



IN DASH SERIES - Rusty Wise of Cherryville is running in the new Goody's Dash Series.

Summer duckpin bowling underway

Ducks R Us holds a two-game lead over the Holy Rollers and Duck Dodgers after two weeks of action in the Summer Mixed Duckpin Bowling League at Dilling Heating.

Ducks R Us swept the Split Makers 8-0 on opening night June 3, and held onto the lead despite losing 6-2 to the Holy Rollers in the second week of action on June 10.

Ducks R Us sports a 10-6 record. The Holy Rollers and Duck Dodgers are tied for second with 8-8 marks, and the Split Makers are fourth with a 6-10 record.

Chris Hullender's 136 line and 363 set led Ducks R Us to their opening night victory over the Split Makers. Chuck Ruley added a 124 line and 343 set. Mark Abernathy had a 123 line and 321 set and Zeke Rybecyk had a 119 line and 319 set for the Split Makers.

In other first night action, the Duck Dodgers defeated the Holy Rollers 6-2 behind the 129 line and 339 set of R.W. Hullender. Carol Rayner added a 110-319 for the winners. Betty Hullender led the Holy Rollers with a 105 line and 300 set.

John Dilling's 136 line and 365 set and Betty Hullender's 119 line and 333 set led the Holy Rollers to a 6-2 win over Ducks R Us Tuesday night. Chuck Ruley had a 113-317 and Chris Hullender had a 110-312 for Ducks R Us.

Zeke Rybecyk's 124 line and 328 set and Mark Abernathy's 128 line and 326 set led the Split Makers to a 6-2 win over the Duck Dodgers. R.W. Hullender led the Dodgers with a 135 line and 372 set, and Dusty Helms added a 138-303.

Wise in Goody's Dash series

The challenge of building something from scratch inspired Rusty Wise to become a race car driver, and it has helped him overcome a major blow to his career as well.

"We had a fire in the shop in 1990 and lost everything," said Wise, a resident of Cherryville. Since then, he has been working to recreate his team and move on from the tragedy.

The fire has given Wise a new view of life on the race track. "I used to think hitting the wall or blowing an engine was bad, but when you lose everything it helps you put things in perspective," he said.

Wise began his racing career in 1988 as a late-model stock car driver. He mainly raced in the Carolinas and was named runner-up for the Rookie of the Year prize in Hickory in 1989. He frequently finished in the top ten. Then, just two years into his career, the fire consumed all of his equipment and put his career on hold.

"I've been out of racing for about four years now," Wise said. He and his team, Control Racing, have been preparing for a career change of sorts. This year he switched to driving a four-cylinder compact car, a 1997 Pontiac Sunfire, and joins the NASCAR Goody's Dash Series. The Goody's Dash Series is a southeastern touring division which has existed since 1975. Races will be run at tracks such as the Tri-County Speedway in Hudson, Myrtle Beach, SC, Bristol, TN, Hickory, Charlotte and Daytona, FL. The Control Racing team will compete in five races in 1997 to be eligible to run for the 1998 Rookie of the Year title. Sponsors for the Control Racing Pontiac include Coca-

Cola, Bell Atlantic Nynex Mobile, Lincoln Electric Welding Supplies, and Ken's Custom Trailers.

Racing isn't the only thing that fills Wise's life. Recently married to Anne Wolfe, formerly of Kings Mountain, he also owns and serves as president of Wise Electric Control Inc. Both the electrical contracting business and racing division are located at Highway 150 in Cherryville. Wise has plenty of support from family and friends. He and his team are constantly striving to maintain quality workmanship in both of their career endeavors.

Wise said it takes a clear mind to balance two careers and said he admires Winston Cup drivers like Darrell Waltrip who become champions, but their true vision is giving to others in the community. "I'd like to be able to help people through racing," he said. "I want to keep racing until it's no longer possible, but regardless of what happens I definitely want to continue my connection to the sport. I would always like to own a team even if I couldn't drive."

Wise made his Goody's Dash Series debut Friday, May 23 at the Tri-County Motor Speedway. He qualified 19th for the 29-car field. He was the first man out for qualifying and posted a quick lap time of 16.810 seconds, breaking the track record by two-tenths of a second.

The green flag fell on the Ekamant Coated Abraisves in Hudson at 8 p.m. and shortly after Wise was running in the top ten. Moving in on the eighth position, his Sunfire was spun by another car and caused one of several cautions during

the race. Wise quickly moved back toward the front and finished 12th, giving him his first top 15 finish of the season.

"We missed the gear set-up and that really hurt us on the restarts and coming off the corner," said Wise.

The pole and race winner was Mike Swaim Jr. of High Point, who won his third race of the season.

The next scheduled race for Wise is Friday, June 20 at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee. The 150-lap event will be televised by ESPN/ESPN 2.

For more information, call Wise at 435-0636.



WINS BOWLING TROPHIES - Jonathon Michael Brittain is pictured with bowling trophies he won with the Jesus Freaks in the Tri-County Tournament held recently at Liberty Lanes, Gastonia. The Jesus Freaks won first place in Division B and Brittain won the award for the highest series, 2707. Brittain is the son of Gail Frady and Robert Brittain. He is the grandson of Mildred Costner and great-grandson of Pearl Drewery. Other members of the team were George Maddox, Lee Davis and Sam Marr.

GWU to restructure softball program

Gardner-Webb University has announced it will begin significant restructuring of its women's softball program and make notable improvements in the program's facilities and operations. Changes being planned will take place prior to the 1997-98 season.

Among the facilities improvements that are being pursued include a new irrigation system, upgraded dugout areas for both home and visiting teams, an in-

creased operational budget, the addition of a graduate assistant position to be shared with women's volleyball, and the purchase of new game uniforms, pitching machine and public address system.

Actions to evaluate the status of the program follow the resignation of coach Ellen McGinnis who, in three years, compiled a 77-65 overall record, including one SAC title.

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