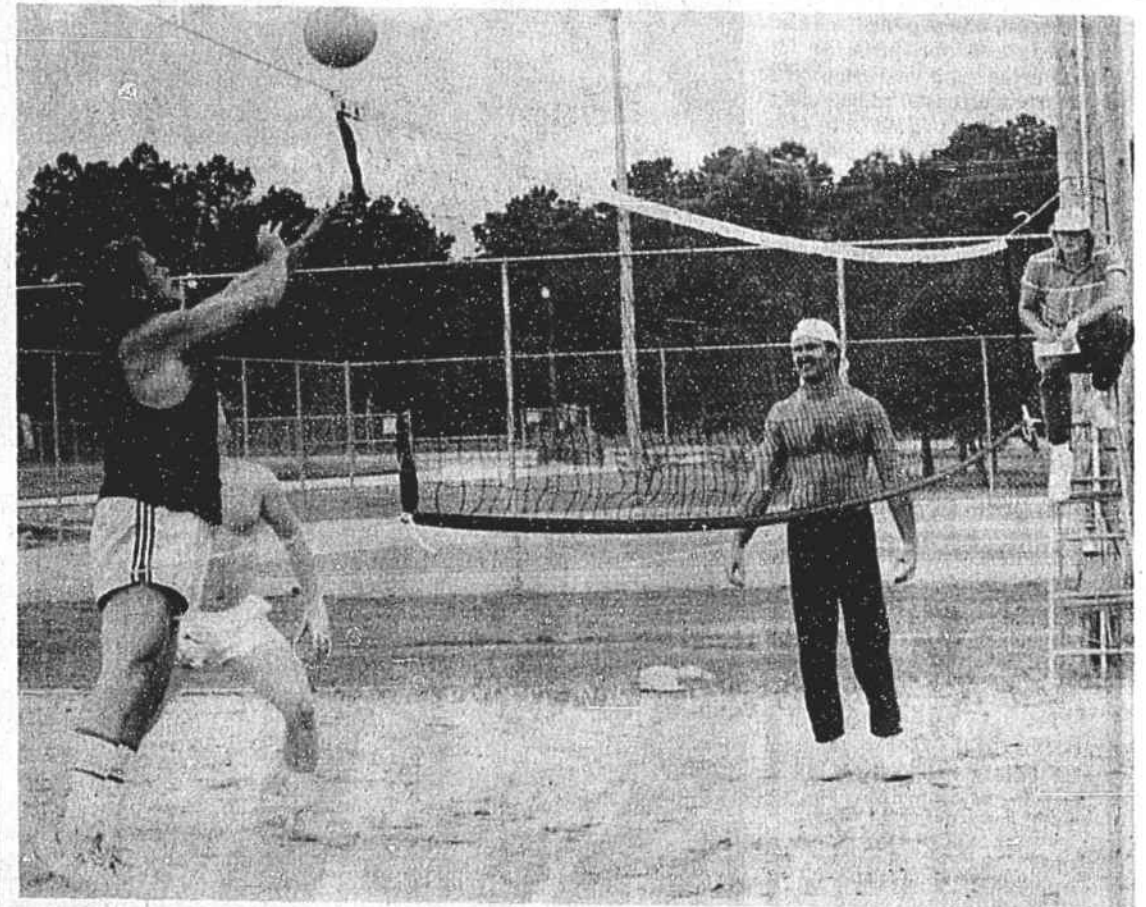
- Obstacle course—lawyers, patrol, Long Beach, sheriff's, probation;
- One-mile run—lawyers, probation, patrol, sheriff's, Long Beach;
- 100-yard dash—lawyers, sheriff's, Long Beach, patrol, probation;
- Volleyball—lawyers, Long Beach, patrol, probation, sheriff's;
- Basketball—lawyers, patrol, probation, sheriff's, Long Beach;
- Tug-of-war—sheriff's, Long Beach, patrol, lawyers, probation;
- Relay race—lawyers, patrol, Long Beach, probation; sheriff's; and
- Car push—probation, sheriff's, Long Beach, patrol, lawyers.



DETECTIVE LINDSEY WALTON shoves his sheriff's team into a second-place finish in the car push.



ANDREW WALL finds a quiet place to watch the action. His father, David Wall, was a member of the lawyers' team.



IN THE VOLLEYBALL event, the patrol team won second place. Pictured are, from left, Trooper Jerry Dove, Shallotte Police Sgt. Rodney Gause and Mike Baccarny.



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