

Earnhardt Loves 'The Lady'

Darlington Raceway, often called "The Lady In Black" because of her luring and bewitching behavior, is having some kind of an affair with "The Man In Black," also known as Dale Earnhardt.

Earnhardt's win Sunday at the Southern 500 was his sixth out of the last 10 races. The Richard Childress crew has been able to cast off any spell the lady has tried on them recently. Instead, they have charmed her out of her treasures.

Add the pole prize money to the race purse, \$30,400 Unical bonus for winning from the pole position, \$100,000 Winston Million consolation for winning two of four "crown jewel" races, and it totals \$205,350 for a day's pay. It also pushed Earnhardt's career earnings over the \$11 million mark.

Nobody needs to remind Earnhardt that he came up 1/2 lap short at Daytona, which would have given him another million in earnings.

The win Sunday narrowed the tap in Winston Cup championship points between Earnhardt and Mark Martin to 26. Even though Dale is still behind Martin the championship looks better for him because the upcoming tracks are some where he performs best.

Earnhardt led the most laps with 99 of the 367. Bill Elliott was next with 90.

Ernie Irvan was second, Alan Kulwicki third, Bill Elliott fourth and Harry Gani fifth.

Elliott received the "Lickety-Split" award for turning the fastest lap. He ran well throughout the race but, after the last pit stop he was never a threat even with the ill handling machine of Earnhardt's over the last 30 laps.

Derrike Cope drove a good race. He seemed to have the handle on the car but lacked a little horsepower. He showed his driving skill when he got a "Darlington Strip" late in the race between turns one and two, hitting the wall first with the front, then a the rear, but keeping his car under control and finishing ninth.

Earnhardt also tagged the wall between turns one and two. This would have caused most drivers to settle for a lower finish, but not the Childress/Earnhardt team. The crew made adjustments each pit



stop until the car handled better and Earnhardt did a masterful piece of driving to secure the win.

Danny "Chocolate" Myers, the distinguished gasman for the Childress crews, said he was sure the team would have good luck because he had stopped by to see Flat Nose the tree climbing dog and had a 30-minute talk with him. Flat Nose is the team's mascot.

Sunday's win may not have been as pretty as the past three, but Earnhardt got the job done. In the last three victories at Darlington the Goodwrench Chevrolet has appeared to be on rails as it turned the track.

Jimmy Spencer described Earnhardt as "the best race driver in modern times. He's a combination of Cale Yarborough and David Pearson. The Childress team, with Earnhardt, is a perfect marriage."

At Richmond, Va. this Saturday, the Busch Grand National cars will run in the Commonwealth 200. Sunday's Winston Cup event will be the Miller Genuine Draft 400, also at Richmond.

CAROLINA SPEEDWAY

Billy Knight was the winner of the late model races Saturday night at Carolina Speedway. Knight was followed by Ken Rominger, Lynn Mercer, Buster May and Gene Miles.

John Pursley took the checkers in the super sixes with Roger Stone, Dion Yarborough, Randy Terry and Gene Bellamy rounding out the top five.

Ronnie Bolin won the super stock even over Joe Robinson, Rooster Ghantt, Ben Sullivan and Mike Hovis.

Richard Bolin beat out Jim Wyatt to win the mini stock race. Eddie Spearman was third, Dale Stiles fourth and Randy Keene fifth.

In the street stock A-main, Joe Robinson led Ricky Taylor to the line for the win. Keith Barber, Sam Jones and Don Killian rounded out

the top five.

The B-main winner was Rooster Outlaw over Burton Cantrell, Vincent Dimeo, Cecil Hams and Manuel Johnson.

Regular racing resumes this Saturday at 8 p.m. At approximately 11 o'clock, a demolition derby will be held. Call 867-7205 for details.

Jeff Smith of Kings Mountain captured a seventh place finish at Volusia County, Florida, in an All-Pro event won by Jodey Ridley. Jeff also split the "Hard Charger" award.

CHEROKEE SPEEDWAY

Ray Tucker collected \$4,000 from the \$22,000 purse for winning the second annual Pepsi Sizzler Saturday night at Cherokee Speedway. It was the third win of the season for the Greensboro driver.

In limited modified action, Tim Goode was the winner and Goode and Ronnie Hamrick won heat races.

For the second straight week and fourth time in five weeks Mike Gault won the thunder and lightning feature. Toney Spencer and Mitch Duvall won the heats.

Another back-to-back winner was Billy Blanton in the baby bomber class. Darrell Pruitt and Bruce Absher won heats.

Benji Whitesides took the checkers in bomber action. Whitesides and Ricky Bogan won heats.

The stock four feature was claimed by Wayne Clayton. Clayton and Gene Taylor captured heats.

Action will return to Cherokee Saturday night and the highlight of the program will be the Great American Lawn Mower Race, an event in which fans can take their riding lawn mowers and compete in a special race. All machines must be in stock condition and have a mower deck.

Additional action will be provided by six divisions of stock cars competing in 18 events. Gates will open at 5 p.m. with racing beginning at 7:30. Admission is \$8 in the grandstand for adults with children being admitted for \$2.

FOOTBALL CONTEST RULES

The contest is open to everyone except employees of the Herald and their immediate families. Only one entry per person. No typewritten entries. Any entries judged as being the same handwriting will be disqualified.

In case of a tie, the tie-breaker will decide the winner. If a winner cannot be decided by the tie-breaking method, the prize money will be divided if no more than two persons tie. A drawing will decide the winner if more than two persons tie.

The decision of the judges will be final. All entries must be received by 4 p.m. Fridays.

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FOOTBALL

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most of the time," Hicks said. "We had a lot of minus yardage plays against their offense, and that's always good. We had a breakdown a couple of times that allowed them to keep the ball and we're a little concerned about that. That's not the reputation of our defense. We have to get more intensity and get people swarming around the football and have more gang tackling.

"We were real pleased with the kicking game," he added. "We felt like we were a step away between scoring and not scoring on several returns. Kevin Moss did an out-

standing job of punting the football. He kept them pinned back and punted ourselves out of poor field position several times. When we were out at midfield, he put them back in the hole and that was one of the key factors in us winning the ballgame. They always had to go 70 yards or more except for the one time when we gave them the ball in our territory on a fumble. The kicking was really the difference in the ballgame."

The shutout was the third straight for the Mountaineers over the Yellow Jackets. The last time the BC offense scored on KM was in 1986 when Kings Mountain won 17-7. Bessemer City hasn't defeated the Mountaineers since 1973 when the Jackets won 2-0. After that, BC went on a 55-game winless streak.

COACH PROFILE

Name: Ronny Funderburke

Age: 28

Address: 302 Amhurst Dr. Kings Mountain

How Long: 5 years

Native: Forest City

Education: B.S.E.D. Education (Math) Western Carolina University

Coaching & Teaching History: Kings Mtn. JV Football (5 yrs.), JV Basketball (2 yrs.), Girls Varsity Basketball (2 yrs.), Assistant Varsity Baseball (2 yrs.), JV Baseball (1 yr.)

Family: Wife (Joy), Daughter (Kristyn)

Church & Civic Organization: First Presbyterian, Kings Mtn.

Hobbies: Boating - Water Skiing

Most Memorable Coaching Experience: Assisting the 1989 State Championship Baseball Team

Worse Experience: Scouting Irwin Football in the Artic Climate!

Biggest Challenge Coaches Face Today: Motivating Players and competing with so many other distractions!

Most Enjoyable Part Of Job: Watching players get better

Best Advice For Students: Pick friends carefully and play all the sports you can stand!

Comments: I've enjoyed my years at KM and Thanks to everyone who gives their support.

