Kick off

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back playing dates in October.

South Iredell used a scrimmage at home late last week against Lincolnton to make final season-opening preparations, entering play with a total of 16 lettermen back in pads from last year's 2-9 overall and 2-5 conference entry. Losers of the season's first eight games last fall, the Vikes were able to salvage the campaign late with wins in two of their last three games, including the season finale that was their final contest played at the state's 3A level.

Beginning with Friday night's home and season opener, South Iredell's varsity football schedule, with home games in all caps, follows:

Aug. 24. . .WEST ROWAN
Aug. 31 . . . . . .Statesville
Sept. 7. .WEST IREDELL
Sept. 14 . . . .North Iredell
Sept. 21 . . . . . .Alexander
. . . . . .Central
Oct. 5. . .MOORESVILLE
Oct. 12 . . . .Davie County
Oct. 19. . . . .N.DAVIDSON
Oct. 26 . . .R.J.REYNOLDS
Nov. 2. . . . . .West Forsyth
Nov. 9. . . . . .South Rowan

Runners toe line in opening meet

Mooresville cross country runners were among those toeing the line for the first time this season during late last week's official season opener.

Members of Senior High's girls and boys teams were among the long list of long distance runners hailing from 18 schools and participating in some of the total of six races held as part of the West Iredell Cross Country Festival.

Entries from MHS engaged in the boys and girls races, respectively, comprising senior-junior, and sophomore-freshmen runners, logging a pair of top-10 finishers in the process while just missing that mark in a third.

Topping all Mooresville runners in the huge field was the overall fifth-place finish garnered by the Devils' Billy Barnhart in the boys Senior-Junior race.

For the girls, the only other top-10 effort came courtesy of Lady Devils runner Amy Schneider, who clocked in seventh overall also in the Senior-Junior affair.

Other top four runners among the oldest set of boys from Mooresville featured Hiram Sloan, 17th overall, Tyson Brown, 18th, and Matt McCall, who took 23rd.

For the Devilettes, behind Schneider placed Allison Westmoreland, 13th, Jenny Whitley, a 18th, and Amanda Miller, 32nd.

Mooresville missed by two spots housing a top-10 runner in the girls Sophomore-Freshman race, as Laura Miller wound up 12th. Following her as team scorers included Adrienne Lewis, Amanda Collins, and Rachel Kidwell. In the boys Sophomore-Freshman field, Alex McCall headed the class, leading Drew O'Keefe, Michael Miller and Sam Phanhpathoum.

Mooresville did not field entries in the festival's relay races held for both boys and girls.

South Iredell also attended the race, placing fifth overall in the boys cumulative scoring. Pacing that effort was Kenny Stergas, who finished 12th, along with Eric Butler in 14th, Thomas Nicholson in 19th, and Jason Smith in 30th.

In the boys younger class race, Kurby Sitterlay crafted an overall fourth-place finish.

For the Lady Vikes, Danielle Stergas was their top finish in the girls relay race.

Mooresville's runners, with both teams coached by Scott Sarvis, are now idle until engaging in a pre-conference meet along with other first-year members of the North Piedmont Conference scheduled to take place Aug. 28 on the three-mile MacAnderson Park course in Statesville.

MMFL tourney

Steve Freeze putts at flag tended by Mike Black as Todd Spry, left, John Freeze pay careful attention to the break

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doing so at the 12th, and Steve Freeze completing the cycle at the 14th.

In the long drive events, it was Brian Elkin's belt at the sixth that traveled the farthest and also landed in the fairway, while the same feat was accomplished at the long 17th by Corey Wood.

Biggest winner of the tournament was the MMFL, which again this season will be outfitting a total of six teams in a pair of age divisions. Proceeds from the outing will go to help cover expenses for the three teams each in a Pee Wee and Midget division that will open play the weekend after Labor Day within the Southland Football League.

Tournament organizers extend warm appreciation to all tournament sponsors and members of the host MMGC staff for helping making this year's attraction a success.

Date, schedule is set for Iredell Co. Open

All that's left is getting the field of players.

Organizers and officials associated with the second annual Iredell County Open golf tournament used to determine the best adult amateur-level golfers in the country have determined when this year's attraction will be held and where the two rounds of stroke play will be staged.

This year's two-day event will be held Oct. 6-7. In a complete role reversal from last year's inaugural event, Troutman's Fox Den Country Club course will be serving as the first round host for play that Saturday, while the final Sunday round will be held at the Mooresville Municipal Golf Course.

Format for the event will be a 36-hole, stroke play affair, with the field flighted by verified USGA handicap index. There will be no halfway mark cut. All in the field will play all 36 holes.

The player who posts the lowest gross score from play staged at the championship tees will be recognized as the Iredell County golf champion.

Statesville's Lance Waggenner of Statesville Country Club is the reigning Iredell County Open champion. As such, his entry fee for this year's event has been waived.

In a separate division, all county residents age 50 and over who desire to do so can also compete in the Iredell tournament's Senior Division. Mooresville Municipal Golf Course regular Mike Frye is that category's defending champion, and he, too, will receive free admission to this year's event should he decide to try and defend that right.

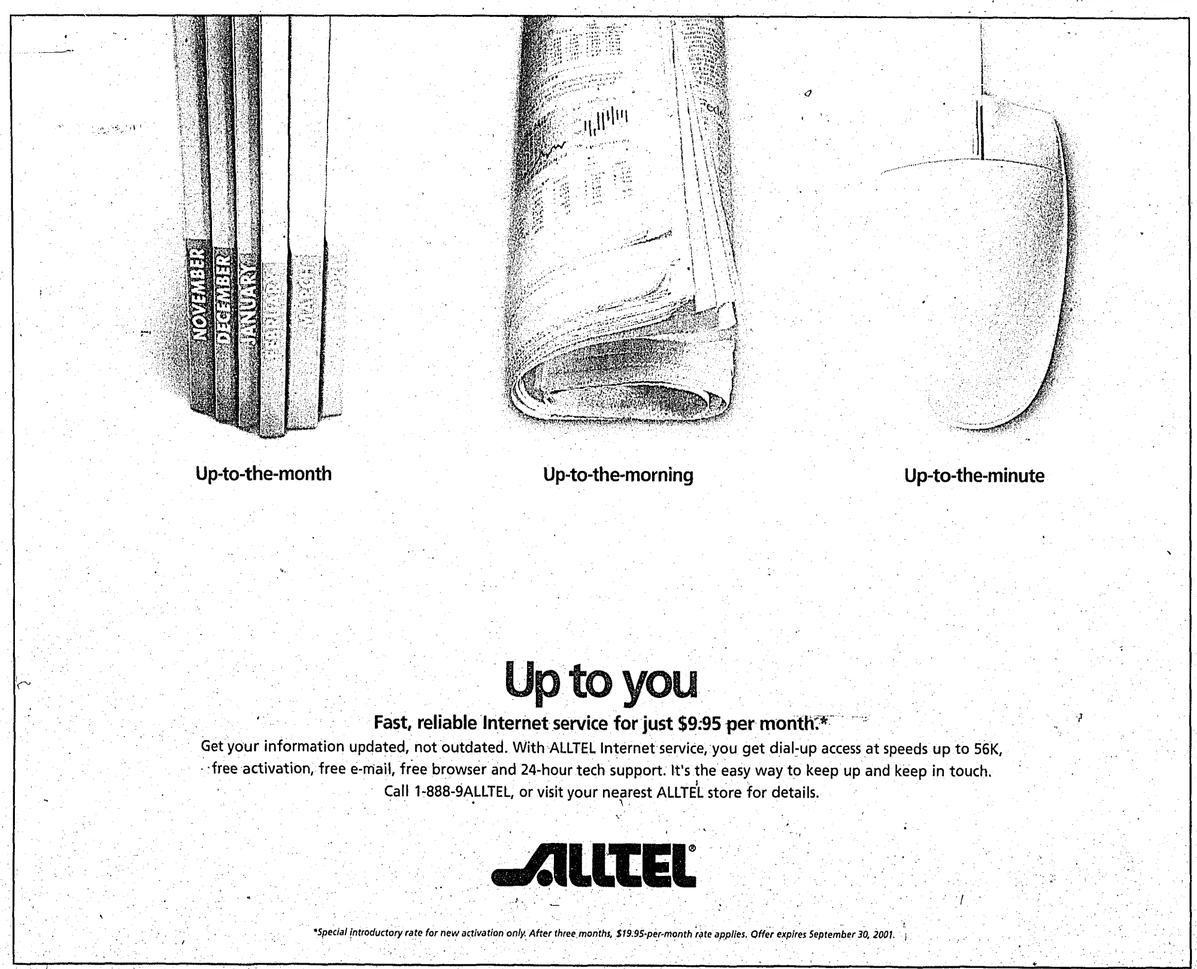
Fees for play in the tournament is $100 per player. For the entry fee, players will receive one round at each participating course, plus be treated to refreshments at both sites during each round.

Entry applications must be received at the MMGC by 5 p.m. Oct. 1. Telephone entries will not be accepted. The field is limited to the first 168 paid entries.

Last year's tournament marked the return of the Iredell County amateur golf championship following a lengthy absence. The field for this year's event is open to all county residents ages 18 and over and who have graduated from high school at of Oct. 6. Also, players must have a verified USGA handicap.

Starting times will be announced beginning Oct. 3.

Entry forms for the tournament are now available at both host courses pro shop as well as at area golf-related businesses. With registration now underway, more details can be obtained by calling 704-663-2539 or by logging on to the computer Web site www.golfmooresville.com.



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