

Little League won't be the same

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Another season of Rockcastle County Little League begins on Friday night - and there will be one person missing who played a major role in the Little League program for nearly 20 years.

Calvin Rader was killed last August in an auto accident on the Hwy. 501 Bypass.

Nobody loved the game more than Rader. Nobody loved the competition and the maneuvering to get a

good team more than Rader.

He was the ultimate Rockcastle sports fan, who would watch children from a very early age to see who could play and who couldn't.

He planned for his teams years in advance and one thing he always did was watch kids from an early age to see who in his mind was the best.

At times other coaches thought that Rader made the playing field uneven - but in all fairness the only reason the playing field was uneven was because of his desire to win and because he was willing to put in the time it took to have a good team year in and year out.

When visitation was held at the funeral home for Rader, it was obvious how many young lives he had touched throughout the years.

For hours, players, parents and friends of Rader filed by his casket.

Those players spanned a twenty year period, in which Rader had coached more players than anyone else in the Little League program.

A lot of people probably won't agree, but some type of tribute - possibly the renaming of the Little League field should take place.

A lot of coaches have put in their time and money over the years, but no one else loved the game more than Rader and loved being around his players more than he did.

Many of us have coached - but only while our children were involved, but Rader came back year after year and was a fixture in the program.

He coached many of the players who now play at the high school and who are ranked third in the entire state.

He would be enjoying this season as much as anybody - and who knows, maybe he is.



Members of the Y-Club and FCCLA club helped Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlotti to proclaim this week as **Rodger Bingham week** in Rockcastle County. Shown above, from left, are FCCLA advisor Robyn Johnson, Josh Hale, Rachelle Hammond, Allison Anderlin, Lauren Clontz, Jessica Thacker, Ashley Mink, Travis Burton, Jessica Carpenter and Y-Club advisor Travis Brenda.

The Racing Reporter

Hamilton wins caution-free Talladega
By Gerald Hodges

Bobby Hamilton, driver of the No. 55 Square D Chevrolet, made a move on leader Tony Stewart with two laps to go in Sunday's Winston Cup race at Talladega, and then outmaneuvered the remainder of the field for his first victory for car owner Andy Petree.

When asked what strategy he used to win, Hamilton replied, "I watched that 3 car last year and how he came from the outside. When I saw Joe (teammate, Mike Nemechek), come up behind me, I knew everything was going to be all right."

Hamilton drove the same car Kenny Wallace drove to a second place finish last year.

Crew Chief, Jimmy Elledge was ecstatic over his driver's win. "It's unreal," he said. "Bobby got messed up on that last pit stop, but after he got four tires, he did the rest."

Hamilton only led three laps, but two of them were the last two, and the ones that counted. The win was his first in 101 races.

Stewart finished 23rd, Tony Stewart narrowly beat Kurt Busch to the stewards second.

"When I saw him getting the run I knew he was going to get by me. My concern was not falling all the way back to 20th," said Stewart.

The race was caution-free and it was the third-fastest Winston Cup event in NASCAR history. There were 36 lead changes among a Winston Cup record-tying 26 different leaders. Mark Martin's win in May of 1997 was the only other caution-free race at Talladega.

Finishing order: 1. Hamilton, 2. Tony Stewart, 3. Kurt Busch, 4. Mark Martin, 5. Bobby Labonte, 6. Joe Nemechek, 7. Johnny Benson, 8. Jeff Green, 9. Jeff Burton, 10. Mike Wallace, 11. Terry Labonte, 12. Kevin Harvick, 13. Rusty Wallace, 14. Ricky Rudd, 15. Buckshot Jones, 16. Ricky Craven, 17. Dave Blaney, 18. Dale Jarrett, 19. Marty Snider, 20. Jason Leffler, 21. Andy Houston, 22. Ron Hornaday, 23. Sterling Marlin, 24. Robert Presley, 25. Mike Skinner, 26. Jerry Nadeau, 27. Brett Bodine, 28. Jeff Gordon, 29. Michael Waltrip, 30. Casey Atwood, 31. Steve Park, 32. Bill Elliott, 33. Ward Burton, 34. Jeff Purvis, 35. Jeremy Mayfield, 36. Jimmy Spencer, 37. John Andretti, 38. Dave Marcis, 39. Elliott Sadler, 40. Ken Schrader, 41. Todd Bodine, 42. Kevin LePage, 43. Stacy Compton.

Top-10 points leaders after 9 of 36 events: 1. Jarrett 1345, 2. J. Gordon 1197, 3. Benson 1195, 4. Hamilton 1175, 5. Martin 1153, 6. R. Wallace 1137, 7. Park 1109, 8. Rudd 1096, 9. Stewart 1048, 10. Elliott 1015.

Busch victory goes to McLaughlin

Jimmy Spencer accused Mike McLaughlin of dirty driving after McLaughlin won Saturday's Busch Series Subway 300.

The win was the sixth (for McLaughlin, who hadn't won in the past 75 races).

During the last four laps McLaughlin held off charges by Mike Skinner, Todd Bodine, and, finally, Spencer. McLaughlin's style of high and low driving tactics bothered Spencer. "Just dirty driving," said Spencer of McLaughlin's defensive driving. "That's the sloppiest, dirtiest little SOB I've ever seen. That's OK, though."

McLaughlin didn't see it that way. "If Jimmy called it dirty driving, it's like he got the kettle black," said McLaughlin. "I did what I had to do to win."

Finishing order: 1. McLaughlin, 2. Jimmy Spencer, 3. Jeff Green, 4. Todd Bodine, 5. Mike Skinner, 6. Elton Sawyer, 7. Jay Sauter, 8. Kevin

Grubb, 9. Greg Biffle, 10. Kenny Wallace, 11. Chad Little, 12. Larry Foy, 13. Rich Bickle, 14. Tony Raines, 15. Tim Sauter, 16. Andy Kirby, 17. Mark Green, 18. Tim Federer, 19. Shanna Robinson, 20. Brad Baker, 21. Matt Kenseth, 22. Bobby Gerhart, 23. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 24. Jeff Purvis, 25. Jason Keller, 26. Christian Eldred, 27. Randy Lajoie, 28. Jimmie Johnson, 29. Jamie McMurray, 30. Lyndon Amick, 31. Ashton Lewis Jr., 32. David Green, 33. David Donahue, 34. Shane Hall, 35. Mike Harmon, 36. Skip Smith, 37. Mike Wallace, 38. David Star, 39. Joe Nemechek, 40. Kevin Harvick, 41. Hank Parker Jr., 42. Scott Wimmer, 43. Joe Bessey.

Bluff takes over Busch points lead

Top-10 unofficial Busch Series points leaders after 9 of 33 events: 1. Biffle 1198, 2. Harvick 1291, 3. McLaughlin 1245, 4. J. Green 1240, 5. McLaughlin 1193, 6. Lajoie 1122, 7. T. Bodine 1103, 8. Johnson 1075, 9. Purvis 1070, 10. K. Wallace 1027.

Fanfare: Pit Strategy

Pit stops and pit strategy can give a driver a win or take away a possible one.

"I don't know how they are getting on pit road so good. We've been losing three or four seconds a pit stop. We're breaking out 14- to 15-second stops and getting beat. Between our poor pit stops and getting in and out of pit road is how we lost the race," said Ward Burton after last September's Southern 500 at Darlington Speedway.

Ward had been leading the race when he pitted for tires along with all the other drivers. But after a 17-second pit stop, he was fifth.

The road where all the cars come down for repairs, tires and fuel after they leave the track is called pit road. In the late 1980s one of Bill Elliott's crew was killed after being hit by another car. In 1989, NASCAR set a speed limit (which is different at each track) and initiated penalties for drivers that speed in or out of it.

Knowing when to pit is as essential as having a fast car. Near the end of races teams who are near the front don't like to stop to take oil new tires because they would have to give up track position. With most front-running Winston Cup cars almost equal in horsepower, the last two seconds in the pits can mean the difference between a win and a fifth or sixth-place finish.

Teams gamble whether they should pit for fresh tires or stay out on the track. It's called "rolling the dice." Normally if the leader pits late in a race all other cars on the lead lap will follow. The cars that remain on the track are either out of sync on their pit stops, or they have no hope of winning if they pit.

By remaining on the track while the leaders pit means they gain a better track position towards the front of the field. Sometimes pit-stop gambles don't pay off, and someone who didn't have the dominant car wins.

Usually teams spend the first half of the race adjusting and tweaking the car so their driver can make a run for the lead late in the race. A bad or long pit stop can ruin all their efforts.

The teams were faced with another variable this season. Goodyear reduced the number of different tires they furnish. Teams had to throw away all of their old notes and start over. Normally the tires are never run over 65 laps, but teams usually stop earlier.

The crew chief must decide how much air pressure should be in the tires. Too little, or too much pressure, and the car won't handle right.

During the last race of 2000, Jerry Nadeau took on only two tires while to

rel 500.

"We got down a couple times, but the caution and taking on two tires helped us," said Nadeau.

The next time you hear a driver in Victory Lane thanking his pit crew you will understand why.

Next Week: How Is The Big Money Divided?

Weekend Racing: Both the NASCAR Busch and Winston Cup Series will be at California Speedway in Fontana, CA. The Craftsman Truck Series has the weekend off.

Track information: Distance: 2.0 miles; Banking in turns: 14 degrees; Banking in straight: 11 degrees; Banking on backstretch: 3 degrees; Length of backstretch: 2,500 feet; Length of backstretch: 2,500 feet; Grandstand seating: 92,000.

Saturday, April 28, Busch Series
Auto Club 300, event 10 of 33 events; Distance: 150 laps/300 miles; TV: Fox; Starting time: 3:30 p.m. (EST); Defending champion: Matt Kenseth.

Sunday, April 29, Winston Cup
NAPA Auto Parts 500, event 10 of 36 events; Distance: 250 laps/500 miles; TV: Fox; Starting time: 2 p.m. (EST); Defending champion: Jeremy Mayfield.

Racing Trivia Question: Who was the winner of the 1997 inaugural race at California Speedway?

Answer: To Last Week's Question: The first race was held at Talladega in 1969.

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sports worked off the RCHS campus and the deficiency concerning the weight room had to do with scheduling of times for all sports, including the sports which girls participate in.

Mrs. Fowell told the board that administrators at the school were working to correct those deficiencies.

There will also be changes in the way the basketball schedule for both the girls and boys teams at RCHS.

Part of the audit recommended that more girls games be played on prime time nights (Friday and Saturday).

Rockcastle County High School assistant principal Barry Noble said that the schedule would be changed to a certain extent and that the nights in which the boys and girls varsity played in some cases the girls would play the second game instead of the first.

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RCMS Baseball Scores

March 26th
RCMS 5
Southern 4
March 27th
RCMS 11
S. Laurel 8
March 29th
RCMS 5
N. Laurel 4
March 30th
Northern 8
RCMS 2
April 2nd
RCMS 20
Wayne 0
April 16th
Southern 1
RCMS 0
April 19th
N. Laurel 11
RCMS 10
April 21st
S. Laurel 12
RCMS 11
April 23rd
RCMS 14
Wayne Co. 3

RCMS Baseball Schedule
April 26th
RCMS vs. Corbin @ Corbin
April 27th
RCMS vs. Northern @ Northern
April 30th
RCMS vs. Mecca @ home
May 1st
RCMS vs. Estill County @ Estill
May 3rd
RCMS vs. Lynn Camp @ home

COMMENDATION By The COUNTY OF ROCKCASTLE

WHEREAS Rodger Bingham, a citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, was selected among 40,000 applicants to be a "Survivor" on the popular television series, and

WHEREAS Rodger Bingham has, through outstanding leadership, captured the imagination and hearts of Americans during his trials on the "Survivor" program; and

WHEREAS Rodger Bingham's popularity has caused there to be created an internet web site by persons from outside Kentucky; and

WHEREAS this popularity is the direct result of Rodger Bingham's display of compassion for and ability to relate to other contestants from various backgrounds; and

WHEREAS Rodger Bingham's strong and enviable personality traits made him the outstanding favorite among contestants and the national audience; and

WHEREAS such characteristics displayed by Rodger Bingham are a great tribute to citizens of the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is with great respect that the County of Rockcastle, on behalf of the Rockcastle County High School's Future Career and Community Leadership of America (FCCLA) club and the Rockcastle County High School's "Y" club and student body hereby declare the WEEK OF APRIL TWENTY-THIRD, 2001, as **RODGER BINGHAM WEEK**.

So Declared on this TWENTY-FOURTH Day of April, 2001, in Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

Buzz Carlotti
County Judge-Executive

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94 Dodge Caravan SE	V6, air, power	SAVE
94 Nissan Pickup XE	4x4, 4 cyl, 5 spd, air	SAVE
93 GMC Sierra PK	4x4, auto, AC, V6	SAVE
93 Chevy S10	4x4, V6, auto, AC	SAVE
93 Plymouth Voyager SE	V6, air	SAVE
93 Chev. Caprice Classic	V8, air, one owner	SAVE
93 Dodge Spirit	V6, air, low miles	SAVE
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