

White Plains Shrine Tourney Slated This Week

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Loftis at 9:45. Saturday's games will be played at Davidson and Deal Street. Sunday's loser's bracket finals is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Deal Street and the tournament championship game is scheduled for 4:30 at Davidson.

"All in all, 1985 shapes up as the best year ever," said Champion. "Three members of this field--Howard's, Zimlinghaus and Blantons--are rated by the national softball publication "Insight Softball" as being among the top teams in the country."

Slowpitch softball has long been played at its best in Piedmont North Carolina and continues to thrive through the White Plains Shrine Classic, which is recognized as one of the top slowpitch events in the country. The old Dixie Classic, which took its name from the once popular basketball tournament with

the same name, ushered in the slowpitch craze.

The Pharr Yarns Reds of McAdenville invited the best teams in the country for the three-day event. Originally coached by the legendary Red Jenkins and later by Doug McDonald, the Reds were recognized as the kings of slowpitch softball and McAdenville was the slowpitch capital of the world. Later, Richard Howard with his Denver-based Howard's Furniture team continued North Carolina's dominance of the sport.

About The Teams

Following is a summary of the competing teams:

Howard's Western Steer: Last year's tournament champion. Also was Amateur Softball Association's National champion. This team, sponsored by Richard Howard, has been national champs many times.

This year's team is again rated the team best for national honors. Led by slugger Rick "The Crusher" Scherr, who was MVP in the 1984 national tourney, this team should be around at the end of most tournaments when the hardware is presented.

Other established names include: Don Arndt, still going strong at age 50, Stan Harvey and ex-UNC football player Jimmy DeRatt. Newcomers who should fit perfectly with the power-laden Denver softballers include: Tim White, Billy Blake and Tim Rhinehardt.

Blanton's, Fayetteville -- Was last year's runner-up team, and is loaded again this year. Won six tournaments at various sites last year. The team is coached by long-time veteran Don McGinnis, and

paced by the likes of Mickey Morris, Don Clatterbaugh, and Gary Markland.

Fab-Masters, Greensboro -- Led by Ralph Wicker, who has been on the softball scene for many years. The club has been the best team from the Greensboro area for several seasons.

A pace-setter for this team is Roger Brown, a Gaston County product, who in the mid 70's was several times selected to the softball All-World team, and in 1973 was named the MVP in the national tourney.

Loftis Club, Greer, S.C. -- 1983 South Carolina state champs. Had a sub-par '84 campaign, but team sponsor Don Loftis has reloaded and looks to return to their former lofty rank as the best open team from the Palmetto

State.

Skidmore Construction, Belmont -- Lee Skidmore, team sponsor, rates this club as his best ever. To attain this lofty pre-season outlook, his team would have an outstanding 1985 campaign.

Skidmore has always been in the thick of things when the state champ is determined at playoff time.

Zimlinghaus, Palm Bay City, Fla. -- With the disbanding of Jerry's of Miami, Fla.,

many of their former players joined this team. Rated by the national softball media as the best team from the state of Florida, Zimlinghaus will help make this Kings Mountain tourney the best ever

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ATTENTION YOUTH (16-21)

Below is information concerning the 1985 federally funded Summer Jobs Program. Please read the information very carefully.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THE SUMMER JOB PROGRAM?

Any youth between the ages of 16 to 21 may apply for the program. The youth must be a Gaston County resident.

MUST A YOUTH MEET INCOME GUIDELINES IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE?

Yes, eligibility for the program is based upon family income during the past six months.

WHERE SHOULD A YOUTH GO TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?

All applicants must go to the Job Training Center located at 401 N. Highland Street in Gastonia, North Carolina.

WHAT TIME ARE APPLICATIONS TAKEN?

Applications are taken between 8:30 A.M. -11:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

WHAT DATES WILL APPLICATIONS BE TAKEN?

You may apply May 6-10 or May 13-17.

MUST A PARENT COME WITH THE YOUTH TO APPLY?

Yes, a youth must bring his parent or legal guardian if he is under age 18.

WHAT MUST A YOUTH BRING?

You must bring your social security card and proof of age (license or birth certificate).

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION?

Usually there are many people who wish to apply for the summer program. Plan to stay several hours if necessary.

If you have questions concerning this notice, please call 866-3825.

DO NOT CUT CLASS IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM

KMHS Softball Team Wins Playoff Opener

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"It was a real tight ballgame all the way but we feel like we gave them everything they got," said KMHS Coach Bruce Clark. "We made six errors and I feel like many of them were

due to some of our players having never played in the playoffs before.

"But we were real pleased to win," he added. "Melanie Herndon pitched another outstanding ballgame and Edie Herndon hit the biggest home run she's ever hit."

John Rankin Wins Bass Club Tourney

John Rankin of Shelby caught 13 pounds, 14 ounces of bass to win last week's Cleveland County Bass Club Tournament at Lake Wylie.

ounces, and Larry Melton was third with seven pounds, seven ounces. Melton also caught the biggest fish, a three-pound, four-ounce bass.

Richard Blanton was second with eight pounds, 12

The next tournament will be May 25 at Wateree, S.C.

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DIXIE VILLAGE

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