

# The Farmville Herald SPORTS

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## Smith Wins At SBS

SOUTH BOSTON — Nick Smith continued his recent hot streak, notching his fifth win of the season here Saturday night at South Boston Speedway in the Embark Night 150 NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Model Stock Car Division race.

Smith, drove away from the field in a 43-lap green-flag run to the finish that followed the race's only caution period and finished 2.344 seconds ahead of runner-up David Quackenbush.

Deac McCaskill finished third, staving off a late bid from Justin Johnson. Josh Oakley rounded out the top five finishers.

Former South Boston Speedway track champion, Brandon Butler, Eddie Johnson, Lee Pulliam, David Latour and Bruce Anderson completed the top ten finishers.

Pole winner Doug Godsey led the first 25 circuits before Smith took the lead for good on lap 26. Godsey raced Smith hard for second place until he was sidelined on lap 66 with mechanical problems.

Quackenbush inherited second place at that point and had one opportunity to make a run at Smith, that coming on the restart following the race's only mishap, a spin by Bobby Griffin in the second turn on lap 100.

Smith needed only about 10 laps to open up a comfortable margin on Quackenbush and gradually increased his lead as the laps wound down.

Smith averaged 81.229 mph in winning the race that took 44 minutes and 47 seconds to complete.

### Willis, Snow Split Wins In Twin Limited Sportsman Division Races

Danny Willis Jr. and Justin Snow split the wins in the pair of 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division races that were held as part of Saturday night's four-race Embark-sponsored racing program.

Jeb Burton won the pole for the first race and led the first 30 laps before Willis sped past him to take the lead. Once in front, Willis pulled away from his challengers and sped to a 2.120-second win over Burton.

Division points leader Brian Pembelton finished third with Brandon Gdovic and Snow rounding out the top five finishers.

Snow started on the pole in the nightcap and led all 50 laps, holding off Gdovic by a slim .434-second margin in a four-lap green-flag sprint to the finish that followed the last of the race's three caution periods.

Gdovic inherited second place after Pembelton and Willis, Snow's two chief challengers in the race, crashed on the front stretch with four laps to go while locked in a tough side-by-side battle for second place.

Tommy Peregoy finished third with Burton and George Spencer rounding out the top five finishers.

Willis averaged 85.415 mph in picking up his second win of the season in the first race. Snow, who picked up his fourth win of the season in the nightcap, averaged 36.186 mph in the second race.

**Milam Takes Pure Stock Division Win**  
Jarrett Milam continued his recent domination of the Budweiser Pure Stock Division by topping the field in Saturday night's 30-lap race.

Milam started on the pole and led all the way, but had to fend off a bid from last year's division champion, Joe Allred III in the closing laps to seal the win. His margin of victory was about two car lengths or .299 second.

Randy Hupp, Jack Milam and Chris Crosby completed the top five finishers.

Milam averaged 39.349 mph in the race that was slowed by four caution periods.

### Next Race At SBS

The next race at South Boston Speedway will be the Imagine Halifax 150 Night on Saturday, August 1.

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The Farmville Challengers played their first season in Little League Baseball's Challenger League this past spring. Adults pictured above are (front row) Michelle Fitzpatrick, Stefanie Johnson (back row) Susan Lynch, Matt Lucas and Erin Bollinger. Below, Lynch explains the finer points of hitting a ball to an eager player.

## Challengers Prove They're Up To The Task

The Cumberland Softball field played host to a group of very special, young, ballplayers this past spring as the Farmville Challengers took part in its very first season of T-Ball.

The team came together through the combined efforts of Longwood professors Dr. Matt Lucas and Dr. Susan Lynch, Cumberland Elementary school teachers Michelle Fitzpatrick and Stephanie Johnson and Longwood student Erin Bollinger.

Each child was identified as having special needs, but that didn't deprive them of having the opportunity to experience the joy, comradery of being on a team and learn the vital lessons sports can provide.

The games were not about competition, but focused more on the experience of being on a team. Along with learning skills related to T-ball, the players had the opportunity to expand their listening skills, cooperation skills, as well as their social and interaction skills.

Each player received the appropriate amount of adult assistance as needed, and each player had the opportunity to hit, catch and field balls at each game.

Parents reported seeding great improvement in not only ball skills, but social skills and both parents and children were eager to know when their next opportunity would come to participate.

The Challenger T-Ball League is part of Little League Baseball Inc., and provides children across the country with the opportunity to play T-ball and baseball.

The Farmville Challengers strives to provide this experience to ensure that all children have access to the activity. Costs are kept to a minimum, and there are many opportunities for financial support to ensure that all children have access to the team.

The team is looking to conduct a short fall season, followed by a full spring season in 2010.

Any parent who has an elementary school-aged child who qualifies and might benefit from playing with the Challengers may contact Dr. Lucas at (434) 395-2538, or lucasmd@longwood.edu.



## Byers Inks Big Class

### LU Field Hockey Adds Nine

FARMVILLE — Longwood University second-year field hockey coach Iain Byers has announced his 2009 recruiting class. Joining the Lancers are nine incoming freshmen in Taylor Bender/Harrisburg, Pa. (Central Dauphin), Kaity Byrum/Suffolk (Lakeland), Brittany Diaz/Chesapeake (Western Branch), Catie Furbush/Mashpee, Mass. (Mashpee), Amy Lewis/Lewisville, N.C. (Forsyth Country Day), Kristen Meredith/Virginia Beach (Cape Henry Collegiate), Nicole Segala/Williamsburg (Jamestown), Christina Verhulst/Yorktown (Grafton) and Kenly Walston/La Plata, Md. (La Plata).

"The new crop of incoming players should really help move us forward," said Byers. "We have a very large class from all over the country and we are excited about the talent level that this class has. With players like Catie Furbush coming from Massachusetts and Taylor Bender from Pennsylvania we are hoping that their experience will challenge the current players and improve the team. That is supplemented by local Virginia players like Brittany Diaz and Christina Verhulst that will fit right in with the current team. Then we have a new goalkeeper in Amy Lewis. Her style of play is different so it will definitely offer us more options in goal."

Bender, a forward, was a Second Team All-State selection in Pennsylvania last season. She participated in the Field Hockey Futures program from 2006-08.

Byrum, a forward, earned First Team All-District and First Team All-Region honors as a senior. She also participated in the Field Hockey Futures program from 2005-07.

Diaz, a forward, was a Second Team All-Region selection as a senior. She was a Field Hockey Futures Elite participant in 2008-09.

Furbush, a forward, was a South Shore League Field Hockey All-Star as a sophomore, junior and senior. She was named a Cape Cod Classic All-Tournament player as a sophomore.

Lewis, a goalkeeper, was a First Team All-State selection as a senior. She participated in the National Field Hockey Championship in 2005, 2006 and 2009.

Meredith, a forward, was a First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-State selection

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## PEFYA Debs 2nd In State

Submitted Photo

The Prince Edward Farmville Youth Association Debs team came up short in its bid for the Dixie Softball State Championship in a 13-3 loss to Halifax last week in Troutville.

Halifax jumped out to an early lead, but after waiting through several rain delays that forced the movement of the game from the Botetourt Sports Complex to Lord Botetourt High School, Bridget Woods hit an inside-the-park home run that scored Allison Dalton and Tatum Davis to cut the Halifax lead to 7-3 in the fifth inning. However, any momentum gained for a comeback was quickly squashed by Halifax.

Members of the team are: Lindsey Alexander, Stephanie Cook, Elaine Crone, Allison Dalton, Tatum Davis, Sarina Eames, Heather Jamerson, Casey Meadows, Allison Newman, Whitney Southall, Ashley Wolfe and Bridget Woods. Coaches are: Bruce Davis, Lisa Lee and Micky Newman.

