

# Sports

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## No offseason for UC Panther Football

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The Union County Panthers are less than two months away from the start of the 2012 season but the summer break and the heat hasn't kept the Panthers and the coaching staff from looking for ways to improve their game.

With the start of official practice a month away and spring practice in the rear-view mirror, the Panthers have been taking part in voluntary camps, workouts, and drills since May.

Last month, the Panthers traveled to Jefferson for a two-day passing camp.

"We threw for two days and had a good camp," said Offensive Coordinator Howard McCombs.

Two weeks ago, Tellico Plains, TN High School visited Union County for a passing camp.

"It went really well," said Coach McCombs. "We're

definitely getting better."

Coach McCombs would go on to praise the number of kids that have come out for the workouts, despite not being mandatory.

"This summer as a whole has been the best summer I've seen so far, as far as the number of kids who are coming out. We're consistently getting the majority of the team out here and we're continuing to get better."

Last week, Coach Brian Allison was on vacation but most of the team still came out for three-days of workouts. Coach Justin Byers had the players in the weight room, at 8:30 a.m., before heading over to the field for passing and blocking drills until 11:30 a.m..

"We normally workout three days a week," said Coach McCombs. "We just go over some offensive and defensive practice, just to teach them and go over basic skills."

This week, will be a



Lalo Rivera catches a TD pass from T Bentley. Photo/Todd Forrest

"dead week" according to Coach McCombs, when nobody in the state is allowed to do anything.

Next week, the Panthers will be back at work, and will continue to follow their routine until official practice begins at the end of the month. Coach Allison will be hosting youth camps later this month before

the team heads to the Camp Jabez Retreat Center on Loving Road in Fannin County for a few days before school starts.

"It's been encouraging," said Coach McCombs. "We've got a lot of young kids, who are inexperienced but our numbers are up, the effort is good, and we're getting better."

## Future Panther Football Camp

July 24 through 26  
Tuesday-Thursday



Receiving  
Blocking



Kicking  
Passing



Ages: 7-13

Early Registration \$50  
Day of Registration \$60

CONTACT: Coach Allison (770) 639-7331 | Coach McCombs (706) 781-9893  
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Union County High School Stadium  
INFO: -Water and Gatorade will be provided. Please bring Water bottle with name.  
-Wear shorts, t-shirts, and cleats.  
-Each child will receive a Football camp T-shirt

Please Return With Payment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make checks payable to Future Panther Camps. 153 Panther Circle, Blairsville, GA 30512

\*\*This is an offensive position oriented camp.\*\*

Please Circle Campers Offensive Position: Quarterback Line Receiver/Running Back

## UCHS Basketball Camp Info

David Tucker  
106 Sherwood Ave.  
Calhoun, TN 37309  
(423)-336-3045

UCHS Shooting Camp  
K-12

July 12-14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$40 per camper

Bring in this form and the \$40 on July 12, or you may mail this form, along with a check, to David Tucker at the address above. Activities will include: Shooting drills and instruction for individuals and group, passing drills, dribbling drills, and contests

Campers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Shoe Size \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have health insurance on this child? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## MUSA Registration

The Mountain United Soccer Association is ready for Fall Soccer. Registrations are currently being accepted. Forms will be mailed to all players who have participated in a previous season. Forms are also available by visiting the league's website: [www.mountainssoccer.org](http://www.mountainssoccer.org).

The spring 2012 season was a big success. Our younger teams played in Blairsville, Hiawassee, and Blue Ridge. The older age groups competed throughout Georgia. We had players registered from all the surrounding counties as well as some from North Carolina.

In Blairsville, Cott Beverage is our community host for the soccer fields. In Hiawassee, the fields at the Towns County Fairgrounds are utilized through the cooperation of the local recreation department. The league is grateful for their

commitment and support. The fall season will begin in early September. Anyone who is interested in playing needs to register promptly. In some cases space is limited.

M.U.S.A. is a volunteer run organization and is also a 501C3 non profit. Any and all donations are directed to the youth player. Field Sponsors, Sign Sponsors, and Team Sponsors are always needed. If you are interested in supporting the youth soccer player in our community through sponsorship and/or a donation, please contact the Association.

For additional information contact the league at 706-835-1077, [musa.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:musa.soccer@gmail.com), or visit [www.mountainssoccer.org](http://www.mountainssoccer.org) on the web.

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## 10U Panthers headed to State Tournament



Bottom row: Lane Sisum, John Mancuso, Bryson Lariscy, Mason McCombs, Will Harkins, Hunter Young, Top Row: Austin Garrison, Drake Groves, Kyle Morlock, Alec Youngblood, Matthew Kelley. Not pictured: Brian Williams and Steven Williams. Coaches: Terry Kelley, Craig Young, Head Coach Chad Lariscy, Robert Harkins and Mark Garrison.

Union County's 10-and-Under Baseball Team went undefeated in the Dizzy Dean District 6 Tournament held June 22-26th in Flowery Branch.

This district championship allows the 10U Panthers to advance to the State Tournament in Valdosta, starting on July 5th.

The Panthers defeated North Hall 16-2 on Friday, June 22nd then Lula 17-1 on Saturday.

The Panthers closest contest would come on Sunday as they knocked off White

County 8-3.

Later on Sunday, Union's bats came back to life as they posted an 18-8 victory over Jefferson.

The Panthers returned Tuesday for an 11-5 win over Jefferson to claim the District title.

## 16U Panthers place 2nd in 18U Tournament



The Union County 16-and-Under Panthers earned a runner-up finish this past weekend in an 18-and-Under tournament in Athens, TN.

Union County went into the weekend with a four-game guarantee. In Game One, Union defeated the 17-and-Under, Tennessee Wesleyan Bulldogs, and in Game Two, Union defeated the 18-and-Under, Tennessee Wesleyan Bulldogs.

After Saturday's game Union was undefeated in pool play. Following a successful Saturday, Union was faced with two more pool games on Sunday morning. If things went the Panthers way, they could face a minimum of three games and a maximum of four games to get into the Championship Game. Union ended up even at 2-2 in pool play and advanced to the Championship round as the

number 3 seed. Union faced the number one seed, Tennessee Rivercats in game three of the day defeating them 2 to 0. Union then advanced to the Championship Game against the 18-and-Under Bulldogs, but came up short in the final game of the day. The Panthers played six games in two days. Congratulations guys on an impressive weekend of baseball!