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For the second time this season, Union County's boys soccer team found themselves in a battle with a top 3 team in the state.

After falling 2-1 to No. 3 East Hall last month, the Panthers, playing for nothing but pride in the season finale, were all even with second ranked Dawson County with less than three minutes to play.

That's when the Tigers caught a break and were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty box. After Union was unable to clear the kick, Dawson found pay dirt on a second chance opportunity with 2:32

The Panthers only threatened once with a free kick of their own with 45 seconds to play but a Union header sailed high over the crossbar.

Despite never leading in the game, the Panthers answered Dawson's first two goals before running out of time on the third.

The Tigers struck first

during the 16th minute but less than 12 minutes later, Union County converted a throw-in into a goal when sophomore Colby Ives tied the game from point-blank range off an assist from Jacob Ross. All even to open the

second half, senior goalkeeper Nick Rodriguez made a diving stop, less than five minutes in, but Dawson managed to regain the lead with 31:12 on the clock. Rodriguez and the Union defense refused to break during

a Tiger onslaught moments later when Dawson got off two quality shot attempts in a 29-After a near-goal from Parker McCombs, Rodriguez

came through with another stop at the 22:35 mark - keeping Union within one. Just over two minutes later, Rodriguez was rewarded

for his play when a Sam Seiler free kick from 25 yards out led to a McCombs goal to even the score with 20:13 remaining.

Between the 14:58 and 8:56 mark, Rodriguez denied

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Logan Dye

Cole Davis

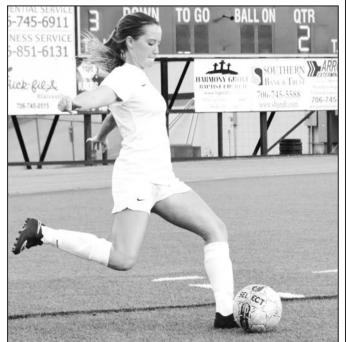
Del Ruff

Josh Nachtrie

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Alec Scott



Senior Braedyn Robbins scored the only goal vs Dawson. Photo/Todd Forrest



Senior keeper Nick Rodriguez kept Union in the game. Photo/Todd Forrest

three consecutive Dawson Lady Tigers team emerged in shot attempts. That allowed the Panthers an opportunity to take the lead but freshman Kobi Robbins' shot missed high off a free kick at the 7:25 mark. With 4:45 to play, Seil-

er's shot was stopped by the Dawson keeper on another Union free kick. Unfortunately, the Tigers

took advantage their free kick at the 2:32 mark; and the rest Earlier in the evening,

the Lady Panthers entered the

Union County Baseball 2017 final stat totals (hitting/pitching)

halftime locker room trailing Dawson, 1-0. However a different

the second half and proceeded to drop nine goals on the home

team for a 10-1 victory.

Union's only goal came while trailing 9-0 with less than eight minutes to play.

Senior Braedyn Robbins laced a kick into the back-right corner of the goal from the left hashmark, approximately 20 yards out.

Anzly Sherman was credited with the assist.

For the first time in 5 years neither team will reach the state tournament with the girls finishing 6-6 and the guys 5-7.

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Golden Club Bowling League completes 2016-17

Golden Club Bowling League completes their 2016-17 schedule and the following winners were de-

1st Place: Blue Ridge

Trophies – 43½ Wins: Capt. Rose Marie Terry; 2nd Place: Heavenly Bake Shop - 35 Wins, Capt. Bonna Graham; 3rd Place: Something Special – 34 Wins, Capt. John Robinson; 4th Place: McRobert's Counseling – 32 Wins, Capt. McRoberts; 5th Place: Sprite's Folks – 32 Wins, Capt. Gale Glascock; 6th Place: Holy Rollers – 31 Wins, Capt. Jerry Clark; 7th Place: Fun Crew – 30 Wins, Capt. Ed Gerhard; 8th Place: Fannin - 29 Wins, Capt. Chris McKee; 9th Place: Kevin Panter Ins. 27 Wins, Capt. Larry Dumas; High Average: Chris McKee and Rose Marie Terry; Most Improved: Larry Dumas and Lily Clark; Individual Awards: Scratch Series Men: Cleaston Burger 678; Ray DaSilva, 667; Pete Thomas, 671; Scratch Series Ladies: Rose Marie Terry 561; Margie Slodysko 471; Denise Praizler 450; Scratch Game Men: Chris McKee 268; Robert Slodysko, 246; Jerry Clark 234; Scratch Game Ladies: Bonna Graham 209; Mary Fischer 180; Susan Robinson 162; Hdcp



Blue Ridge Trophies, winners of the 2nd half: Jeanette Harris, Pete Thomas, Rose Terry, Margie Slodysko

Ed Salettel 75; Hdcp Series Ladies: Cheryl Salettel 739; Claudia Parks 735; Karen Hall 678; Hdcp Game Men: Clifton Deal 301; John Robinson 293; Larry Dumas 282; Hdcp Game Ladies: Jackie

770; Wendell Barnes 769; Keene 275; Carol Shields 262; Lily Cark 262.

Our summer league will begin Wednesday, May 17th. If you are interested in bowling, please call Rose Marie Terry 706-745-4268.

Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies: Susan Ganitch 226, Series 558, Linda Nichols 202, Rainy Hughs 223, 4-3-17 Susan Ganitch 222. Monday Night Men:

Series Men: Steve Fischer

Bonnell Thomas 238, 213, Series 634, Tim McVey 228. Brian Cuthbert 212, 202, Series 606, Richard Tanner 215, 202, Mel White 218, Doug Tanner 224, Andrew Haire 200, Stanley Tyler 224, 206, Branden Hartness 205, Randy Jones 209, Joe Teague 201, 253, Gene Clopton 215, Jeff Boyle 216, Taz Matetzsch 223, 265, 4-3-17 Bob Bischoff 214, Greg Wittenburg 236, 214, Jeff Boyle 221, 214, Taz Matetzsch 215, 247, 200, Jerimiah Plott 257, 211, 212, Richard Tanner 204, 203, 203, Mel White 237, 209, Doug Tanner 233, 213, 225, Series 671, Joe Teague 215, 202, 213, Derick Rice 224, 256, 225, Series 705, Bonnell Thomas 207, Tim McVey 211, John Delphino 236, Branden Hartness 258, 201, Ken Clark 201, Jay Burrell 224 Young@Heart Seniors:

Gene Langford 214, Bob Landis 216, 226, Bart Rodgers 233, 233, Series 657, Herb Popkey 224, Del Neiffer 215, Mel White 206, 213, Paul Napolitano 203, 202, Bryan Cuthbert 200, Bill Bongiovanni 208, Ron Weppleman 200, John Delphino 226, Mo Rodgers 245, Bart Rodgers 268, 277 Series 716, Ken Thigpen 217, Stanley Tyler 201, Bob Landis 206, 257, 245, Series 708, Gene Langford 225, Sarah Chumbley 204, Bob Bischoff 205. Thursday Night Fun

Mixed: Greg Wittenberg 232 236, Stanley Tyler 203, 200, Tony Lynch 237, 222, Jimmy Southern 201, Brett Hogsed 210, 225, Shay Roberts 222 246, Series 639, Curtis Corn 202, Justin Miller 236, Mary Everett 200, Steve Brandt 200, Ray Everett 203, 202. Branden Hartness 203, 211, Tee Turner 203, Herb Hopkey 255, Paul Lierd 210, Branden Hartness 210, 233, 4-6-17 Paul Lierd 268, Greg Wittenberg 225, 215, Dan Wilson 235, Daniel Curtis 200, Stanley Tyler 210, Tony Lynch 234, Curtis Corn 209 208, Bonnell Thomas 245, Ray Everett 225, 237, 218, Doug Roberts 225, Jimmy Southern 216, Brett Hogsed 225, 225, Shay Roberts 237, 243, 182 Series 662. Bass Tournament

Young Cane Lodge #597

is hosting a Bass Tournament on Saturday, April 29th, 7 a.m. til 3 p.m. at Lake Chatuge, Woods Grove Ramp. \$50 per boat, 50% payback. Proceeds benefit the Young Cane Lodge #597 Scholarship Fund. For more information contact Richard Wheeler at

706-897-1894. N(Apr26,Z7)C

2017 Veterans

Appreciation Fishing Rodeo May 5th Mark your calendars!

Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy. 60 near Suches, will host a Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo on Friday, May 5, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, rain or shine. The free event will be

open to all U.S. Military Veterans and Active Duty Service men and women. Participants must register for free upon arrival and bring their own fishing gear and bait. Enjoy fishing in Rock Creek for the beautiful rainbow and brook trout that will be stocked at the hatchery especially for this event. All Georgia Sport Fish-

Free lunch will be provided by Friends of the Hatchery and Trout Unlimited. All other non-eligible family members are welcome to fish after 12 noon for remaining stockers. For more information.

ing Regulations will apply.



Vietnam Veteran Larry King attends the Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo each year.

Forest National Fish Hatchery by phone at 706-838-4723. website at www.fws.gov/chattahoocheeforest, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/chattaplease contact Chattahoochee hoocheeforestnfh. NT(Apr26,Z7)CA

EVENT DATE CHANGE!

Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association presents 32nd Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament Saturday, August 12, 2017

Ladies, it's time to 'Pick your Partner' and sign-up in our Annual Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament at Butternut Creek Golf Course. Let's make it another 'special day' for our heritage golf tournament - the 32nd one is this year! What a history!

Sign-in 12:30 - Lunch 1 PM - Play at 2 PM Deadline for signing up - August 5th Cost \$45 Per Person - Prizes for 'Closest to pin'

along with Flight Winners and a 'Surprise Winner' Format: Select Shot

Make Checks payable to BCLGA Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament and send check to Betty Taylor, P.O. Box 295, Blairsville, GA 30514 or call Betty Taylor at 706-745-2248; cell 706-781-9910 or Lilly Adams at 706-745-2725; cell 706-781-4529

by August 5, 2017 or you may sign-up in Pro Shop - 706-439-6076. **HDCP** Player Name



Union County Recreation 2017 Start Smart Tennis Ages: 4-7 Union County Recreation is bringing

Start Smart Tennis to our youth! Children and parents can learn the fundamentals of Tennis and begin to develop this wonderful lifetime sport in a fun and safe setting. Sessions will be led by the new Program and Start Smart Director.

\$55.00/Session (6 weeks of practice sessions twice a week)

Ages 3-5 will be grouped together and 6-7 will be grouped together **Session One Registration begins on May 2, 2017 and

ends May 26, 2017 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn St.) Registration must be done in person due to cap on

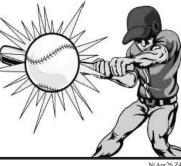
participants per session! If you have any questions, you can call at (706) 439-6074.

NOW OPEN Batting Cages w/Pitching Machines Located: To the side of Meeks Park

Enter through Town Center Business Complex on Blue Ridge Highway Available: Mon-Tue-Thus-Fri 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-2:00 pm

Closed on Wed and Sun 1 token = 16 pitches and 5 tokens = 80 pitches. Call 706-439-6074 with any questions.



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