

Jefferson dominates 49-7; Panthers now turn focus to Lovett

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A 27-yard field goal by senior T.J. Smith was all the offense that Union County (6-4, 4-3) could muster against the defending State Champs from Jefferson in a 49-3 loss on Friday night.

Junior Chase Barnett set the single season tackles record for Union, but there was no celebration as the linebacker was helped off the field in the second half, following a knee injury.

Barnett has been ruled as doubtful for 2nd ranked Lovett, while the full extent of his injury wasn't known at press time.

"He had an MRI on Saturday and it isn't as bad as originally thought, but I don't think he will play on Friday," Union County Head Coach Brian Allison said. "That will obviously be devastating to us."

On the bright side, the Panthers had sealed their spot in the First Round of the State Tournament before Friday but Coach Allison still wasn't pleased with the outcome.

Especially the 35-3 deficit at the half.

"We were awful and did a poor job of preparing, we didn't play very well and just physically got beat from the start," Allison said. "I don't think we were looking past them (to State Tournament), they are just a very good football team and the defending State Champions, so it wasn't a fluke that they won the way they did."

The Dragons took the opening kick and played smash mouth football, with four and five yard gains, play after play.

The scoring drive went 69 yards, burning almost eight minutes off the clock. Fourteen plays, 13 runs, aided by three offside flags on the Union defense, had Jefferson in the endzone on a 2-yard scoring run.

Junior Robert Prunier returned the Dragon kick to the 23-yard line, then caught a quick pass from Joseph Mancuso for 4 yards. He then reeled in a third down pass for 7 yards,



Union County senior football players and cheerleaders with their favorite teachers. All were honored before the game. The band was honored at the half. Photo/Todd Forrest

giving the Panthers a first down. A second down rush by Nick Whittle went for 6 yards, but he was stopped on third down for a no gain, giving the ball back to Jefferson.

The Dragons found the endzone again, this time, a 38-yard pass put the visitors inside the Union 25-yard line. Three runs and another Panther off-sides penalty and Jefferson held a 14-0 lead with six seconds showing in the first quarter.

A three-and-out was the result of Union's next drive and Jefferson took over at their own 44-yard line. After a quick 9-yard gain, the Panthers forced an incompletion and Luther Jones stuffed a Dragon run for a 6-yard loss, forcing Jefferson into its first three-and-out.

A Union screen was dropped for a loss and Mancuso was intercepted on the next play and the Dragons set up shop from the Panthers' 26-yard line. Five plays later, Jefferson pounded its way back into the endzone for a 21-0 advantage.

Later, Barnett took a swing pass for a first down and Mancuso hit Rogers down the sideline for 31 yards. A 7-yard strike to Sam Gilbert had Union at the 24 and following a delay of game penalty, Mancuso found Rogers for an 11-yard pick up on 3rd-and-8. Two incompletions followed and a 2-yard pass to Prunier brought on Smith and the field



Junior Chase Barnett (44) takes the field for what could be the final time during the 2013 season. Photo/Todd Forrest

goal unit.

With 4:37 to play in the half, Union was on the board. On the ensuing Jefferson drive, a holding call put them in a 1st-and-22 and the Panther defense forced a punt, giving Union it's first burst of momentum.

Unfortunately, the Dragons picked off Mancuso on the first play and bulldozed their way for 30 yards and a score with 3:18 remaining in the half.

Trailing 28-3, the Panthers went three-and-out again, allowing Jefferson to tack on one more score with :53 left. A defensive holding flag breathed new life into the Dragons after a third down incompletion. On

first down, Jefferson struck on a 35-yard touchdown pass for a 35-3 lead.

In the second half, Jefferson stepped up the pressure on Mancuso but a facemask call gave Union a first down. Union caught a break when Mancuso was picked for the third time but the Dragon defender fumbled the interception return, giving the ball back to Union. A first down pass to Brett Dietz into Jefferson territory was wiped away by a pair of sacks on the Panther quarterback.

"Our offensive line got physically beat all night long," Coach Allison said. "All year long we've been able to pass block people but we weren't able to against Jefferson. We



Sophomore Parker Daniel tries to control the Dragons' relentless pass rush. Photo/Todd Forrest

couldn't get first downs and couldn't throw the football." With fourth-and-forever, Prunier's punt was downed at the 9-yard line and the Panther offense was able to get the ball back. Union was unable to move the ball and Prunier was forced to punt once again. This time, the Dragons returned the kick to the Union 29-yard line, setting up another score with :58 left in the third. At the start of the fourth quarter, Union trailed 42-3.

Another sack derailed the Panthers next drive and Jefferson capped it off with another touchdown at the 8:45 mark of the fourth.

Next week, Union returns to the State Tournament for the first time since 2001, when they travel Atlanta to take on the highly ranked Lovett Lions at 7:30 p.m.

"I think we can matchup with Lovett a little better," Coach Allison said. "On offense, they are a little bit more of a finesse team. They use a lot of formations and try and confuse you so we're going to keep it as simple as we can on defense. On defense they are a 3-5 blitzing team and we'll have our hands full, but I think they're going to stuff the box and force us to throw, and I think that will help us."

Scott Steiner: 'I will put on a show'

Universal Championship Wrestling (UCW) is back in Georgia, on Saturday Night, November 23rd, with a new lineup of more than 20 professional wrestling stars and legends. UCW's "Hometown Throwdown" begins at 7:30 p.m., at the Union County High School Gym, in Blairsville, Georgia. This will be a fundraiser for the school.

"Fans will have more of that same great action that we loved to see on WTBS on Saturday nights when WCW [World Championship Wrestling] was around," said Ron Gossett, promoter and president of UCW. "UCW has brought back the excitement, family fun, and tradition we all love."

Gossett said the wrestling company, which has offices in Atlanta and Miami, Fla., is continuing its efforts to bring wrestling back to the grass roots level. UCW Tours the country bringing back the WCW style of wrestling to the fans.

Organizers reported last year's UCW "Fall Brawl" event in Henry County succeeded in drawing over 1,900 professional wrestling fans of all ages from across the Southern Crescent, and 5 States.

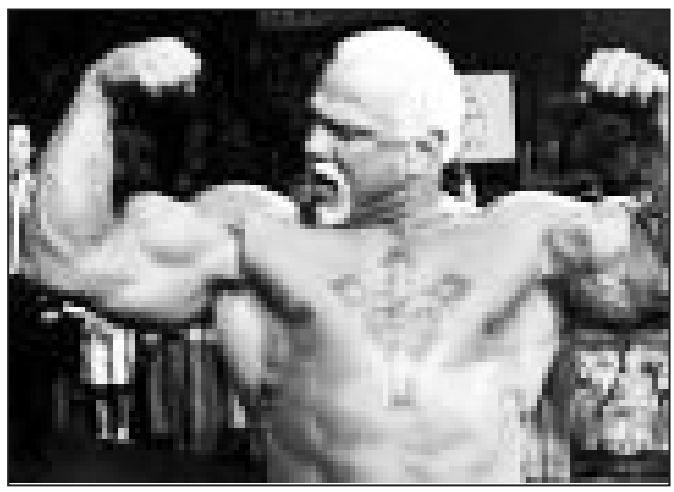
"This is a family-friendly show," said Gossett.

Scheduled to appear in the ring is former WWE/WCW/TNA Wrestling Superstar "Big Poppa Pump," Scott Steiner was an All-American Wrestler for the University of Michigan and is a former World Heavyweight Champion. Steiner will be in the Main Event

Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association news

The Ace of Aces Golf Tournament is played the 2nd Thursday of the month. Each member is given an opportunity to join to enter this tournament and the one that joined and played on the 2nd Thursday came out to play for a winner for Gross and Net. Winners for Year Ace of Aces are determined by who wins the Gross and who wins the Net at the close of the season playing against all Gross players and all Net players. Winners for the Ace of Aces Golf Tournament for the 2013 Year were Lilly Adams, winner of the Net Score and Patricia Plott, winner for the Gross Score.

The Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association members have had a great year! We started out in March with our usual Thursday's League Play and ended on Thursday, October 31 for our last League Play for the year. A review of our 2013 Year shows a total



"Big Poppa Pump" Scott Steiner at a recent event.

with a Mystery Partner facing the Sons of Samoa, who are 2nd generation wrestlers from WWE, and sons of original Samoan Legend AFA.

Others scheduled to appear are Wrestling Legend- The Masked Assassin Jody Hamilton, "The Natural" Chase Stevens of TNA Wrestling, Johnny Swinger of WWE, Brodie Chase of WCW, LODI of WCW, Buff Bagwell, "HOT Like LAVA" Shaun Banks, Blake Beretta, Brady Pierce, The Destroyer, Tommy Gage and many more. Over 20 Stars in all for this Live Television Taping. The Show will be filmed, to be aired on cable next month.

While the card is subject to change, Gossett said, all the stars in attendance will be available to sign autographs before the event and during intermission.

The show will offer a "VIP Super Pass" for \$45, which in-

cludes front row, ringside seating and back-stage access. Advance Ringside tickets are \$20, and \$25 the day of the show. Advance Adult General Admission is \$12, and \$15 the day of the show.

General Admission for Children ages 6, to 12 is \$7, and FREE for children under 6.

All military and Union County Employees will receive a \$3 discount on adult tickets at the door.

"I don't care if its 70 people or 70,000 people, I will put on a show," Steiner told the North Georgia News.

All concessions and 30 percent of the gate will go to Union County Schools.

"I like the smaller venues and getting meet the fans, and its all for a good cause," Steiner said.

"The kind of professional wrestling you see on TV has gotten ridiculous over the years, we aren't like that. You can bring your kids to this event."

Interested in hiking?

Looking for a place to start? Mountain High Hikers, Inc. is offering monthly hikes for the beginner hikers. Lead by experienced hikers these hikes are easy but interesting. The trails we hike are in the mountains of North Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. There is no charge for these hikes.

The next scheduled hike is Woody Gap to Gooch Gap on the Appalachian Trail in Suches, GA on Thursday, November 21, 2013. The hike leader is George Owen and he will meet hikers at the Park N Ride in Blairsville, GA at 9:30 a.m. George's telephone number is: 706-374-4716.

You can also visit us at our Website for future events: <http://www.mountainhighhikers.org/> NT(Nov6,210)CA



(L-R): Lilly Adams, Patricia Plott of 44 members that joined the Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association. We played different games each Thursday, had a Ladies Invitational in June, our Sadie Hawkins Tournament in August and the End of the Year Ace of Aces Golf Tournament in September. Our regular season will start again in March 2014. Mark your calendars to join us! Submitted by Lilly Adams (Nov13,28)CA

Passing Stats

| # | | CMP | ATT | % | YDS | YDS/ATT | LNG | TD | FUM | INT |
|---|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 9 | Mancuso, Joseph | 16 | 33 | 48.5% | 117 | 3.5 | 29 | 0 | - | 2 |
| | Total | 16 | 33 | 48.5% | 117 | 3.5 | 29 | 0 | - | 2 |

Rushing Stats

| # | | ATT | YDS | AVG | LNG | TD |
|----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 9 | Mancuso, Joseph | 5 | 25 | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| 40 | Whittle, Nick | 6 | 13 | 2.2 | 9 | 0 |
| | Total | 11 | 38 | 3.5 | 10 | 0 |

Receiving Stats

| # | | REC | YDS | AVG | LNG | TD | FUM |
|----|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|-----|
| 22 | Rogers, Jacob | 5 | 54 | 10.8 | 29 | 0 | - |
| 28 | Dietz, Brett | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | - |
| 40 | Whittle, Nick | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | - |
| 43 | Prunier, Robert | 7 | 35 | 5 | 7 | 0 | - |
| 44 | Barnett, Chase | 1 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 0 | - |
| 45 | Wallis, Clay | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 82 | Gilbert, Sam | 1 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 0 | - |
| | Total | 16 | 117 | 7.3 | 29 | 0 | - |

UCHS & UCMS combined wrestling schedule 2013-14

Oct. 14th Mon.
Oct. 28th Sat.
Nov. 2nd Sat.
Nov. 9th Sat.
Nov. 12th Tuesday
Nov. 16th Sat.
Nov. 19th Tues.
Nov. 21st Thursday

Middle School wrestling starts

Wrestling Starts
Middle School @ Dawson
Middle School @ Mountaineer
Middle School @ Lumpkin w/ White
Middle School @ KOM Towns
Middle/High @ HOME Riverside/Fannin
Middle/High @ Home Hiawasse Dam (towns and Dawson middle)
UNION TOURNEY HOME High
Middle and High @ Fannin
High @ KOM Towns
Middle and High @ Gilmer
High @ Towns Co. Duals
Middle School Duals and tournament @ Dawson

Nov. 23rd Sat.
Dec. 3rd Tues.
Dec. 6th and 7th Fri/Sat
Dec. 10th Tues
Dec. 13th Fri
Dec. 13th and 14th

UNION DUALS @ HOME high

High @ Arrowhead Stephens Co.
HIGH SCHOOL DUALS @ Jefferson
Middle/High @ HOME w/ Stephens Rabun Gap
HIGH SCHOOL DUAL STATE @ MACON
Middle and High @ Rabun Co.
Middle and High @ Towns Co.
Middle and High @ HOME w/ Hayesville
High @ Stephens Co. Tourney
High @ White Co.
High School Duals @ GAC?
High School @ Rabun Gap w/ Asheville
High School Sectionals?????
HIGH SCHOOL STATE @ Gwinnett Arena

Dec. 20th Fri
Dec. 28th Sat
Jan. 3rd and 4th Fri/Sat
Jan. 7th Tues
Jan. 10th and 11th Fri/Sat
Jan. 14th Tues
Jan. 18th Sat
Jan. 21st Tues
Jan. 25th Sat
Jan. 28th Sat
Jan. 31st & Feb. 1st Fri/Sat
Feb. 5th Wed
Feb. 7th and 8th Fri/Sat
Feb. 13th-15th Thur-Sat