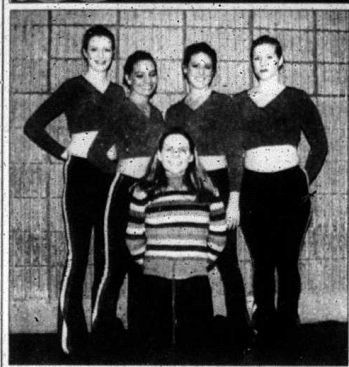




Rockcastle Co Dance Team placed second in Varsity Jazz Competition at the New Year's Jam Fest at Gallatinburg, Tn. Above, members of the team are pictured, front row from left: captains Kaleisa Robinson and Daphne Adams. Second row from left: Tabitha White, Rebecca Alsip, Samantha Lewis, Michelle Rowe and Janelle Jones. Third row from left: Emily McKinney, Tiffany Hopkins. Surprise Stallsworth, Amber Bussell, Sheena Fry and Clarissa Hubbard. Senior members of the dance team are pictured at left, front row: Tammy Peyton. Back row from left: Tabitha White, Kaleisa Robinson, Daphne Adams and Clarissa Hubbard. These seniors would like to say a big thank you to coach Mrs. Christi Rose.

The Racing Reporter

Bristol adds 500 more spectators to pits

By Gerald Hodges

"It's an already overcrowded pit track. Bristol Motorsports already announced they would stuff 500 more fans into the .053-mile track infield for future Winston Cup events.

The cost is only \$500 per person, and we're betting it will be a sellout, which will bring the speedway another quarter million dollars.

The question is, does BMS really need the extra money? Are they suffering financially? And how will this impact the drivers, who have to fight off fans constantly, even when going to and from the bathroom?

We talked with several drivers, and while all admitted allowing the fans reasonable access is an integral part of NASCAR, they didn't favor more fans around them during practice sessions.

"Don't get me wrong, the fans are what makes this sport," said Jimmy Spencer. "But sometimes we get too many around the car and garage area. Really, I'd be concerned about their safety."

"I try never to turn down a fan's request for an autograph, but we've got to race. And getting the car ready for qualifying sometimes requires lots more concentration than most fans realize."

"Every driver in the pits cares about their fans, because they are

what fuel our sport, but we need reasonable limits. NASCAR has done a good job in the past, we'll just have to wait and see how they handle it in the future."

Two other drivers who asked not to be identified said they felt the infield safety factor was being neglected at certain tracks.

With seating capacity of over 150,000, BMS has sellouts for all Winston Cup events, and up to 90,000 fans show up for Busch Series races.

Our guess is track owner, Bruton Smith, who has five other tracks on the NASCAR circuit is trying to make up for some of the unfilled seats at the other facilities.

Unable to increase the regular grandstand tickets prices, and packing more fans into the garage area was the next alternative. The track will reap the big bucks at the expense of drivers and teams.

Each lap sponsorship package at BMS also includes the lap sponsor's name printed in the race weekend souvenir program, the sponsor's 20 words-or-less message in the program, and a copy of the souvenir program.

To purchase a lap sponsorship at BMS, call the ticket office at (423) 764-1161. Specific laps are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

BMS garage passes are good for gate admission, and allow holders to watch the Winston Cup race from the infield. Garage pass holders may use Bristol's new Turn 3 pedestrian tunnel,

but must have grandstand tickets to gain admission to the grandstand.

Bobby Hamilton, Jr.

going to Marine Boot Camp

The No. 25 Team Marines and driver, Bobby Hamilton, Jr., are getting ready for the 2002 NASCAR Busch Series season by going to Marine Corps boot camp.

On January 9th-11th, Bobby Hamilton, Jr. and his team will have the opportunity to experience firsthand, what it takes to become a United States Marine, when they attend three days of Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC. These three days will likely be the most physically and mentally challenging days any of them have ever experienced.

Hamilton Jr. says he is ready for the challenge.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity; you see stories about the Marines in Afghanistan, risking their own lives for our country. Personally, I am honored to have the chance to experience first-hand the training these men and women go through and the challenges they must overcome to become Marines."

Master Sergeant Ronald Turner, Headquarters Marine Corps Recruiting, feels the experience will be one the team will never forget. "The mental, moral and physical changes that occur during the 12 weeks of Marine Corps boot camp are so significant to the development of character, that Marines who experienced boot camp more than 50 years ago still have vivid, indelible memories. It is our hope that the Team Marines will leave Parris Island with similar memories."

Racing Trivia Question: Who is the all-time Winston Cup race winner?

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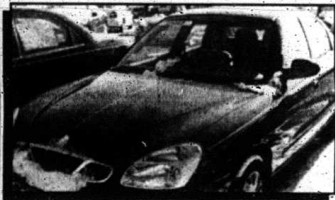
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