

Larry Sullivan's

# SPORT SIDE

## Sometimes, The Inevitable Happens

Touching All The Bases: Several years back, I decided to keep a golf date instead of traveling with a local Midget Baseball League all-star team to personally cover its exploits in the finals of the state tournament.

I was almost assured, of the record of course, that the team stood little chance of beating the team it was matched against. Naturally, Mooresville won, giving the town its last state title prior to this summer.

Although I was provided with the vital information and did manage to write a fairly detailed article, the only picture accompanying the feat was one of the team. I hate to say that I wasn't able to shoot a couple of action photos. I swore it would never happen again.

Now, I stand corrected. Tammie, Timmy and myself were among the invited attend a family reunion on my father's side way down in "the original" Washington, the little one that sits just beyond Greenville. That same weekend, and even the same day, Mooresville's Midget Softball League all-stars were busying capping their three-win run towards pocketing the West State title in Thomasville.

I knew, even without looking at the schedule, that the two dates would coincide. I was fortunate enough to snap a team photo prior to the team's first trip in the two-day, double-elimination affair, and it, as you may recall, accompanied the story in last week's edition.

I'm surprised I haven't heard more from those associated with the team, considering the amount of coverage I applied to the other two recreation department-affiliated youth all-star teams. They both played in their state events here the weekend before that, with the baseball crew also finishing as state champions.

It marks the first time in a number of years that two teams from the same town are serving as state champions during the time of year. For the boys, they last ruled as state champs back in 1981. For the girls, and this makes me not being there even harder to swallow, it's their first time ever as state softball queens.

Anyway, I'm hoping that everyone understands my situation. I couldn't be at two places at once, though at times it would be helpful to acquire such a skill.

Speaking of the two teams of champions, I've printed up several eight-by-10 photos of the two squads, and anyone wanting a copy needs only to drop by the Tribune and ask for one. The cost is only \$3 each.

Local Athletes Who've Done Good: While racing my way to work Monday morning, I nearly literally ran into the white Chevrolet truck driven by Johnny Meadows. The truck was so heavily packed, it hardly had room for him to drive. I figured he was on his way to Pfeiffer College, where he will be beginning his third season as a member of the Falcons' baseball team.

The brain wheels began spinning, and I started thinking about all the former Mooresville Senior High athletes who will be applying their skills for various schools during the coming year.

At Pfeiffer alone, Senior High features quite a collection of former players.

In addition to Meadows, other former Blue Devils now donning the Falcon baseball garb include Bobby Walker and Alan Nanney, both who played vital roles for the Moors this past American Legion baseball season, and Bucky Adams. Nanney and Meadows both specialize on the mound, while Walker and

Adams are better known as outfielders, although the latter has been known to make a pitch or two.

Also at Misenheimer, hometown of the college, a pair of former Devilietes are among the current Lady Falcons. Barbara Morrison has spent her entire collegiate career there playing basketball. This year, she is thinking about playing volleyball and softball as well. A former teammate of Morrison is also at Pfeiffer, where Twanna Alexander has found a home on the basketball court. Together, the two feature quite a local one-two punch.

At Winston-Salem State University, a pair of athletes with more than just former ties to Mooresville in common are expected to man starting positions this football season.

Torrence Frankie and Keith are the dynamic duo, the former a bull of a runner as a fullback and the latter a cat-quik receiver. At well over six feet tall, and one who tips the scale at perhaps 230 pounds, it's still hard calling him Frankie, but that's the only name I know him by. As for Keith, he's bucked the odds and has become quite a deep threat despite his relative small size. For the life of me, I can't remember whether or not they're related.

Senior High will also be represented on the sporting field way down on the coast, where a pair of former Devil standouts are headed as students at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Paul Query rides a pair of consecutive appearances on the all-Southern District VII Conference golf team into the Seahawks camp, where he wound up being one of the school's top fairway recruits. As for Drew Goins, he, too, is headed for UNC-W. I'm not sure if he's getting any help but I'm positive he intends to at least try to play baseball there. Goins, a catcher, fashioned one of the best senior seasons ever at Senior High, finishing among the top in nearly every vital statistic. He, too, is in a two-time all-conference selection.

Down at the hole in Chapel Hill, Mooresville-bred coaches outnumber area-honed players, two to one, at the University of North Carolina.

On the coaching staff of this season's Tar Heels rests both Lawson Holland, back for his second term, and Jimmy Popp, among the mentors for the first time.

As for the players, the one I know about is Ralph Phifer, a four-year returnee expected to man a top lineman's spot this season.

That's all I know about for sure at this time. There are perhaps more. If so, please let me know, so I can pass on the news of their athletic success as well.

One Seems To Negate The Other: Also on the way in Monday, I noticed a middle-aged lady dressed in shorts and out walking at a fairly brisk pace in what felt like an early fall morning. She's probably out walking for her health, I thought. That's something that I should start doing. What a perfect way to combine something that's good for you, like walking, with something that's worth enjoying, like a cool, fresh morning.

Then I noticed her hand slowly moving to her mouth. After that followed a billow of smoke. As a non-smoker, all the nice thoughts that had been spurred were just as quickly spurned. To me, the smoking served to replace what the walking was taking away.

The ABC's Of Baseball: Don't get me wrong. I'm not that down on the ABC network. It just seems that way, of late, because my pet peeves concerning sports originate there.

Take baseball. Why oh why in the world would ABC televise baseball games right up until the time when the outcomes start taking on more and more meaning, and then whisk the games away from us? It just doesn't make sense, or cents, the latter which is what the broadcast game is all about anyway.

Here we are in the midst of not one but four pennant races, and we're back to watching the Cubs and Braves through their respective cable systems in order to catch up with games around the two leagues. For some unexplained reason, ABC has selected now, when interest in the game is at its peak, to quit broadcasting its games.

Nobody can sit there and tell me that the outcomes of pre-season or even early-season pro football games mean more than the results of down-the-stretch baseball contests, when a single loss can hurt those teams in contention for a division title.

It's a matter of priorities, and apparently, when it comes to them, ABC doesn't know it's ABC's.

Update On Bryan Harvey: Remember him? He's the former Bandys Trojan and Mooresville Moors hurler who was moved up to the California Angels earlier in this season and earned his first big league starting assignment against Baltimore on national TV.

Harvey has emerged as one of the Angels' top pitching products, specializing in relief. In July, Harvey was 1-0 with eight saves for Midland in the Texas League. He struck out 31 batters in 18 innings and allowed runs in only one of his 13 appearances.

Word is that Bryan may be recalled by the parent club in time for the pennant stretch run in September.

## Devils Open Soccer At Home Mon.

Monday marks the beginning of a pair of ends for members of Mooresville Senior High's soccer team.

Not only is that the day when summer draws to an early close, what with classes starting and all, but it also kicks off the booting Blue Devils' 1987 season.

The soccer squad becomes the school's first team to engage in season-opening activity by entertaining a touted web of Spiders from incoming Concord Monday beginning at 7 p.m.

That will be the first of five straight non-conference outings for the Devils, who have finished third in the Foothills Athletic Soccer Conference standings all three years they have been members.

Only the first and last of those non-league matches will take place at the Concord and Charlotte Christian ending the spree Sept. 14.

In between, Mooresville will be making road trips to Northwest Cabarrus, Hickory and Providence Day.

This season begins a new era in soccer at Senior High, with a new coach as well as a new practice facility being welcomed by a host of returning players.

The team lost only one player via graduation from last year's 4-4-2 campaign, one that once again saw it finish behind regular-season champion South Iredell and runner-up Statesville. Those are also the only FASC members Mooresville has yet to beat on the soccer field.

On board for his first time both at Senior High and as a head coach is Steve Stith, a four-year member of the soccer team at Davidson and in his fifth year as a student there.

Stith, who served as the Wildcats' team captain last season, comes on

in replace of Scott Bruton, who has since joined the Blue Devils football coaching staff.

Though he is in his first head coaching assignment, the game of soccer is anything but new to Stith, who boasts of 18 years of playing experience that date back to his own high school days in his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio.

In addition to breaking in a new sideline leader, this year's soccer Devils are also enjoying the luxury of conducting their first practices on the soccer complex spread behind South School.

The complex is made up of three fields, all designed exclusively for soccer. While the fields are still not quite ready for full-scale play, they serve as ideal practice sites.

And the team's practice routine has been revised as well, with members meeting twice-a-day for a couple of weeks in order to better prepare themselves for Monday's rapidly-approaching opener.

Following the string of five non-conference appearances, Mooresville will then move into its conference play, which it initiates Sept. 21 by hosting annual powerhouse and reigning league champion South Iredell.

In the three years the FASC has existed, the Vikes have failed to finish less than second, which they did the first year. They followed that by sharing first the next season, and they ruled by themselves last season.

After that date, the Devils will venture outside the league only two more times, staging a home-and-home series with non-conference foe Salisbury.

Mooresville will face each member of the conference two times

each, all on a home and home basis. Others members of the league include North Iredell, Wilkes Central, West Iredell, and Statesville.

All of Senior High's home soccer matches will take place on the Mooresville Stadium facility behind Junior High, just as they did for the first time last fall.

All of the contests feature 7 p.m. starts. Beginning with Monday's season-opener, Mooresville Senior High's soccer schedule, with home matches in all capital letters, follows:

Aug. 24	at Concord
Aug. 25	at Northwest Cabarrus
Aug. 31	at Providence Day
Sept. 7	at Charlotte Christian
Sept. 14	at South Iredell
Sept. 21	at North Iredell
Sept. 28	at Wilkes Central
Sept. 30	at West Iredell
Oct. 5	at Salisbury
Oct. 12	at South Iredell
Oct. 19	at North Iredell
Oct. 21	at Wilkes Central
Oct. 26	at West Iredell
Oct. 28	at Salisbury
Nov. 7	at Salisbury

## TIM'S AUTO TIPS

There are four main causes of engine wear: rusting (which never sleeps), mechanical wear, corrosion (wear, incident, and abrasive wear). If an engine wears out, or if a major mechanical component on your car fails, it is usually for one of the above reasons. In any engine, some of this wear must take place, and there's nothing anyone can do to prevent it. Much of the wear, however, is unnecessary and can be avoided by letting your car warm up sufficiently before driving. And keep your oil clean.

## Huntersville Wins Unity Tournament

Huntersville Presbyterian played the role of the devil in a recent Church Softball Tournament staged at the Unity Church Recreation Center.

Huntersville fashioned a first-place finish in the double-elimination event open only to church league teams and which was staged Aug. 1-4.

Nine teams participated in the attraction, the first of two such affairs scheduled at Unity this month alone. Unity is also in the process now of registering teams for its Men's Open Softball Tournament later this month.

Huntersville Presbyterian placed first in the attraction, followed, in order, by Eastside Baptist of Concord, Salisbury Baptist, and West "A" Tabernacle from Kannapolis.

For more information concerning the next attraction at Unity, contact Carolyn or Larry Bentley, at 938-3049 or 857-0066, respectively.

## Brawley Sets Practices For Fall Sports

Rising athletic seventh and eighth graders at Brawley Middle School will get underway at the sports this fall have just over a week in order to get ready to do so.

Practices for both football and volleyball will get underway at the middle school Aug. 27, following regular school hours.

All prospective athletes in either of the two sports must have physical exams completed prior to this date in order to take part.

No player can participate in any team activity without a completed and valid physical.

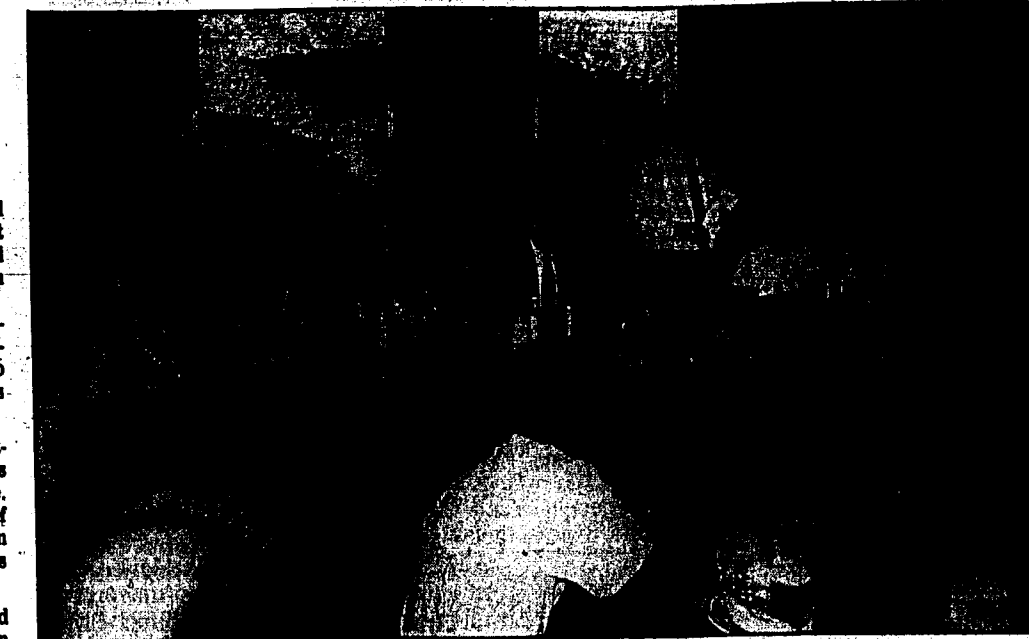
Forms for the exams can be obtained in the school office.

Bob White will once again serve as the Braves head football coach, while O.C. Stonestreet will return to coach the Lady Braves in volleyball.

Both teams compete in the Iredell County Middle School Conference.

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Fronted By Trophies And Surrounded By VIPs, Church Addresses Gathering

## Night Of Champions Honors Mooresville's Midgets

Consider it a night of champions.

For that's precisely what it was last Wednesday evening, one dedicated to Mooresville's most recent slew of diamond-associated state title winners.

Representatives of the Mooresville Recreation Department's two Midget League all-stars teams, one representing baseball and the other specializing in softball, were officially honored as championship team members last week during a steak dinner banquet at Western Steer that was highlighted by the presenting of trophies to all deserving recipients.

In the boys' Midget Baseball League West State Tournament that was staged through the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society's Statewide Athletic Committee the first weekend in August, Mooresville, propelled by a tourney-high five home runs, served as a most congenial host by winning both of its games at the expense of the same Allen Jay All-Star team out of High Point to rule as 1987 West State baseball kingpins.

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SWAC's West State Tournament.

That performance provided a first for Mooresville, as no other Midget Softball League team of all-stars has previously served as state diamond queens.

As a result, the teams combine to form a first for Mooresville.

"To the best of our knowledge," addressed Sandy Church, who as superintendent of Mooresville recreation served as the night's emcee, "this is the first time that two teams from the same town have earned the title of state champions during the same season. That's quite an honor for Mooresville. We've had a good season, with a lot of players making up a lot teams and play in a lot of leagues. This is a nice way to top it all off."

A number of Mooresville-area dignitaries were on hand to also offer congratulations to members of the two championship teams.

Among them were Rick McLean, Mooresville's town manager, and his wife, Judith, and Mayor Joe Knox and his wife, Lib.

Church was accompanied by his wife, Carrie, and daughter, Kaitlin. Wanda McKennie, athletic director of the recreation department, was also on hand.

"You all should be very proud of what you have accomplished," Wanda McKennie, who along with the town manager spoke a few words to the players. "It's times like this that makes me glad to be mayor of Mooresville. You have given us all something to be proud of."

In addition to his duties as a speaker, Mayor Knox was also responsible for delivering two of the program's most prestigious awards of the night.

Bobby Tadlock, head coach of the victorious girls all-star team, and Jerry Portis, the shot-calling mentor of the boys all-star talent, were both honored for their services by receiving a special plaque apiece, which was presented to each of them by Mayor Knox.

During a short awards program that followed the full-course meal, members of both teams were singularly acknowledged by the receiving of individual trophies declaring them as members of West State championship squads.

Members of the girls all-star team included Angie Hill, Mandy Newton, Lafanda Griffin, Sharon Tadlock, Hannah Wyatt, Amy Bentley, Angie Mayhew, Donna Lewis, Brenda Fulkerson, Sharon Murph, Tracy Connor, Heather Robertson, Sue Ann Barnette, Erin Broome, and Brooke Satterfield.

Rusty Childers served as an assistant coach.

Members of the boys all-star team were Brad Cozart, Otis Cowen, Steve Krakenbuhl, Eric Ellis, John Appleby, TJ Gwizick, Mark Hager, Alan Hager, Matt McConnell, Cory Honeycutt, Jamie Peavy, Chris Church, Chris Cline, Charlie Crawford and Rod Bowers.

Johnny Cozart provided Portis with coaching assistance.

"A lot of people had a lot to do with the success of these teams," offered

Mayor Knox Presents Tadlock, Left, And Portis With Honorary Plaques

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Portis, a two-time coaching winner

this summer after he also led his husband's team to a first-place finish in the baseball league's regular season.

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