

Freddy Smith wins \$100,000 purse in Eldora, Ohio race Saturday night

By GENE AUSTIN
Special to the Herald

Four-time Dirt Track World Champion Freddy Smith won the most prestigious late model dirt track race ever Saturday night at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, OH. Smith collected \$100,000, the largest purse in dirt track history, for his Gulf Valve Service Racing Team from Baton Rouge, La.

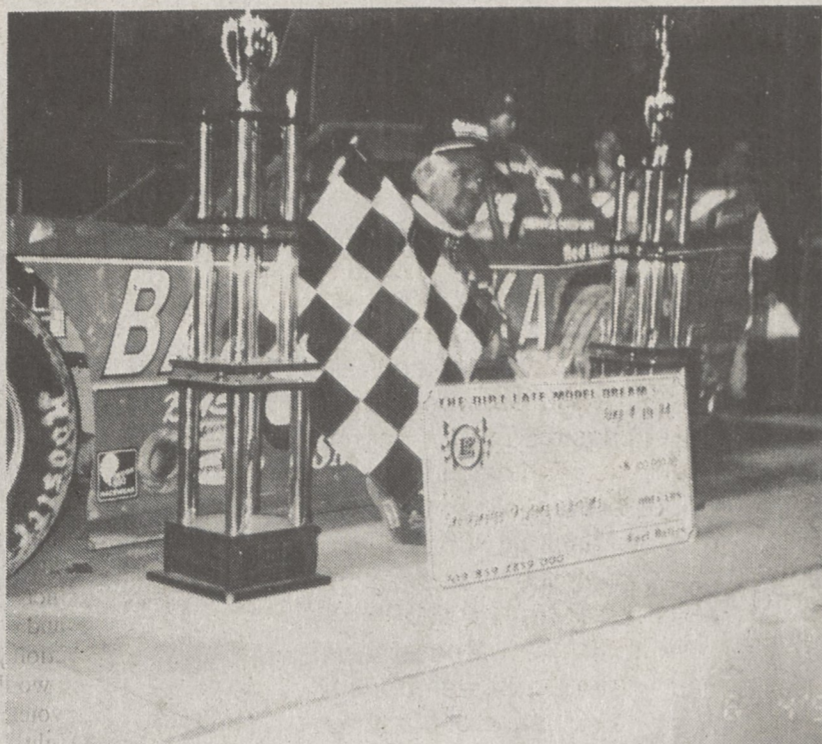
The Bazooka Bass Tube clad #00 started eighth in the feature event and by lap 10 was running second. After a heated battle, Smith passed Scott Bloomquist on lap 92 for the lead and victory. Running in the same groove behind Bloomquist caused him to use up his tires and fade at the end. Smith is noted for taking care of his equipment.

Smith is in his fourth year driving for GVS RACING, owned by brothers Bob and Ron Hedrick and nephew Joe Hedrick.

"I don't know. It hasn't sunk in yet," Smith said when asked to compare Saturday's win with his World Championships. "We've had calls from Atlanta, Chicago, Virginia and Charlotte since getting back home. I've always wanted to win at Eldora, and this is something special - just great."

Driving for the second time since breaking his arm three weeks ago, Smith didn't let the cast or the three screws hinder him. He finished third at West Plains last week.

In a Friday night heat race,



Freddy Smith wins the hardware and the biggest check of his career in Saturday dirt track race in Ohio.

Smith bent the rear tube of a brand near. Unaware of his mechanical problem, they started the feature race but quickly wrecked, forcing the team to go to a back up car for the Dream Race. "The back up car has run eight times," Smith said. "It has three wins, two seconds and three third place finishes." As the car pulled into winner's circle, the right rear tire went flat.

Smith praised the GVS RACING

Tam and his sponsor Bazooka, the leading manufacturer of Bass Tubes for audio systems.

His next appearance in the Carolinas will be at Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney. He sent his warmest regards and appreciation to all of his hometown fans.

The Dirt Late Model Dream race was a tribute to the late J.W. Hunt, who helped so many dirt track drivers in his lifetime.

KM Post 155 defeated 10-3 Wednesday in Bessemer City

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors fell to Bessemer City 10-3 in Area Four action Wednesday night at Bessemer City.

Kevin Melton's solo home run in the first inning staked Nelson Connor's charges to an early 1-0 lead, but Bessemer City broke the game open with five runs in the seventh.

Bruce Hill went the distance for BC, scattering six hits and striking out eight. David C. Jenkins started for Post 155 and took the loss. He was relieved by Robert Wingo in the seventh.

Bessemer City tied the score at 1-all in the second inning on Josh Martin's single, an error and a fielder's choice; and BC took the lead 2-1 with a run in the third on another KM error and a run-scoring single by John Ferguson.

Bessemer City added single runs in the fourth and fifth for a 4-1 lead before Duane Patterson's home run and a run-scoring single by Brian LeFevres cut the margin to 4-3 in the top of the sixth.

Bessemer City scored another run in the bottom of the sixth on Derrick Neal's double and yet another KM error, then put the game away with the five-run seventh. BC collected only two hits during the inning but took advantage of four bases on balls and two more KM errors.

David C. Jenkins, Robert Wingo (7) and Kevin Melton; Bruce Hill and Josh Martin. W - Hill. L - Jenkins (0-1).



Leonard softball president

Preston Leonard of Kings Mountain has been elected to a two-year term as State Director of Dixie Softball.

Dixie Softball, which began in 1991, has grown to more than 20 leagues for girls ages 5-18. The program offers both slowpitch and fastpitch softball.

In his capacity as state director, Leonard will oversee all leagues and district and state tournaments. He earlier served as assistant state director and District II director.

Leonard announced that the slowpitch state tournament will be held in Kings Mountain July 15-17, with the winner advancing to the World Series in Georgia. The fastpitch state tournament will be held July 21-24 in Albemarle.

Leonard said two divisions - the Pony Tails and Belles - will be competing in Kings Mountain. Teams will come from Kings Mountain, Southport-Oak Island, Goldsboro, Cherryville and Stanley.

Dixie Softball is a division of Dixie Baseball Inc., which sponsors Dixie Youth and Dixie Boys baseball.

"We just added slowpitch softball last year," explained Leonard, "and it has already grown from four to six leagues. The reason we added slowpitch is that so many of the high schools in the states that Dixie Softball serves has slowpitch." Fastpitch is dominant in other areas of the country.

Dixie Softball operates in 11 southern states.

KM Babe Ruth team runs record to 5-0

Kings Mountain's Babe Ruth baseball team added two wins last week to run its record to 5-0.

The Wildcats defeated Union Road Optimist 10-0. David Clark pitched a one-hitter and Jeremy Cooke added a three-run double. Trip Roark, Kendrick Bell and Chad Jones had RBI hits in a six-run fifth inning.

Kings Mountain defeated South Point 9-8. David Clark led the way with two doubles and Kendrick Bell also had two hit.

NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS ...
 Who have honorably served their country in war and peace, because of the distance to a national cemetery, we at Westview Gardens wish to accommodate honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. As an honorably discharged veteran, you qualify for complimentary spaces for both you and your spouse. However, you must register for these spaces and show proof of Honorable Discharge. Certificates for these spaces will be issued on a first come, first served basis. To assure a reservation for both you and your spouse, mail the coupon below to Service and Planning.
COUPON
629-2571 Service & Planning 629-2571
 1123 Edgewood Road, Bessemer City, NC 25016
I'm interested in taking advantage of this opportunity
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Service Serial No. _____ No. In Family _____
 Phone _____ Call AM PM

CAREERS TAKE FLIGHT ON CABLE TV

TNT - Diane Keaton stars as a pioneering woman aviator in the made-for-cable movie, *Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight*. Take to the skies with outstanding flying scenes in this film filled with adventure and suspense.

This true story co-stars Rutger Hauer as Amelia's navigator and Bruce Dern as her famous publisher husband. Her disappearance more than 80 years ago remains a mystery that continues to hold the public's attention. Premieres 6/12

The incredible life of a great heroine is told through her daring escapades in this original movie. Live the adventure only on Cable TV.

JONES INTERCABLE
It's A Smart Choice.

Kings Mountain • 739-0164 Cherryville • 435-5449

June Specials!

1/3 Carat
Reg. \$395.00
33 Diamonds
1/2 Sale
Price \$197.00
 Limited Time!
 Your Ring Sized Same Day Purchased

2 Carat Diamond Band
Sale 599.95
 1 Carat 399.00

14K Solitaire
 1/10.....Sale \$119.95
 1/4.....Sale \$169.95
 1/3.....Sale \$189.95
 1/2.....Sale \$399.95
 1 Carat.....Sale \$995.00

ONE CARAT of Diamonds
Sale \$159.00

Visit Our Gift Gallery Next Door
ARNOLD'S Jewelry
 Plenty of FREE Parking
 226 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
 SHELBY, NC 28150 4667
 (704) 487-4521

Pittsburgh Paints
"The Colors You Love"
This Summer sale

Now's the time to make a splash-with your paint brush, that is. Because right now, you'll find sale prices on a wide variety of paints and accessories for all you summer painting needs. So stop in and see us today.

FREE Painter Hats with any PPG purchase

FREE Ball cap with 4 gallon purchase or more

Sun-Proof®
17.99
 Exterior House & Trim Semi-Gloss Latex
 Creates a smooth, even semi-gloss finish. Excellent weatherability. Fade-resistant

Weatherfresh®
12.99
 Exterior Latex Flat House paint
 Good for use on all exterior surfaces. Provides a long-lasting coating.

BRIDGES HARDWARE AND HOME CENTER
 100 S. Cansler Street at East Kings Street • 739-5461 • Open Mon-Fri 8-8; Sun 1-5