

KM bowlers win national championship

Kings Mountain duckpin bowlers dominated the 67th annual National Tournament held recently at the Plaza Bowl in Richmond, VA.

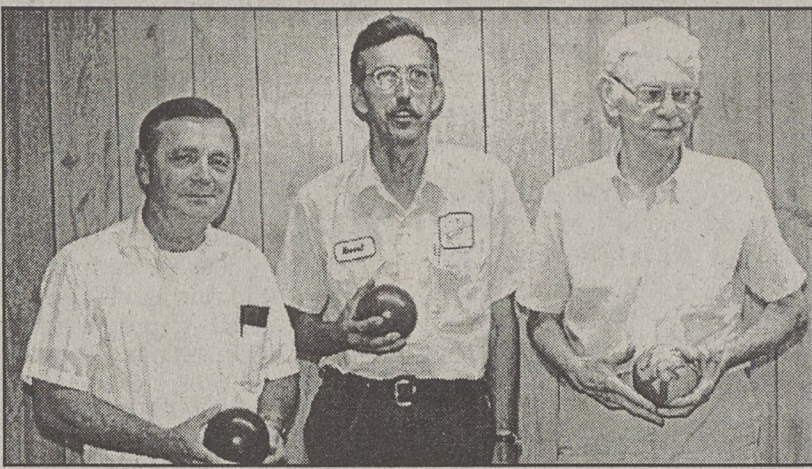
Allen Myers won the men's singles championship and teamed up with R.W. Hullender, John Dilling and Chris Hullender to win the quads championship.

R.W. Hullender, Chris Hullender and Jack Barrett won the triples championship.

Myers, making just his second trip to the National Tournament, won by two pins over William Jenkins to claim the second national championship in three years by a Kings Mountain bowler. Irene Ruley won the women's crown two years ago.

Myers bowled a 440 scratch, and his 162 handicap gave him a 602 total and the win over William Jenkins.

Dilling tied for fifth in singles with a 581 total. Chris Hullender tied for 14th with a 569, Zeke Rybczyk tied for 18th with a 565, and R.W. Hullender was 22nd with a 561.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - Allen Myers, R.W. Hullender and John Dilling, left to right, won championships in the recent National Duckpin Tournament in Virginia. Not pictured, Jack Barrett and Chris Hullender.

Rhonda Solomon of Burlington won the women's singles crown with a 578 total, giving North Carolina a sweep in singles competition.

Myers, Dilling, R.W. Hullender and Chris Hullender outclassed the field in the quads (four-person teams), winning by 105 pins over the Kings Mountain team of Mark Abernathy, Sue Abernathy,

Colleen Philbeck and Irene Ruley. The winners bowled a four-game total of 2258, and the runners-up bowled 2153.

R.W. Hullender led the way for the winners with a 437 series, followed by Myers at 408, Dilling 385 and Chris Hullender 341. Ruley bowled a 346, Mark Abernathy 340, Sue Abernathy 279 and Philbeck 261.

In triples (three-person teams), R.W. Hullender, Chris Hullender and Barrett won with a 1683 total, defeating the second place team by 29 pins. R.W. Hullender bowled a 417, Chris Hullender 373 and Barrett 338.

Chuck Ruley, Mark Abernathy and Zeke Rybczyk finished third with a 1646 total, led by Abernathy with a 385, Rybczyk 335 and Ruley 332.

In unisex doubles (two-person teams), Myers and Dilling finished second with a 1128 score. They were 41 pins off the winning mark. Myers bowled a 404 scratch and Dilling had a 394.

Abernathy and Chuck Ruley finished third with a 1117 as Ruley bowled 395 and Abernathy 323.

Dilling and Philbeck finished fifth, Rybczyk and Abernathy tied for sixth, and Irene Ruley and Chris Hullender finished 15th.

Approximately 600 bowlers from all across the U.S. competed in the event.

Bumgardner to play in Softball World Series

Shen Valley/Taylor Brothers/TIS will be out to make it two Independent Softball Association World Series titles in a row August 8-10 at Sims Legion Park in Gastonia. Shen Valley, based out of Bridgewater, VA, defeated Sunbelt/Easton of Centerville, GA in last year's finals at Salem, Ore.

Sunbelt again is in the eight-team field, playing this year as Sunbelt/Dan Smith/Easton. Sunbelt is matched against Steele's/Reda of Brook Park, Ohio at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8, while Shen Valley plays

Sierra/TPS of Reno, Nev., at 7:30.

The other two first round pairings send Lighthouse/Worth of Stone Mountain, Ga against Long Haul/TPS of Albertsville, Minn., at 5:30, and Ritch's-Superior/Tri-Gems/Belooli/TPS of Windsor Locks, Conn. against Sojern/Specialty Tank/TPS of Cedarbrook, NJ at 9:30.

The double elimination tournament, sponsored by Budweiser, Louisville Slugger TPS and Worth Sports, will

have an admission charge of \$5 each day. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Games are scheduled for 9 a.m., 10:45, 12:30, 2:15, 4, 5:45, 7:30 and 9:15 on Saturday, with winners bracket final set for 7:30. The loser's bracket final will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, with the championship round set for noon.

Ritch's-Superior, a five-time winner between 1991 and 1995, is listed #1 in the TPS Power Ratings for the 1997 season, followed by Shen Valley, Lighthouse, Sunbelt, Steele's, Long Haul and Sierra. Sojern is 11th.

Two of the top stars on the Major circuit are area products. Gastonia's Jeff Hall of Sunbelt is leading the on-base percentage with a gaudy .853 mark, while Kings Mountain's Rusty Bumgardner of Shen Valley is second in home runs with 158 and third on the on-base list at .822.

Bumgardner had 30 home runs when Shen Valley finished runner-up to Ritch-Superior in the prestigious Smoky Mountain Classic.

Another area participant is Gastonia's Gary Lowe, a coach with the Sunbelt team.

Sports Briefs

Mountaineers to play seven games at home

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will play seven of their 11 regular season football games this fall in John Gamble Stadium.

Because the turf on its new stadium won't be ready to be played on, David Butler High officials have requested that the September 12 non-conference game, originally scheduled to be played at the new Butler High near Matthews, be moved to Gamble Stadium.

Because of the extra game, KMHS has changed the price of its season tickets to \$30 which still represents a savings of \$5 over individual tickets.

With the site switch, the Mountaineers will now play their first three and five of their first six games at home.

Fans may purchase season tickets from Sandra Bumgardner at the KMHS main office. All home games are at 7:30 p.m.

REVISED SCHEDULE

- AUGUST
- 29 - East Gaston
- SEPTEMBER
- 5 - Bessemer City
- 12 - David Butler
- 19 - at Shelby
- 26 - Crest
- OCTOBER
- 3 - Freedom
- 10 - at Burns*
- 17 - R-S Central*
- 24 - at East Rutherford*
- 31 - at South Point*
- NOVEMBER
- 7 - North Gaston

Falls sports sign-up August 11 at KMMS

Sign-up for all fall sports (football, softball, soccer and cheerleading) will be held on the first day of school, August 11, at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Athletes in the seventh and eighth grades may sign up during their physical education classes. Physicals will be held later in the week.

Pop Warner football, cheerleader tryouts set

Kings Mountain's Optimist Club-sponsored Pop Warner football and cheering teams will begin practice August 1 at 6 p.m. at City Stadium.

All boys and girls ages 7-12 interested in playing football or cheerleading are urged to be present at that time.

All participants must take a birth certificate and pay a \$25 registration fee.

Soccer black-gold game is Friday night

Kings Mountain High's soccer team will begin preseason practice with a Black and Gold Game Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Davidson Park.

All 9th through 12th grade students who have not yet signed up for soccer may do so by calling the KMHS athletic department at 734-5647.

All prospective players must have a physical examination before the first day of practice.

New coaches Kevin Moss and Stephen Fisher will lead the team through the Black and Gold game. Parents are invited to meet with the coaches and players.

The Mountaineers open their regular season at home on September 2 against Crest.

D.A.R.E. tournament August 25 in Shelby

The seventh annual D.A.R.E. Golf Classic will be held Monday, August 25 at Cleveland Country Club in Shelby.

The format is a four-person Captain's Choice with both men's and women's divisions. Women playing on men's teams must use the white tees.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch. Door prizes, special contest prizes and prizes to the top teams will be awarded.

Registration begins at 12 noon and lunch will be served from 12-1 p.m. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and awards will be presented at 6 p.m.

Special contests include closest to the pin on holes 3, 11 and 17; longest drive on #8; straightest drive on #10, and hole-in-one on numbers 3, 11 and 17.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Donations of items for prizes or any amount of money to provide prizes will also be appreciated.

For more information, call Sgt. Lisa Capps or Ptl. Jerry Tessner at the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Hullender bowls 423 series Tuesday night

R.W. Hullender bowled one of the highest marks of the season Tuesday night in leading the first place Duck Dodgers to a sweep of the Split Makers in Summer Bowling League action at Dilling Heating.

Hullender had single games a 151 and 153 and had a three-game set total of 423 as the

Duck Dodgers improved their record to 40-24. Mark Abernathy led the Split Makers (26-38) with a 118 line and 297 set.

In another match, the second place Ducks R Us (36-28) swept the Holy Rollers (26-38) behind Chuck Ruley's 127 line and 348 set and Ed Philbeck's 118 line and 314 set. John Dilling led the Holy Rollers with a 123 line and 325 set, and Betty Hullender added a 108 line and 301 set.

Freddy Smith is fifth in Tennessee 100 race

Kings Mountain's Freddy Smith finished fifth and won \$33,900 in the Tennessee 100 HAV-A-TAMPA Dirt Racing

Series event Saturday night at Tazewell Speedway.

Wendell Wallace won the event and the \$15,850 first place check, and he also cut into Billy Moyer's National Points lead. With nine races remaining, Moyer has 3,549 points, Wallace 3,473 and Smith 3,328.

The HAV-A-TAMPA series kicks into high gear this week with six races scheduled during the first nine days of August. Races are scheduled August 1 in Little Rock, AR, August 2 in Paducah, KY, August 3 in Haubstadt, IN, August 5 in LaSalle, IL, August 6 in Beaver Dam, WI, and August 8-9 in Cedar Lake, WI.

PREVIEW

From 8-A

the Raleigh News and Observer, which helps sponsor the event, the Preview is in its sixth year and all profits along with funds from other activities, go into an Educational Foundation to provide scholarships. He said special activities are being arranged for the event, including a jump by parachuters from the 82nd Airborne at 8 p.m.

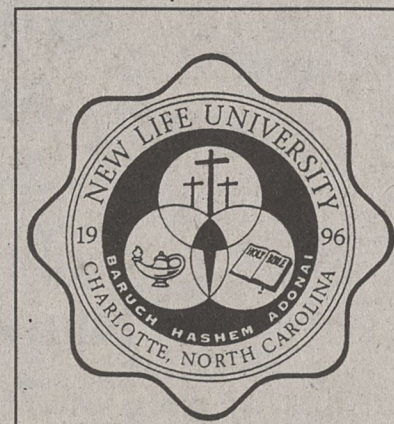
The scrimmage gets under way at 4 p.m., featuring 3-A Clayton, 1-A Bunn, and 4-As Raleigh Broughton and Raleigh Sanderson. Teams competing from 8-10 p.m. are Raleigh Milbrook, Fuquay-Varina, Mt. Tabor and Cary.

(Kings Mountain's schedule).
6:00 - Introductions.
6:10-6:30 - KM vs. Garner (F),

Byrd vs. Northern Durham (S).
6:30-6:35 - Team rotations.
6:35-6:55 - Byrd vs. KM (F), Garner vs. Northern Durham (S).
6:55-7:00 - Team rotations.
7:00-7:20 - KM vs. Northern Durham (F), Byrd vs. Garner (S).

(Goal line)
7:21-7:31 - KM vs. Northern Durham (F), Byrd vs. Garner (S)
7:31-7:33 - Team rotations
7:33-7:43 - Byrd vs. KM (F), Northern Durham vs. Garner (S)
7:43-7:45 - Team rotations
7:45-7:55 - KM vs. Garner (F), Byrd vs. Northern Durham (S)
7:55-8:07 - Field goal contest (scoreboard end zone)

(F) - Fieldhouse end zone.
(S) - Scoreboard end zone.
Team with (F) or (S) defends the end zone.



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