

Freddy Smith wins at Cherokee Speedway

by GENE AUSTIN

Defending series champion Freddy Smith notched his first Hav-A-Tampa victory of 1997, holding off last-ditch challenges from Jack Pennington and Billy Moyer at Cherokee Speedway to complete a flag-to-flag victory in the Showdown to the Shootout 100.

Smith pocketed \$15,950 for Sunday's victory from the outside pole position.

"It's something special to get our first win of the season here at Cherokee Speedway," said Smith, a native of Kings Mountain now living in Knoxville, Tenn. "We've had some tough luck through the first half of the season, but we've never give up. Tonight shows what we have left and hopefully we'll be able to do this more often in the second half of the season."

Smith, who had seven victories last year on his way to the series title, won his first Hav-A-Tampa race since Sept. 14, 1996 when he won at North Georgia Speedway in Chatsworth. The victory at Cherokee was his 15th Hav-A-Tampa win in a career that includes 759 feature victories. He is currently third in the series points.

Pennington finished second ahead of Moyer, the series points leader, with Ricky Weeks and Mike Duvall rounding out the top five. Polesitter Buckshot Miles, Dale McDowell, Ray Cook, Earl Pearson Jr. and Wendall Wallace finished sixth through 10th.

The final 10 laps were wild and woolly. A master of saving his tires, Smith held on to the lead as Pennington nudged the rear of his car several times in the closing laps. Moyer made it a three way battle for the lead on the final lap before Smith turned back their challenges.

When told by breaking his losing streak that he had done

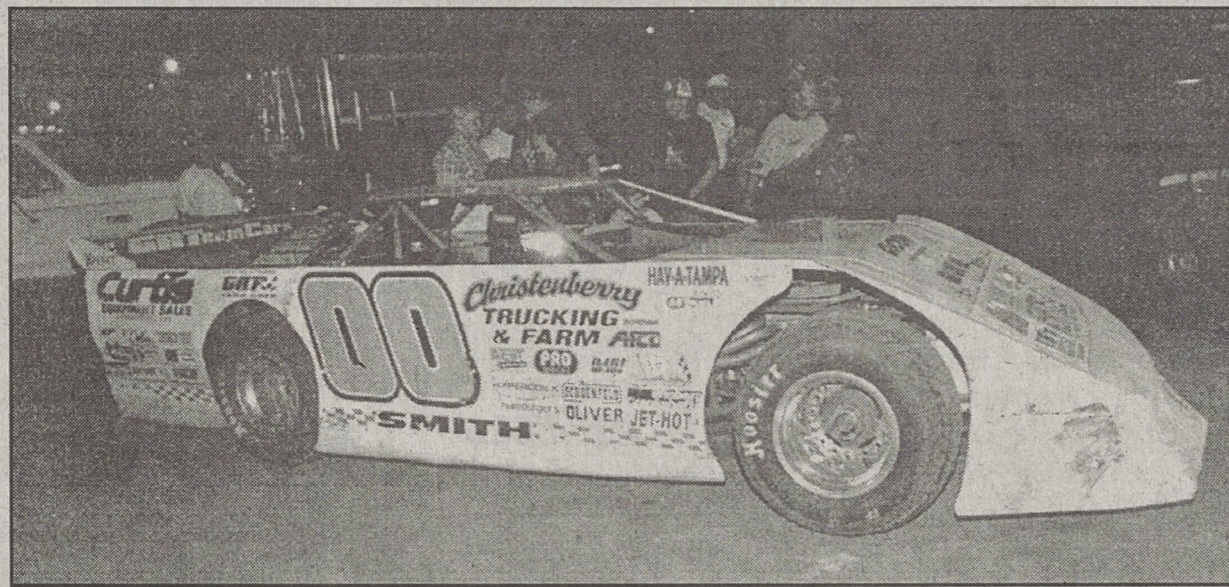
something his former nemesis Dale Earnhardt has yet to do, Smith said, "It's been a joke around the shop that I would win when Earnhardt, his favorite Winston Cup driver, won. So I guess now it's his turn. Saturday could be his day at Daytona."

Half the 24-car field was involved in a wreck on the back stretch before the first official lap could be completed. A six-car pileup led to a 25-minute red flag while cars were untangled.

Jeff Smith of Kings Mountain had a scary accident during his heat race on Saturday night when his car was launched over the second turn wall and out of the race track. He was taken to Upstate Medical Center with cracked ribs and bruises and later released. Smith, son of Freddy and Naomi Smith, ran a backup car Sunday but was unable to make the feature.

On Tuesday the younger Smith said, "I'm just sore. I can't cough and have to leave the room when I start laughing but otherwise I'm o.k."

Winner Freddy Smith, right, and his winning car, below.



Cancer golf tourney July 16 at Riverbend

The annual American Cancer Society Championship Golf Tournament sponsored by the Cleveland County Unit will be held July 16 at Riverbend Golf Club.

The event is open to all players. Entry fee is \$60 per golfer or \$240 per foursome. Team scores will be based on two best balls net using 80% handicap. There will be a ladies' net, men's net, and senior men's (over 60) net division.

The fees cover a free mulligan, lunch, favors, door prizes

and golf. Special prizes will be awarded to the closest to the hole on all par 3's and closest to the line. In addition, Rogers Pontiac-Cadillac-Buick-GMC is sponsoring a hole-in-one on all par 3's including a 1997 Buick LeSabre Custom Sedan for a hole-in-one on #3. All golfers will receive a \$500 certificate good on the purchase of a new Buick.

There will be prizes for division winners and they will be eligible to advance to the State American Cancer Society

Championship September 12-13 at Tanglewood Park in Greensboro.

Preferred tee times will be given on a first entered basis. Women's tee times end at 10:36 a.m. To reserve a tee time, call 482-4286.

Entry forms are available at all area golf courses and at Rogers Pontiac-Cadillac-Buick-GMC. Teams are asked to mail entries by July 11 or take them to Riverbend Golf Club by July 14.

For more information, call the ACS office at 482-1566.

Sports card show set at KM Ramada Limited

A sports card show will be held July 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ramada Limited, *85 and Exit 8, Kings Mountain.

Admission is free. For more information, call (864) 268-0816.

Shrine golf tourney set July 12 at KMCC

The Shrine Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, July 12 at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The format is a four-man team, Captain's Choice. Entry fee is \$40 per golfer and includes green fees, cart and hamburgers.

Call the KMCC pro shop at 739-5871 or Gene Stone at 739-2978 for more information.

Kings Mountain women compete in golf tourney

Thirteen members of Kings Mountain Country Club competed in the Ladies Foothills Golf Tournament June 24 at KMCC.

Fifty-five women from 13 area clubs participated. Clubs represented were Kings Mountain, Carmel, Carolina, Statesville, Mooresville, Lenoir, Gaston, Cowans Ford, Pine Island, Rock Barn, Catawba and Glen Oaks Country Clubs.

Kings Mountain's Lynne Mauney won first low gross with a 74, and Sylvia Neisler won first low net. She shot a 76 gross.

Shirley Austin was third low gross in the second flight; Becky Johnson was first low gross and Peggy Jackson was first low net in the third flight; and Doris Houze was first low net in the fourth flight.

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Minority, small, and female firms are encouraged to submit a proposal.

The deadline for submittal of a proposal is 4:00 pm, July 14, 1997. The Request for Proposal Package may be obtained by contacting:

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