

'Cats release cage schedule

Perhaps it was just by coincidence, but it seems the release of Davidson College's men's basketball schedule for the upcoming season was reason enough to force the Wildcats not just out of state but also out of the country.

And who could blame them? The question might be, will they return?

In addition to traditional Southern Conference opponents College of Charleston, Appalachian State and reigning conference champion UNC Greensboro, the agenda Davidson is on track to follow beginning in early November, and continuing through late February may account for one of the most competitive in 'Cats history.

Included among the non-conference games are three against teams hailing from the talent-rich Atlantic Coast Conference, one of them the reigning NCAA Division I national champion that will be played before a nationwide television audience.

Davidson will tangle with Duke in the Charlotte Coliseum in a Jan. 2 game to be broadcast nationally on ESPN2. It's the only nationally televised game involving the Wildcats.

The schedule head coach Bob McKillop unveiled featured quite a few challenges for an expected experienced

team that returns 13 members from last year's 15-17 team that missed out on any postseason appearances.

Following the schedule's release, McKillop took all the returning members of this year's team on an exhibition tour to Europe. The coach is hoping to reap the same kind of reward received following each of the previous two visits abroad.

"The last time we went to Europe," quipped McKillop, "we won the Southern Conference and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. The time before that, we received a bid to the NIT. Hopefully, we can continue that trend this season."

In addition to facing Duke, the Wildcats are on track to travel to Chapel Hill Nov. 20 to play the University of North Carolina, coached by former Davidson assistant Matt Doherty.

The game will be the first between the two since the Tar Heels eliminated the 'Cats in the East Region final, 87-85 in the 1988-89 season. Davidson has not played UNC in a scheduled regular-season game since the 1953-54 season.

Yet a third ACC member also appears on the energetic schedule, calling for Davidson to again take to the Charlotte Coliseum floor

when serving as the host team against Georgia Tech Dec. 19.

The agenda also features the continued renewal of the cross-country rivalry with UNCC. That game, with the 49ers having won each of the last five meetings, will take place on UNCC's home Halton Arena court Nov. 16.

Davidson will also tip off Southern Conference play much earlier than usual, doing so with a Dec. 8 outing against The Citadel. Other crucial league games feature the home-and-home meetings with ASU and UNC Greensboro, plus a single appearance against Southern Division member College of Charleston that will be held on the latter's home turf Feb. 19.

This year, the Southern Conference tournament will be held at North Carolina Coliseum Feb. 28-Mar. 3. Only the conference tournament winner is assured of representing the league in the NCAA tournament.

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Earnhardt Jr. leads pack for pole night

Everybody, it seems, likes Dale Earnhardt Jr. So it seems during an ongoing promotion conducted by Lowe's Motor Speedway regarding limited-edition purchase of Winston Pole Night tickets for an early October race.

Twenty-eight percent of the people who have purchased the special tickets have selected the ducat featuring the third-generation NASCAR racer from Mooresville.

For the first time since introducing its series of commemorative pole night tickets in 1992, LMS is offering race fans the opportunity to purchase a ticket featuring their favorite NASCAR Winston Cup driver.

Known as the Winston Cup Warrior Series, these limited-edition tickets feature eight of Winston Cup racing's top stars. In addition to Earnhardt Jr., others in the group also feature area ties. They include fellow Dale Earnhardt Inc. pilot Steve Park, voted the most eligible bachelor on the circuit, and local-based Robert Yates Racing's Ricky Rudd. Also, drivers Dale Jarrett, Jeff Gordon, Bobby Labonte, Bill Elliott

and Mark Martin round out the club.

After Earnhardt's leading percentage, current series points leader Gordon is next in line with 15 percent of those purchasing tickets selecting the 1999 winners of the UAW-GM Quality 500. Eleven percent have decided on Jarrett, while Martin and Labonte have each attracted 10 percent notice.

Production of each ticket in the series was limited to 3,500. Each ticket sells for \$15 in advance and will be \$20 the day of the event. Collectors can purchase the eight-eight-ticket set in advance for \$96, a \$24 savings.

The tickets are good for Winston Pole Night festivities set for Oct. 4. Those time trials will determine the starting field for the Oct. 7 UAW-GM Quality 500 Winston Cup race at LMS.

The limited-edition Warrior Series tickets, along with tickets for all October events at LMS, can be obtained by calling 1-800-455-3267 (FANS) or ordered online at www.lowesmotorspeedway.com.

MRD fills its agenda with array of youth programs

There are youth programs, and then there are youth programs.

The Mooresville Recreation Department has all of them covered.

For boys and girls of all ages, the MRD has ongoing and upcoming programs of all varieties, some constantly taking place and others on tap to do in the not-too-distant future.

A Girls Sports Club takes place on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. It is open to young ladies ages seven and up, as a cost of \$1 per day. Prior registration is required.

On Wednesdays from 2:30-5:30 p.m., After School Madness is held, featuring arts, crafts, games and other activities. A fee of \$1 each, preregistration is also urged. School's Out Fun Days are held during regular breaks from local school classes, with the exception of holidays.

Tennis lessons are offered for all ages and all playing levels.

Girl Scouts take place on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. For more details, call 704-664-7873.

Martial Arts classes are held on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. For more details, call 704-663-3665.

Among items upcoming, youth basketball league registration will be held the month of November. Leagues and teams are available for players ages 5-15 for girls, and 5-17 for boys.

Also, youth wrestling registration will take place during November. This program is for boys and girls, ages 5-12. A Halloween Carnival is being planned for Oct. 27, from 5-7 p.m. in the War Memorial. There will be a \$5 admission fee for youngsters ages 12 and under. All attending must wear a costume. All children must also be accompanied by an adult.

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Meetings, etc.

A listing of regular area meetings

A weekly listing of upcoming meetings, classes and other events in South Iredell and the region (all telephone numbers have 704 area codes unless otherwise noted).

Business Expo 2001

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce will present Business Expo 2001 on Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mooresville Citizens Center. The expo will give local businesses an opportunity to display their service and products, as well as network with other business people in the area. Exhibit booths cost \$175 for members and \$250 for non-members. Caterers, restaurants, and food vendors are also needed to participate in the "Taste of the Town" event that will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 704-664-3898.

DAR meetings

Daughters of the American Revolution meet monthly and for date and location call Miriam Smith, 704-948-7327.

Living Single

The South Iredell Senior Center is offering a "Seniors Living Single" support group for area seniors who are single. The group is intended to provide an avenue for single seniors to meet others interested in companionship and friendship. Questions? Call Debbie at 662-3337.

Wheelchairs available

Miracle on Wheels offers electric wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years or older), usually at no expense. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. The service may also be available for the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit the company's web site at www.durablemedical.com

Youth intervention

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Iredell County, Inc. is launching its new Youth Enhancement Services (YES) Program, which will use prevention and intervention techniques to provide guidance to at-risk male youths between the ages of 13 and 19. For more information, call 662-3238.

SIHS Class of 1991

The South Iredell Class of 1991 will have a 10-year reunion on Sept. 22 at the Mooresville Citizens Center. Help is needed to track down as many of our classmates as possible. Please e-mail any current addresses to Jennifer Hager Eiland at jeland@carolinacn.com or call 704-947-2787 for additional details.

SIHS Class of 1995

The South Iredell High School class of 1995 will hold its six-year reunion—"From Geek to Chic"—on Sept. 22 from 6 p.m.-midnight at the Holiday Inn in Cornelius (I-77/Exit 28). Cost is \$40/person and includes dinner, a display and dance floor. After Sept. 1, cost jumps to \$50/person. If you're a graduate or know how to contact one, or for more information, call Jaime Gatton at 704-658-0824 or email jaimegatton@hotmail.com

Square Dance Lessons

A new session of modern Western Square Dance lessons will begin Oct. 1. Come and join the Spinning Moors at the War Memorial Bldg., 220 N. Maple St. on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person per lesson. For details call (704) 664-4429 or (704) 892-5262.

Mothers of Multiples

Lake Norman Mothers of Multiples meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius. The group provides support and friendship for families of multiples and promotes interest in, and knowledge of, multiple births and parenting. For more information, call Lisa Delano at 704-662-0779.

Mother/Daughter event

A Glamour Escape especially for Mothers and Daughters will be held at the Mooresville War Memorial on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. There is no charge and space is limited so call 704-662-9748 and register. Daughters planning to attend should be between the ages of 14-22 years old.

Book discussion

"Chapters," a women's book discussion group, is forming in Mooresville. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at Java Jim's Coffeehouse at the Brawley Commons shopping center, with two sessions available: 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 7-9 p.m. For more information, or the book title, call Fran at 664-5536.

CG Auxiliary

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-1, located on Lake Norman, meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Midway Marina Restaurant. Dinner (optional) is at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Any welcome.

Help the animals

The Iredell County Humane

Society needs volunteers and funds for numerous Society programs, including the spay-neuter program, shelter adoption subsidy, adopt-a-pet, pet therapy and humane education. For more information on helping or contributing, call the Humane Society at 704-871-2594. Donations are tax deductible.

Support for families

Families Anonymous, a 12-step self-help support program for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are concerned about, and affected by, the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one, meets Fridays at 7 p.m. at the House of Hope, 48 Selma Drive in Mooresville. Organizers urge family members, but not the loved one experiencing the problem, to attend. Also, children under 15 are discouraged from attending. The program is free. For more information, call 799-1945.

Hispanic ministry

Central United Methodist Church sponsors a ministry of assistance, information and referral to Mooresville's growing Hispanic community. The ministry, named "Comunidad en Unidad" (Community in Unity), offers weekly assistance on Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. at the church. Spanish-speaking residents are encouraged to take advantage of the service.

Stroke support

Pamela Laroche, a stroke survivor, leads the Mooresville Stroke Support Group at the South Iredell Senior Center in the Mooresville Citizens Center at 1 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

Jolly Travelers

The Jolly Travelers of First Baptist Church of Cornelius—offering recreation, travel and ministry opportunities to senior adults—meets the second Tuesday of each month at the church. For more information, call Margaret Smith at 875-9306.

Surveyors meet

The Lake Norman Surveyor Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Lew's Fine Foods in Mooresville.

Getting a GED

Area residents who would like to obtain their General Equivalency Diploma (GED) can begin that pursuit immediately through the Mooresville Recreation Department's Winnie Hooper Center. Each Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-8 p.m., GED classes are being offered. For more information, call the Center at 662-3076.

Lakeside leaders

Lakeside Business Leaders invites local business professionals from new and established Lake Norman area businesses to join the group. The organization meets every Friday for lunch at the Texas Steakhouse in Mooresville. Networking begins at 11:45 a.m., while the hour-long business meeting begins at noon. For more information, call Gail Sears at 662-9443 or 965-3954.

Model airplane club

The R.C. Wings, a radio-controlled model airplane club in Mooresville, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. During Daylight Savings Time, the club meets at its flying site on Patterson Farm Road. Winter meetings are at Fair View United Methodist Church in Mt. Mourne. For more information, call 662-2776 or 664-3498.

Amateur astronomers

The Astronomical Society of Rowan County meets monthly at the home of Ellen Trexler. For more information, call (704) 636-1399 or (704) 857-2788.

Lake Norman After 5

The Lake Norman After 5 Christian Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Mooresville Citizens Center. For details, call 483-7494, 663-7811 or 857-2998.

Evening Quilters

The Mooresville Evening Quilters meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at Mooresville Middle School.

Mothers & More

The Lake Norman chapter of Mothers & More (formerly called FEMALE) meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huntersville Community Room, 107 S. Old Statesville Road (N.C. 115). The national, non-profit organization provides support to

Ballroom dancing

The local chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association holds dances the third

Saturday (8:30 p.m.) of every month at the War Memorial building on Maple Street. For details, call Margie Sides at 392-2630.

Senior Bible Study

Each Thursday at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study for seniors is held at the South Iredell Senior Center, located in the Mooresville Citizens Center.

Equestrian club

The Iredell Equestrian Association invites horse lovers to its meetings. For details, call 873-0507 or 838-1676.

Alzheimer's support

The Iredell County Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Eden Gardens, 2147 Davie Ave. in Statesville. Details: Call Jackie Smith at 878-0123.

Cancer support

The Lake Norman Breast Cancer Support Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month during the summer, at 7 p.m. at Healthpeak at Lake Norman, 18509 Statesville Road, Cornelius. The facilitators are Cathy Quade (662-0770) and Dody Rapley (660-9126).

Masonic Lodge No. 496

Masonic Lodge No. 496 AF & AM regularly meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall on Institute Street in Mooresville. For details, call 664-2144.

Iredell Photo Club

The Iredell Photography Club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Mitchell Community College in Statesville. For more information, call 873-4734.

Lake Norman Leaders

Two organizations of the Lake Norman Leaders, a business referral group, meet each Wednesday. Lake Norman Leaders-Mooresville meet at 7:15 a.m. at North Harbor Cafe at I-77/Exit 30. For details, call Richard at 662-6040. Lake Norman Leaders-Cornelius meet at noon at Denny's restaurant in Cornelius. For details, call Linda at 895-8503.

Service Social Club

The Mooresville Service Social Club meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, call President Joan Joy at 662-9684.

Duplicate Bridge

The Duplicate Bridge Club of Lake Norman meets each Friday at 10 a.m. at the Community House on N.C. 115 in Huntersville. For details, call C.E. Morris at 660-9870 or Al Wilson at 948-7218.

Cornelius Aglow

Meetings of the Cornelius Aglow Lighthouse Ministries are held the second Saturday of each month at the Prime Restaurant, I-77/Exit 28, at 9 a.m. All women and girls of all nationalities and denominations are invited. For more information, call Marlene Edwards, 896-7066 or Lena Wallin at 892-8819.

Children of Alcoholics

The Mooresville House of Counseling of Iredell, 141 W. Statesville Ave., meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. for Adult Children of Alcoholics. The counseling service is available 24 hours a day. For details, call 664-4357.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Several chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous meet in the Mooresville area each week. For locations and meeting times, or assistance with a problem related to alcohol, call the Help Line at 878-6404.

UDC meeting place

The Battle of Bentonville Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy meets monthly. For dates and location, call Kay Jones at 663-0390.

NAACP meetings

The South Iredell Branch of the NAACP meets the first Saturday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Price Masonic Lodge, 142 S. Maple St. in Mooresville. Details: 663-4657.

Flotilla meetings

Flotilla 18-03 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Midway Marina Restaurant on N.C. 150 west of Mooresville. Dinner is Dutch treat. Details: 664-6259.

Las Amigas meetings

The Mooresville Chapter of Las

Amigas meets the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at Bank of America, 314 N. Main St.

SCV meetings

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Hill-Stough Camp 1543, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Home Federal Savings & Loan in Cornelius (next to the Holiday Inn). The public is invited. For details, call Kenny Brotherton at 892-6041 or Jerry Little at 528-3996.

CoDA meets

Co-Dependency Anonymous (CoDA) meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville.

Mooresville Jaycees

Informal meetings of the Mooresville Jaycees are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at War Memorial Building in Mooresville. For details, call Jason at 664-3973.

Lake Norman Jaycees

The Lake Norman Jaycees meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:45 p.m. at the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce, exit 28, Cornelius. For details, call Samantha Beatty at 704-509-5529.

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