

# Soccer: Lady Panthers remain unbeaten in Region 8-AA

## Union men shutout Dawson County; fall 3-1 to 2nd ranked Putnam County

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Led by a balanced scoring attack, the Union County Lady Panthers extended its winning streak to five games as they took down Putnam County, 3-0 in last Friday's Region 8-AA showdown.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, March 12, the Lady Panthers were set to visit Hayesville, NC but due to a scheduling mistake, the coaches were forced to cancel. Meanwhile, the Dawson County at Union County guys game went off without a hitch. Especially for the Panthers, who took care of business, 1-0.

Sophomore goalkeeper Aaron Helton and the Union County defense held the Tigers scoreless for 80 minutes while Brian Smith provided all the offense necessary.

The senior forward put Union on the board during the early-going, scoring an unassisted goal in the 11th minute that proved enough for Helton and the Panther defense.

On Friday, March 15, both Union County teams hosted Putnam County in a battle between two of the top soccer programs in Region 8-AA.

Following Union's departure for Class AAA in 2016, Putnam County moved into 8-AA from Region 4-AA and both War Eagle squads were immediate contenders for the region crown.

Entering Friday night's contest, the Putnam County boys



Junior Desaray Patterson (10) battles with a sliding Putnam County defender during Union County's 3-0 victory last Friday night. Photo/Todd Forrest

team was ranked second in 8-AA following a State Runner-Up finish in 2018.

As for the Putnam girls, they haven't reached the level of the guys but the Lady War Eagles were a playoff team in 2018 and provided Union with an excellent barometer to gauge where they stand in the pecking order of Region 8-AA.

After nine days off, the Lady Panthers needed a few mo-

ments to shake off the rust before taking the lead for good in the 14th minute when Mattison Ruff took advantage of a Union County penalty kick for a 1-0 advantage.

Later in the first half, Isabella Nottage converted a feed from Madison Yost to open up a 2-0 Lady Panther lead. Yost got in on the scoring in the second half when Union's third and final goal came off assists from Nottage and Anzly Sherman in the

52nd minute. Meanwhile, goalkeeper Sadie Underwood recorded her second shutout of the season as the Lady Panthers improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in region play.

Up next is a visit to Oglethorpe County on Friday. The Lady Patriots are 2-0 in 8-AA but needed penalty kicks to defeat Social Circle, who fell to Rabun County, also by way of penalty kicks. Regardless, a win at



Junior Kobi Robbins scored Union's only goal in its 3-1 loss to second-ranked Putnam County on Friday. Photo/Todd Forrest

Oglethorpe County puts the Lady Panthers in the driver's seat for a region title.

As for the guys, they battled Class AA No. 2 Putnam County to a scoreless tie at the intermission before the War Eagles exploded for three goals in a three-minute span, beginning in the 47th minute. When the dust settled, the Panthers regained their composure but found themselves staring up at a 3-0 deficit with the clock

working against them. Union finally got on the board in the 76th minute when Kobi Robbins scored off a Smith assist for a 3-1 final score.

The Panthers still have a shot at a playoff spot as almost all of their remaining games are winnable. Union still has to visit a very good Social Circle squad on March 28 but the No. 3 or 4 seed in Region 8-AA remains a very real possibility.

## Yost on the verge of UCHS scoring record

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Entering the month of March, Union County's Madison Yost was 11 goals away from tying Jamie Weldon (Class of 2003) atop the Union County Lady Panther soccer program's career goals scored list.

And while Yost was on pace to break the record this year, nobody could have predicted her 8-goal explosion in a 24-hour period during the first week of March.

On March 5, Yost dropped a half dozen on Rabun County. Then she followed that up with an off-night (sarcasm on) at East Hall where the senior was responsible for two Lady Panther goals.

As a result, Union County soccer has been on "Yost Watch," knowing the record could fall any day. Entering the most recent contest, Yost was three goals away from tying the record. And despite a tough



Madison Yost lining up her goal vs Putnam County. Photo/Todd Forrest

first half vs a physical Putnam County squad, Yost did her thing in the second half, finding the net and pulling within two goals of matching Weldon.

Yost's next opportunity

to make history will be this Friday, March 22 when Union County visits Oglethorpe County for a 5:30 p.m. Region 8-AA matchup.



Senior Ellie Garrison attempts a corner kick during the first half vs Putnam County. Photo/Todd Forrest

GAME ONE - Union County 10, Monticello 9 (9 INN)

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	3	2	1	0	3	0
Alec Scott	6	2	3	1	0	0
Zeke Swartz	6	1	5	1	0	0
Hunter Kelley	3	0	0	1	1	1
Austin Garrison	5	2	3	1	0	0
Alec Youngblood	4	0	1	1	0	0
Cayden Rich	4	1	1	1	1	1
Coleson Daniel	4	0	1	1	0	0
Payton Ivester	0	2	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Everett	4	0	1	2	1	0
JJ Littles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ean Harkins	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Isaak Mullinack	2.0	82	.549	3	6	5	4	5	0
Ean Harkins	5.0	92	.598	2	3	0	8	5	0
Cayden Rich	2.0	32	.625	1	0	0	5	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

GAME TWO - Union County 10, Monticello 1

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	2	1	2	3	2	0
Alec Scott	2	1	1	2	2	1
Zeke Swartz	3	0	1	1	0	0
Austin Garrison	4	0	0	0	0	1
Alec Youngblood	2	2	0	0	2	1
Hunter Kelley	2	1	1	0	1	0
Cayden Rich	4	2	2	1	0	0
Coleson Daniel	3	1	1	1	1	0
Jonathan Everett	4	2	2	1	0	2
Ean Harkins	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Zeke Swartz	7.0	93	.720	4	1	1	16	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>.720</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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# TURKEY SHOOT

Saturday March 23, 2019  
Stover Shooting Range  
Gainesville Hwy, Blairsville GA

**Registration: 9:00**  
**Shooting: 10:00**

**Grilled Hotdogs will be provided for lunch.**

\$3/ per round  
\$40 = all rounds  
(Must shoot all rounds to be eligible for grand prize)

**\*\*Prizes award each round\*\***

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