

EARL COX ON KENTUCKY SPORTS

By EARL COX
Sports Columnist

At least once a year, I have my faith restored in the younger generation when I serve as a judge in the Walt Disney World Dreamers and Deers state contest.

By the time the National Federation of High School Athletic Association calls Kentucky's list to 10 or 12 high school seniors-to-be, they are all outstanding youngsters. That a Kentucky coach has to trim the list to five or six. And then comes the hard part, choosing a state winner and an alternate. The winner will represent Kentucky Aug. 14-16 at Disney World, where all the state winners will compete and hear outstanding national figures.

Take a glance at Kentucky's few semifinals:

Anna Leigh Story of Green County High School.
Catherine Whelan of Antwerp High in Louisville.
Brandy Lewis of Fulton County High.
Norilea Maye Hagerty of Russell High.
Karintha Hemenway of Bryan Station High in Lexington.
Shawn Patrick Hager of Jeffers High.

If you remember Betty's Sweet Sixteen team, Hager was the Pointe with "Betty" put in his hair on the back of his head. A quarterback in football, he was the only boy among the semifinals.

Winners All!

I can honestly tell you that the judges could have chosen any one of the six and Kentucky would have been well represented. All are athletes, all are outstanding students and overachievers in extra-curricular activities. Most are active in their churches.

While this is the most pleasant task I have each year, it is at

the same time the most unpleasant. The judges must choose just one winner when all are winners in every sense of the word.

The star who stood out the most in Anna Leigh Story, who has her heart set on attending the Air Force Academy, and becoming a pilot in the Air Force. Then she wants to retire from the military and pursue her art. You should see her drawings! While I certainly am no expert in the field, even I could appreciate her talent and the fact that she has overcome adversity that set her apart from the rest.

And then there's Catherine Whelan, who plays animals and plans to be a vet. But first she has a mission planned for this summer in Nicaragua to help the poor in that troubled country. She helps in an inter-city soccer league, she tutors elementary children, and she visits the elderly each Sunday. She finds time to volunteer on her quarterhorse, and to do so many other things it'll take your breath away. Truly a remarkable young lady.

Look Out For Ditka!

I don't know what kind of coach Mike Ditka is, but the fiery coach of the Chicago Bears is expected to play on Monday's Foster Brooks Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament Monday. Horatio Boone Country Club may never be the same.

The usual press will compete, headed by Birmingham's famed Mudd Eddy Zeller, Ted Schulz, Kenny Perry, Russ Cochran, Brad Faxon and Gary Gilbert.

Going into this year, Mudd had career winnings of \$2,697,986. He was fifth in the standing last year with \$91,126. It couldn't happen to a no-nerd.

Among the celebrities scheduled to be here are Perry Como, Victor Mature, Ted Danson, Pat Boone, Will Shivers and Alan Shepard.

The big winner, of course, is

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Desert Storm vet comes bearing gifts from conflict

By Susan L. Hoing
The Carlsle Mercury Staff

CARLSLE — Sgt. Art Drake came bearing gifts when he spoke with the 4th grade class at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Drake is the son-in-law of NCES Assistant Principal, Phyllis Ramsey. She, her daughter is a graduate of Nicholas County High School.

Drake's parents, Willard and Eula, came along from Berea to hear the students war-enade another hero which has come home safely.

Art and Shari make their home near Detroit, Michigan called Rochester Hills. He is a member of the Michigan National Guard and has been active for the past ten years.

At present he serves with the 17th Military Police Company.

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ture they were going to be shot when we loaded them up to give them food and water.

"Some - spoke limited English. They wanted to surrender.

The Republican Guard had a little more defiance in their eyes. None gave us any trouble.

"One guy was reported to have been a body guard to Hussein.

Apparently, the regular army prisoners were so submissive, it was a shock. We were up against the fourth largest army in the world. It was surprising to see the lack of will to fight.

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