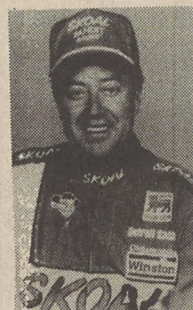


Gantt Left His Smoke In Pocono

By GENE AUSTIN

Harry Gantt took the checkered flag Sunday at Pocono, Pa. to win the Miller Genuine Draft 500 in the familiar green and white Skoak Bandit car.



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At age 50, Gantt becomes the oldest driver to win a 500 mile race.

Rusty Wallace had another good run, finishing second ahead of Geoff Bodine, Brett Bodine and Davey Allison.

In his 11th Winston Cup win Gantt didn't seem to be a threat until he passed Rusty Wallace on lap 189 to lead the remaining 11 laps.

The Arden, N. C. based Leo Jackson team spent the early part of the race battling heating problems and almost parked the number 33 car. Sunday's win was Gantt's second visit to Victory Circle since joining with Jackson in 1989. The other victory was in April 1989 at Darlington. Prior to that "Handsome Harry" had gone 90 races between wins.

Thirteen different drivers shared the lead around the 2 1/2 mile tri-oval shaped track. Geoff Bodine led the most with a total of 32 laps.

Unlike most of this year's Winston Cup races, there was no dominate cars. Leader Derricke Cope, on lap 115, appeared to have the fastest car on the track but bad tires eventually dropped him back to 12th at the finish.

Dale Earnhardt had his share of problems again, as he finished 13th and dropped to 5th in the point standings.

The Taylorsville native, accustomed to being a strong competitor 1981-85, saw 1986, 1987 1988 turn sour during his up and down career, the low point coming in the 1988 Coca Cola 600 when a blown tire sent his car hard into the retaining wall resulting in a badly broken leg that twice required surgery and lengthy rehabilitation causing him to miss five races. With his 11 wins, he has 29 second place finishes. In 1985 he finished second four races in a row.

Harry is not only popular among the fans but after his win Sunday every driver interviewed said he deserved it and they were happy for him instead of complaining about why they lost. Hopefully, The Bandit is back because he is good for racing.

The Winston Cup Series moves to the Michigan International Speedway. Bill Elliott runs strong there as does Derrike Cope.

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Freddy Smith qualified third at

Greenville, Mississippi and finished 5th in Saturday's race. On Sunday, he ran 26th at Dixie Speedway in Rome, Ga. losing a lap with a flat tire.

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Billy Knight won the Late Model race ahead of Lynn Mercer, Larry Armstrong, Randy Kistler and Buster May.

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The Semi-Modified race saw

Spires Signs With Braves

Former Kings Mountain High baseball standout Stuart Spires signed a pro baseball contract with the Atlanta Braves Monday.

He reports Thursday to Bradenton, Fla., where he will join the Bradenton Braves, Atlanta's Gulf Coast Rookie League affiliate, beginning its summer season.

Spires, son of Millage and Libby Spires of Kings Mountain, attended a Braves camp in Greenville, S. C. Saturday and Atlanta scout Roy Clark invited him and his mother to a camp in Sumter, S.C. Monday. Clark signed Spires Monday, after recording his pitches at 86 mph.

"It was kind of surprising but I was ready," said Spires, who had been scouted by the Texas Rangers. "The Rangers just kind of backed off. I hadn't heard from them in a while. Clark said if I wanted to wait, he could sign someone else. I was ready to go," he said.

Spires, a 6-foot-7 180 pounds righthander, posted an 11-2 record for the Mountaineers, who won the 3A state championship in 1989. He attended the University of Evansville, Indiana before transferring to Anderson, S.C. College. This season, Spires worked at Sims Legion Park for the Gastonia Rangers.

Out of 100 players at the tryout,

Roberson Hosts Piedmont Church Group

Mrs. Louise Roberson hosted members of the Senior Ladies Class of Piedmont Baptist Church at a supper meeting at her home June 4. Mrs. Elaine Ross was present as a visitor.

Completes Course

Second Lt. David D. Alexander has completed a signal officer basic course at the U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Students received instruction in military leadership and tactics, tactical and radio communications systems and communications center operation.

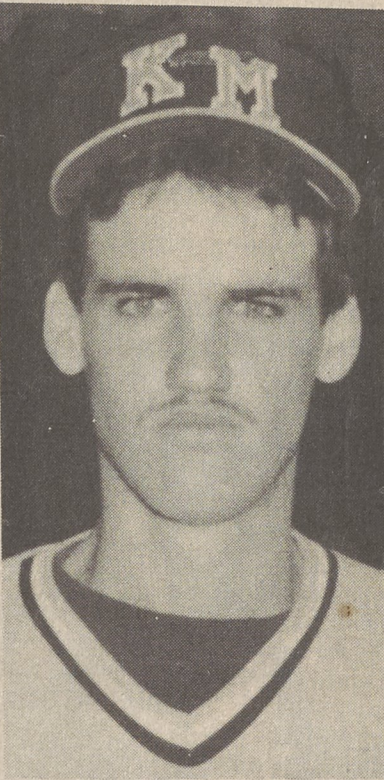
He is the son of Dwight and Betty Alexander of 1160 Westover Drive, Kings Mountain. He is a 1988 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 1989 graduate of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Buddy Smith lead John Pursley, Gene Sanders, Roger Stone and Donald Wilkes to the checker flag.

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Rooster Gantt was a winner in Super Stocks.

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In the street races, Mike Messer won the A Main while Cecil Harris won the B Main.

There will be races again this Saturday night at 8 p.m.



STUART SPIRES

Spires was the only one who was signed.

Spires is the second KMSHS Mountaineer to sign a pro contract this year. Kings Mountain's Paul Brannon signed with Seattle.

Mrs. Ramey, class teacher, who also read I Corinthians 13.

Members voted to hold an outing once a month to celebrate birthdays of members.

Rev. T. A. Lineberger has filled the pulpit recently in the absence of Rev. Don Denton, who has been on vacation.

Senior Citizens of the church took a trip to Statesville Thursday to visit Amish Country.

McCorkles, Pilgrims Tourney Winners

Tony and Barbara McCorkle and Terry and Nikki Pilgrim won the recent Kings Mountain Country Club Member-Member Handicap Golf Tournament.

They had a two-day net score of 102.

Darrell and Shirley Austin and Amy Austin and Phil Russ finished second with 105. Third were Ryan Broadwell and Margaret Williams and Marion Thomasson and Tony Wells with a 107.

Special prizes were won by the following:

Closest to the pin on number five, Mitch Howze and Mary Leigh Broadwell; number eight, Bo Ballard; number 12, Phil Russ and Elaine Grigg; number 17, Ken Cloninger and Margaret Williams.

Longest drive on number two, Barbara McCorkle; and on number 11, Phil Russ.

Bass Fishermen Take Top Prizes

Butch Jackson bagged the first place bass which weighed in at 10 pounds, 15 ounces to win the top prize given by the Cleveland County Bass Club June 16 at Lake Norman.

Second place went to Wayne Webb for his 8 pound, 1 ounce catch; and third place went to Keeter Hamrick for his 7 pound, 9 ounce bass.

Tying for the biggest fish were Butch Jackson and Dennis Burgess with a total weigh-in of two pounds, 10 ounces.

Houston, Arrowood Are Winners

Jackie Houston and Melissa Arrowood won the Statesville Junior Crossroad Girls 12-year-old Doubles Championship on Sunday. This was the first team effort combining Jackie of Kings Mountain and Melissa of Ranlo for the June 16 and June 17 tourney. Caldwell Park in Statesville was the site of their first win together. They defeated Holly McFarland and Katie Neal 6-4, 3-6, and 6-3 in the finals.

Jackie, who won her first singles championship last month, is a rising sixth grader at Kings Mountain Middle School. Her home court is the Kings Mountain Country Club.

She is daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Stallings.



JACKIE HOUSTON

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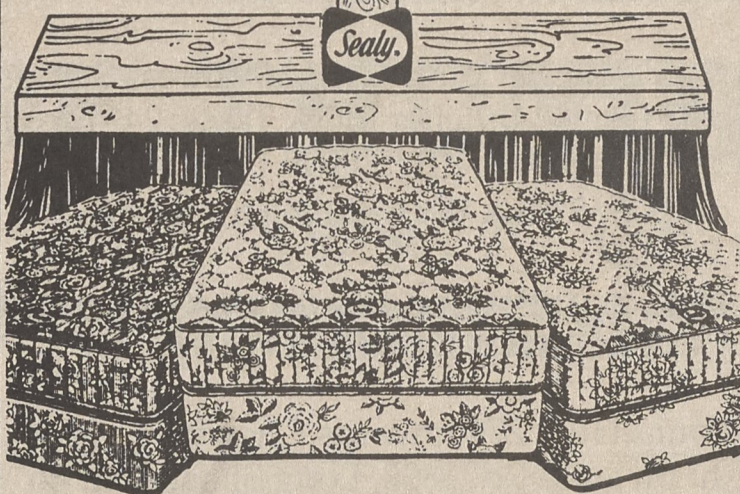
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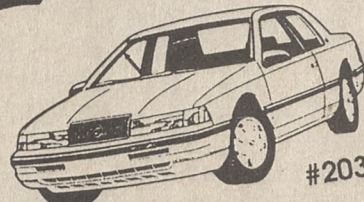
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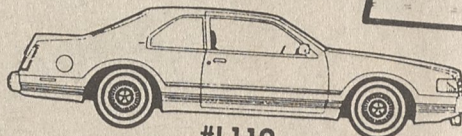
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