

FALL SPLASH - Some of the estimated 1,000 spectators watch as swimmers from all over North Carolina competed in the first annual Fall Splash, sponsored by Home Savings and Loan, last Saturday at

Neisler Natatorium. The Sharks Aquatics Club of Kings Mountain and Shelby finished second in the team standings.

Fall Splash Held At KMHS Pool

The Sharks Aquatics Club held its first competitive meet--the Fall Splash--in the new Neisler Natatorium Saturday and Sunday. Over 1,000 spectators and swimmers attended the event which saw nine teams and several "unattached" swimmers competing for ribbons and personal fastest times.

"The Caldwell County coach remarked that 95 percent of his swimmers were attaining their fastest times and complimented the city of Kings Mountain and the Sharks Aquatics Club on their fast pool. To swimmers this means the

pool and its equipment such as drains and lane ropes were arranged to provide the swimmer with excellent swimming conditions," said Sarah Mayse, one of the organizers of the event.

The New Wave Club from Raleigh won honors for the most points scored, followed by the Sharks and the Gaston Gators. All results will be sent to North Carolina Swimming to be entered into its records.

Sportscaster Wil Hampton of Channel 36 in Charlotte visited the meet and talked with swimmers

and showed film clips on the evening sports report.

The Sharks Fall Splash was sponsored by Home Federal Savings and Loan of Kings Mountain.

Winners for the Sharks included: Girls 8-under - Wendy Neisler, third in 25 and 50 backstroke; Elise Mayse, fifth in 50 breaststroke.

Girls 13-14 - Paula Eckard, sixth in 500 freestyle.

Girls 15-18 - Sarah Dilling, first in 200 fly, second in 100 back and 200 back, fifth in 100 free and 100 fly, and sixth in 50 free and 200 IM; Gail Hardin, fifth in 200 back.

Boys 8-under - Drew Thomas, sixth in 50 breaststroke.

Boys 11-12 - Nathan Mayse, third in 50 breaststroke and 100 breaststroke.

Girls relays - First place in medley (J. Sumney, K. Powell, S. Dilling, G. Hardin); second 8-under medley (W. Neisler, E. Mayse, H. Mabry, A. Strahler); second 8-under free (W. Neisler, K. Brinkley, A. Strahler, H. Mabry); second 11-12 free and medley (K. Roebuck, C. Brackett, A. Powell, N. Gladden).

Boys relays - Second 8-under medley (D. Thomas, J. Terrell, W. Strain, H. Griffin); second 11-12 free (D. Strahler, L. Champion, N. Mayse, D. Shuford); third 11-12 medley (D. Shuford, N. Mayse, L. Champion, J. Sloan).

Soccer

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goals and John Forrest one.

"We moved Sarimaha from sweeper to midfield and I think he was a little hungry for some scoring," Potter said. "We'd been playing him deep because we really didn't have anyone else to play there, but Chris Henson has come so far as a player that we moved him and he did a super job. Chris is a good athlete and Sarimaha is creative. I think this will prove to be a real key move for our offense."

The victory avenged an earlier loss at West Caldwell which knocked KM out of sole possession of third place.

"We lost to them 2-1 earlier in what I feel like the only game we lost that we should have won,"

Potter said. "We went up there expecting an easy time and didn't play up to our full potential."

"I'm really proud of the way things have gone this year," he went on. "The players have really developed. I wish I'd taken a film of our first game and then another at our last game. I believe it would be an interesting before and after shot."

Looking to Saturday's game at St. Stephens, Potter said he welcomes the challenge of playing the Indians in the afternoon because many of the parents who don't otherwise get to see a game will be able to watch their sons perform.

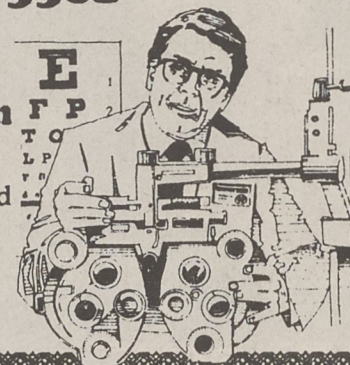
"It's really be a pleasure to be associated with these guys," said Potter. "They're a real outstanding group. St. Stephens has a tough team and we'll have to play our best to beat them again."

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