

RUSSELL COUNTY SPORTS

Chamber of Commerce 19th Annual GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Russell County Chamber of Commerce 19th Annual Golf Scramble was held on Thursday, September 6th at the Lakewood Country Club. The winners were:



Mighty Dollar 1st Place.



Eric Selby-Mayor 2nd Place.



City of Jamestown 3rd Place.



Truex Begins Hunt for New Ride

Steve Mickey, NASCAR Columnist

Rain had its way this past weekend in Indianapolis as both the Xfinity Series and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series were postponed and both were scheduled to take the green flag on Monday if the weather cooperated. That's not all bad news if you are a fan close to the track and that just happens to have Monday off as you can see two races for the price of one. An added incentive would be that once in you would have your choice of just about any seat to sit in.

Now you are not so lucky if you have a deadline to write a column and there is no race to write about on Sunday. This was the race we had been waiting on as the field would finally be set for the playoffs and we would know exactly how many playoff bonus points each driver would be carrying with him when the 10-race playoff begins next weekend at Las Vegas. So with no race to report on lets dive into the somewhat shocking announcement last week that Furniture Row Racing would not be fielding cars for defending champion Martin Truex Jr. next season in the MENCs. While it wasn't a total surprise to some in the sport as it was no secret that the team was having problems attracting sponsors for next season, it was however a shock to many that if a defending champion has sponsorship troubles then you have to question the health of the entire series. Furniture Row has benefitted with its strong working relationship with Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota that not only help win the title last season but has him as one of the favorites to win it this season. FRR's owner Barney Visser has long covered some of the operating cost out of his pocket but when 5-Hour Energy announced earlier this season that it would not be returning the clock began to click for the team in their hunt for a new sponsor.

Visser said that he would have to borrow money to keep the team competitive next year and going forward and it was a position that he did not want to put his family or his business in going forward. So he announced that he would be closing down after this season at a time when most playoff teams are gearing up for the final sprint to the finish but instead everyone involved with the team now has to begin thinking about their own plans for the 2019 season.

Visser no doubt had his team in mind when he decided to go ahead and make the announcement that he was shutting down in order to give everyone that works on the #78 Toyota the opportunity to begin looking now for employment for the 2019 season. Visser's operation was the only team in the sport located west of the Mississippi River as it was headquartered in Denver, Colorado which now forces those that want to remain in the sport to uproot and relocate their families before next season as most jobs are centered in the Charlotte area.

Truex and his crew chief Cole Pearn now become the hottest free agents in the sport and they would no doubt like to stay together and it is probably no big secret that Toyota not only wants the two to stay together but they are doing everything possible to see to it. The landing spot for the pair appears to be with Gibbs but as of this season Gibbs is fielding the maximum of four cars in the series.

Although nothing is official yet, Truex and Pearn is said to be making the move to Gibbs this season and will take over the ride that is now occupied by Daniel Suarez. Gibbs will reportedly will either let or move (according to how you want to word it) Suarez and his Arris sponsorship to Levine Family Racing next season and that Toyota would take Levine on as one of its team with the same type of relationship that it had with Furniture Row.

None of this will come about until the ink dries on the contracts but it seems to make sense for all the parties involved. The only real concern now is how will Truex and his FRR team perform in the playoffs. Truex and Pearn will be fine knowing that they have a ride waiting on them. The same can't be said for those members that work the log hours without the spotlight who don't know where they will be next season.

Race Preview
Event: South Point 400
Track: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 mile oval, 20o of banking in the turns)
Date: September 16, 3:00 pm
TV: NBCSN
Radio: PRN
Defending Race Winner: First time race on the schedule

Laker Boys Golf competes at Adair

The Russell County Laker golf team held a team match against Adair County on Tuesday, September 4th.

The varsity team defeated Adair by a score of

176 to 233. The Laker JV team won by a score of 159 to 188.

Low scores for the Lakers: Bentley Perkerson with a 40, Chase Carpenter with a 41 and

Clay Phippen with a 41, Dru Stapp with a 54. JV scores Cameron Phippen with a 49, Josh Glover with a 50, Dakota Blevins with a 60 and Paxton Troutman with a 65.

Boys golf compete in Meade County Invitational

The Laker Boys golf team earned a top 5 finish at the Meade County invitational out of a 14 team field. Individual scores were:

Clay Anderson 80
 Bentley Perkerson 88
 Chase Carpenter 89
 Clay Phippen 89

Dru Stapp 89
 The Lakers travel to Louisville for the Butler Invitational on Saturday, September 15th.

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sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before.

They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore your hid-

den treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your

name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. facebook: @GotAPick

LAKE BASEBALL
4TH ANNUAL
baseball

PUTT PUTT GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sunday, Sept. 16
 2:00 CDT Start Time
 Registration @ Mini Indy 1-1:30 CDT
 \$20/2 Person Team
 36 Hole Format

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