

Smith Will Be Busy Driver

CHARLOTTE—Freddie Smith, a 34-year-old late model sportsman veteran from Kings Mountain, N.C. is going to be a very busy man the weekend of May 26-27.

Smith will compete in four races that weekend, two at Charlotte Motor Speedway and two at Metrolina Speedway, a half-mile clay track located just North of Charlotte on Highway 21. Smith, who posted his fourth win of the season at Metrolina last Friday night, will kick off World 600 weekend with the Friday night segment of the 'Metrolina Doubleheader' as he will compete in the 75-lap late model sportsman feature slated for that night. On Saturday afternoon

Smith will battle the finest late model stars in the nation in the Sun Drop 300 at CMS. Smith has already won a starting berth in the SD 300 by virtue of his win in a qualifying race at Metrolina earlier this year.

Saturday night Smith

Cindermen Qualify For Meet

Kings Mountain High finished third in the Sectional Track meet last Friday in Hendersonville and qualified eight men for the Western Regional Meet to be held this Friday in Statesville.

T.C. Robeson of Asheville won the team title over 19 other Western North Carolina schools. R-S Central was second, KMHHS third and Shelby fourth.

Kings Mountain qualified its 440, 880 and mile relay teams, plus Kevin Mack, Kenny Womic and Terry McClain in the individual events. All three relay teams finished second. Kenny Womic, Mike Womic, Mirion White and Kevin Mack made up the 440 team, which ran 44.5 seconds, and the 880 team, which finished in 1:32.5. Members of the mile team, which ran a 3:35.0, were Sammy Bell, Jimmy Bradley, Mike Womic and Robert Bradley.

Mack ran the 100 yard dash in 10 seconds flat to finish third and qualify for the regionals in that event. Kenny Womic ran the 220 in 22.9 seconds to finish 3rd and Terry McClain ran the 120 hurdles in 15.5 seconds to finish second.

The top four finishers in each event at Statesville will qualify for the state meet next week.

Pirates Win First Game Of Season

The Kings Mountain Pirates won their first game of the season Sat., May 5, defeating West Rowan 2-0 behind the three-hit pitching of righthander Richard Gillespie.

Gillespie, former Kings Mountain High standout and now a starting pitcher at Gardner-Webb College, walked three and struck out five.

Ozzie McFarland and Mike Bankhead led the KM hitting with two hits each.

KM scored the winning run in the second inning when player-coach David Heffner walked and later scored on a single by Steve McKee. KM's other run came in the third on McFarland's single, walks to Bankhead and Bill Daves and a sacrifice fly by Tommy Wease.

Police Win 7-3 Decision

In the only Dixie Youth League ballgame reported from last week, the Police club defeated Champion's Landscaping 7-3 in a rain-shortened five inning game Friday night.

Scott Bryant hurled the victory and Tim Sanders, Richie Gold and Shane Shockley led the Police hitting with two hits each.

Friday's action ended three pre-season schedule. Regular season action was to begin last night at Deal Street Park.

will be back at Metrolina for another 75-lap late model feature, and Sunday he'll compete in the World 600, assuming that he can qualify for the NASCAR Grand National event.

A \$36,000 purse has been posted for the Metrolina Doubleheader and Smith or some other late model pilot could come home with as much as \$11,000 in prize money for the two nights.

A win in the 75-lap late model feature on Friday, May 25 will be worth \$5,000. Saturday night's purse will also be \$5,000 and a \$1,000 bonus will go to anyone who can win both

late model main events.

A 40-lap semi-modified feature and a 15-lap street division main event will also be on the card each night. The semi-modified winner will pick up \$700 each night with \$175 going to the winner of each street division feature.

120 laps are on tap for Friday (May 24) as Furr Racing Association will host its regular weekly card consisting of a 40-lap late model feature, a 30-lap semi-modified main event, a 10-lap street division chase, and two, 10-lap heats for the semis and late models.

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