

Union soccer swept at GAC; T-storms cancel N Hall boys game



Union County's Madison Yost at North Hall. Photo courtesy of Jenni Dixon

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Union County soccer suffered a pair of tough losses to private school power Greater Atlanta Christian on Friday evening in Norcross.

In the opener, the Lady Panthers fell 10-1 with the lone goal coming via Madison Yost off a Braedyn Robbins' assist.

But according to Coach Tim Hunter, the game seemed closer than the final score indicated.

Union County was unable to catch a break, most

notably when Yost just missed out on a second goal after her shot hit both posts. However, it was ruled that the ball didn't cross the line.

Layne Baenninger also had a shot deflected off the crossbar.

"It honestly should have been 10-3," Hunter said. "I am in no way claiming that we should have won, but we played very well considering the competition."

Hunter also had high praise for the individual performances of Emma Nachtrieb, Ellie Garrison, Brenna Innis, Madison Ruff, and Robbins.



Brian Smith at North Hall before the delay. Photo courtesy of Jenni Dixon

Earlier in the week, Union traveled to North Hall to face the Lady Trojans who are coming off an Elite 8 appearance in Class AAAA last season.

According to Hunter, North Hall was the best defensive team that his Lady Panthers have faced this season and it showed in a 1-0, Union County loss.

"We created more scoring opportunities but couldn't finish," Hunter said. "Ellie (Garrison) played remarkable at the back, as did (keeper) Emmi (Schakat) in goal.

As for the guys, they

suffered an 8-0 loss at GAC after getting rained out at North Hall.

Heavy storms rolled through the area on Tuesday night, forcing a halt to the boys game.

The game will be resumed on April 17th.

Speaking of makeup games, Union and Fannin squared off on Monday (after deadline) in a makeup game from earlier this month.

On Thursday, the Panthers will visit Towns County before traveling to Gilmer County on Friday.

Tucker resigns as girls basketball coach following 7 seasons at UCHS

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Coach David Tucker

In a shocking announcement last week, Union County Head Girls Basketball Coach David Tucker resigned from his position.

Tucker, after winning his 700th career game earlier this season, told the *North Georgia News* that he had no plans of retiring in the near future and that reaching 800 wins was a real possibility.

More details on Tucker's decision and the search for his replacement will be available in next week's edition of the *North Georgia News*.

The news broke on Tuesday morning when an Internal Vacancy Notice email was sent to all employees of Union County Schools from UCHS Principal John Hill.

The open position was for basketball coach with an anticipated start date of Apr. 17.

Later in the day, the *North Georgia News* confirmed that Tucker would not return to the Union County sidelines in 2017-18.

Tucker has won more than 115 games at Union County with 51 coming as boys coach from 2010-2013.

Upon his arrival prior to the 2010-11 season, the boys program was coming off its lowest win total in 15 years.

In his first season he won 19 games - including the White County Tip Off Tournament and

the Battle of the States.

He also temporarily ended the boys' struggles with Dawson County when Union defeated the Tigers in Dawsonville for the first time in eight years.

Upon taking over as the coach of the Lady Panthers, he guided Union to five consecutive State Tournaments and two Region Runner-Up finishes.

He was seconds away from claiming the 8-AA title in 2015 until Rabun County pulled a rabbit out of its hat and connected on a long-distance, desperation heave at the buzzer to snatch the region crown from Union.

In 2016, his Lady Panthers ended a seven-year drought when they reached the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2009.

This past season, Tucker was forced to rely heavily on freshmen and sophomores and Union was unable to find much consistency and finished 12-14 during its first year of playing in Class AAA.

Lewis aces No. 16 at Old Union



Old Union Golf Course would like to congratulate Parker Lewis of Hayesville, NC on his first hole-in-one. He accomplished this feat on February 25, 2017. Parker is 25 years old and has been playing golf for 16 years. His hole-in-one came on hole number 16, Old Union's signature hole. From 117 yards, Parker had to negotiate a creek and waterfall for his first Ace. Great job Parker!



JoAnna Irvin at North Hall last week. Photo courtesy of Jenni Dixon

UC Marching Band Mulch Madness



With spring right around the corner, it is time to get your flower beds and yards ready for the new season. What better way to do this, than by participating in Mulch Madness!

Union County Marching Band is currently selling 2 cubic foot bags of cypress mulch. These bags are \$3 each and will be available for pick up or delivery! Saturday April 1st. To purchase bags, contact your favorite band member, or call Andrew Smith, booster president, at 706-400-8754.

Free deliveries will be made up to 8 miles from the High School. NT(Mar29,A1)SH

Union County High School golf results

At **Old Union**: Union County girls 128, Dawson County 162.

Maddie Horinek 41, Megan Rowe 43, Ally Horinek 44, Grace Wischmeyer 45.

UCHS boys 197, Hayesville, NC 198.

Jeremy Herum 44 and Luke Watson 45.

At **Butternut Creek**:

UCHS girls 120, Fannin County 158.

Megan Rowe 37, Ally Horinek 39, Grace Wischmeyer 44, Carson Chambers 49.

UCHS boys 179, Fannin County 193.

Jeremy Herum 41, Luke Watson 41, Grayson Blocker 43, Eli Dills 54.

UCHS Band rated 'Superior'



Earlier this semester, the Union County High School band received straight superior ratings from all judges on stage and in sight reading at the Georgia Music Educator's Association's Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE). Superior ratings are the highest rating possible. This event occurred at Dawson County High School. The *North Georgia News* would like to congratulate Union County Band Director Will Stafford and each member of the band on a job well done.

Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114 3rd Annual Charity Disc Golf Tournament

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3rd Annual
Charity Disc Golf Tournament
Sunday, April 2nd
Meeks Park Disc Golf Course
Blairsville, Georgia
Sign-in 8 AM • Price: \$70 for Doubles
Call Ronnie at 706-400-2094 or gaboy20582@gmail.com
Web site: www.discgolfscore.com.
Each player will receive a "Players Pack" valued at \$80.
Thank you for supporting our lodge.

New Liberty Baptist Church 4th Annual Heavenbound Bass Tournament

Saturday April 8th 2017
7:30 am Til 4:00 pm
Lake Chatuge
Georgia Mountain Fair Ground Boat Ramp
Entry Fee \$50.00 Per Boat
60% Payback
Come Out And Help Support Our Sportsmen's Ministry
For More Information Contact:
Stevie Abercrombie @ 706-781-4914
Trennis Elliott @ 706-781-8883
Jason Seabolt @ 706-835-6978
Tim Bohannon @ 706-781-4658

Bowling Scores

Monday Night Men:
Ken Thigpen 247, Greg Wittenburg 219, 240, 214, Series 673, Randy Jones 216, 207, Joe Teague 213, 224, Series 626, Derick Rice 215, 231, 203, Series 649, Dewey Allen 206, Bonnell Thomas 205, Curtis Corn 206, Jeff Boyler 230, Taz Matetzschk 228, 213, Jerimiah Plott 241, 229, 238, Series 708, Branden Hartness 236, 243, Series 669, Jay Burrell 200, 207, Brian Cuthbert 216, Mel White 210, 204, 225, Series 639, Doug Tanner 203, 202, Kevin Grishaber 217, Ryan West 206, Justin Miller 203, 225.

Monday Night Ladies:
Joyce Trenton 203.

Young @ Heart Seniors:
John Delphino 206, Stanley Tyler 214, Bob Landis 205, Pam Bierce 210, Sarah Chumbley 215, Bob Bischoff 234, Dewey Allen 221, 225, Ron Wingate 215.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Dewey Allen 202, Tee Turner 231, 202, Stanley Tyler 205, Tony Lynch 214, 235, 200 Series 649, Ray Everett 222, Branden Hartness 212, Curtis Corn 237. NT(Mar29,A1)SH

Congratulations Union County Lady Panthers 11-12 All Star Girls Basketball Team



#11 Chloe Potts, #33 Kamryn Mull, #14 Corine Hill, #30 Emily Lockwood, #13 Ellie Cook, #2 Jaycee Seabolt, #22 Morgan Warren, #24 Lara Turner, #23 Kaylee Helton, not pictured #1 Tessa Collins

The Union County Recreation Department would like to congratulate the Union County Lady Panthers 11-12 All Star Girls Basketball team, coached by Jason Cook, which recently participated in the GRPA 4th District Basketball Tournament and the GRPA State Tournament.

District Tournament Scores: Union County 51 /

Towns County 27; Scorers: Lara Turner 15, Kaylee Helton 14, Corrine Hill 8, Ellie Cook 6, Emily Lockwood 4, Tessa Collins 2, Morgan Warren 2.

Lumpkin County 54 / Union County 33; Scorers: Kaylee Helton 15, Corrine Hill 7, Lara Turner 6, Tessa Collins 4, Jaycee Seabolt 1.

State Tournament:

Rabun County 43 / Union County 26; Scorers: Kaylee Helton 12, Tessa Collins 4, Lara Turner 3, Corrine Hill 3, Morgan Warren 2, Ellie Cook 2.

White County 49 / Union County 36; Scorers: Ellie Cook 17, Kaylee Helton 5, Tessa Collins 4, Corrine Hill 4, Chloe Potts 2, Lara Turner 2, Morgan Warren 2. NT(Mar29,M4)CA

Thursday Morning Fishing Tournament

Once again spring has come to Lake Nottley. Time to go fishing.

Everyone is invited to join us at Deaver Town Ramp on the first Thursday of April.

Time of blast off is 7 a.m. This tournament is in memory of Bobby Clayton, who passed away recently. A good friend to many. We will miss you Bobby. NT(Mar29,22)CA

Trout stocking sites week of March 20-24, 2017

Fannin: Big Creek, Hemptown Creek, Hothouse Creek, Little Fightingtown Creek, Noontootla Creek, Sugar Creek, Rock Creek, Rock Creek Lake, Toccoa River, Toccoa River Tailwaters of Lake Blue Ridge, and Wilscot Creek.

Gilmer: Boardtown Creek and Rock Creek.

Lumpkin: Cane Creek, Clay Creek, Dockery Lake, Etowah River, Niblewill Creek, and Ward Creek.

Union: Canada Creek, Cooper Creek, Suches Creek, Toccoa River, Wildhog Creek, and Winfield Scott Lake.

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. Stay up-to-date on stocking with Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state.

Union County Recreation Department's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: April 8th Time: 11am

Location: Meeks Park, Upper Baseball Fields

Ages: Toddler to 12

4000 eggs

Raffle for each age group.

