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Hiawassee, Georgia

Wildcats take 10-4 win after late Indian rally stalls

by Jim Bryant

It was a repeat Wildcat encounter as the TCHS Indians met again on the hill to face the Rabun County team that had previously beaten them 6-0 in a preseason scrimmage. Matt Beni toed the mound to open the game and nailed the first batter, walked the second but settled down and with the help of two pop flies got safely out of the inning. Billy Meier led off with a walk then motored to third off a single to right by Alan Turpin. Beni then loaded on a walk, followed with a walk by Kyle McConnell plated Meier, 1-0 in the bottom of the first. The W'cats stormed back in the top of the second, 4-1 after a single to left, a wild throw at first and an RBI in the gap before Jimmy Pearce could cap a long fly out in center field. The game stalled until the bottom half of the third when Alan Turpin led off with a single in the gap but the Tribe left two stranded on the diamond.

In the fourth, the Cats belted a deep shot to center that plated another run and the Indians made their first pitching change to Alan Turpin. Rabun County loaded against Turpin then walked in another run. A long fly catch in right by Taylor Denton gave a Cat runner on third time to tag up and score to make it 7-1 before Matt Beni finally retired the sides with a catch in center field. The Tribe went down 1-2-3 to end the fourth. Neither team could find the plate

in the fifth and after a dust flying play at home in the sixth, Alan Turpin covered the plate for the putout and followed up with a throw to Kyle McConnell at first after a line drive back to the mound. The Indians followed in the bottom with an apparent double by McConnell but the throw to second got there just ahead of the slide for the Cat out. The Wildcats then got runners on the corners and plated a run 8-1 after a pickoff attempt on a throw-back from home sailed high into left field and the Cats cashed in at the plate. In the top of the seventh, the Indians changed to John Bleckley on the hill after the visitors had moved out to a 10-1 lead. Cody Harkins, playing as a pinch-hitter due to a sprained knee, led off the bottom with a single to right. After limping to first, he was replaced with Taylor Denton who stole his way to third, Denton crossed the plate on an RBI double by



Billy Meier gets under an attempted tag as the ball gets away from the Wildcat. Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

Jimmy Pearce, 10-2. A sac by Billy Meier, plated Pearce, 10-3, then another sac by Alan Turpin. A couple of singles by Matt Beni and John Bleckley went for naught as a long fly ball was hauled in for the final out to end the Indians seventh inning rally. Final score Rabun County 10-4. T(Mar10,TCspts2)ac

T-Ball and Farm League registration at Towns County Recreation Department

The Towns County Recreation Department will be holding registration for T-Ball and Farm League the week of March 15 through March 20, also the week of March 22 through March 28.

T-Ball is for boys and girls ages 4 and 5. Farm League baseball is for boys ages 6, 7 and 8. Farm League softball is for girls ages 6, 7 and 8. The age control date will be prior to May 1 for boys and girls.

Boys and girls ages 6 may play in either the T-Ball or the Farm League programs.

Cost for these programs will be \$35 per participant. All registration will be held at the Recreation Department. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9 AM until 9 PM and Saturday from 9 AM until 7 PM. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. T(Mar10,NI)SH

Appalachian Trail Conservancy announces new Georgia Appalachian Trail license plate



The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and volunteers through its affiliate Georgia Appalachian Trail Club announce the establishment of a Georgia Appalachian Trail specialty license plate, to bring recognition to the legendary footpath that starts in Georgia and ends in Maine.

"I'm delighted that the support for this project in Georgia has been overwhelmingly positive," said Appalachian Trail Conservancy Chairman Bob Almand of Suwanee, Georgia.

The Conservancy has already collected 600 of the required 1,000 applications from Georgia residents in order to initiate production of the plates. Because these plates must be pre-sold and are not yet available through the Department of Revenue, the Conservancy is asking residents not to wait for their renewal to apply.

ATC is thanking appli-

cants for a license plate purchase by giving them a one-time annual membership to the Conservancy, valued at \$35, that includes subscription to ATC's bi-monthly magazine A.T. Journeys, and discounts at its Ultimate A.T. Store. Current ATC members may give the membership as a gift.

The A.T. license plate in Georgia will help raise awareness of the Trail, and volunteers will pursue profit-sharing legislation from the state to provide a source of ongoing funding to maintain, manage and protect the first 78 miles of the 2,179-mile Appalachian National Scenic Trail (A.T.). Approximately four million people visit the Appalachian Trail annually. Thousands of visitors visit scenic A.T. locations in Georgia, including Blood Mountain, Long Creek Falls, and the Trail's southern terminus Springer Mountain. "These license plates offer a great way to say 'I appreciate the natural places in Georgia' and support their preservation," said Almand.

For more information or an application go to www.appalachiantrail.org/galicenseplate. The A.T. frequently receives accolades such as "Favorite Long

Distance Trail" (by the readers of Backpacker magazine) and "#2 of Top 10 USA Outdoor Adventures" (ABC's Good Morning America and National Geographic). The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to the preservation and management of the natural, scenic, historic, and cultural resources associated with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in order to provide primitive outdoor-recreation and educational opportunities for Trail visitors.

YHC tennis vs. Georgia Perimeter

by Mickey Seward, YHC SID

Young Harris College's men's tennis team defeated Georgia Perimeter College 6-3 in a Georgia Junior College Athletic Association match at Georgia Perimeter's Clarkston Campus Thursday afternoon.

Young Harris' Holly Smith won her match in the No. 3 singles position, but Georgia Perimeter College defeated the Mountain Lions 8-1 in a Georgia Junior College Athletic Association match in Clarkston, Ga., Thursday. Smith defeated Georgia Perimeter's Voyka Milosevije in straight sets by scores of 6-1 and 6-2. The Mountain Lions were forced to play without usual No. 1 singles player Kinsley Black, who was out with an injury. The injury meant the other players had to move up a position in the order.



YHC men's and women's tennis teams split on the road at Georgia Perimeter. Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

Doubles:
1. Maria Casseres/Adel Maria (GPC) def. Sarah Deese/Brianna Brinkley (YHC) 6-3, 6-2
2. Voyka Milosevije/Andreina Gomez (GPC) def. Holly Smith/Michelle Allen (YHC) 8-1
3. GPC won by default
Singles:
1. Maria Casseres (GPC) def. Sarah Deese (YHC) 7-5, 6-1
2. Adel Maria (GPC) def. Brianna Brinkley (YHC) 6-3, 6-2
3. Holly Smith (YHC) def. Voyka Milosevije (GPC) 6-1, 6-2
4. Andreina Gomez (GPC) def. Michelle Allen (YHC) 6-2, 6-2
5. Kate Spratlin (GPC) def. Mary Beth Maxwell (YHC) 5-7, 6-3 (7-2)
6. GPC won by default
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Carson-Newman Eagles 9, Young Harris Mountain Lions 0

Mickey Seward, YHC SID

Carson-Newman College defeated Young Harris College 9-0 in a non-conference women's tennis match held at Town County High School in Hiawassee, Ga., Saturday.

Young Harris' Kinsley Black was the lone Mountain Lion to win a singles set, taking the first set 6-4 in the No. 1 singles match against Amanda Bartlett. Bartlett would win the next two sets by scores of 6-1 and 6-4 to win the match. Brianna Brinkley and Michelle Allen also put up strong challenges against their opponents, both forcing a tiebreaker in the first set before falling.

Doubles: 1. Bartlett/Cappadona (C-N) def. Black/Brinkley (YHC) 8-3

2. Sneed/Elliott (C-N) def. Deese/Smith (YHC) 8-0

3. Goode/Wilson (C-N) def. Allen/Maxwell (YHC) 8-2

Singles:
1. Amanda Bartlett (C-N) def. Kinsley Black (YHC) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4

2. Elizabeth Sneed (C-N) def. Brianna Brinkley (YHC) 7-5, 6-3

3. Taryn Cappadona (C-N) def. Sarah Deese (YHC) 6-0, 6-1

4. Kylie Elliott (C-N) def. Holly Smith (YHC) 6-0, 6-2

5. Megan Wilson (C-N) def. Michelle Allen (YHC) 7-5, 6-4

6. Stephanie Goode (C-N) def. Mary Beth Maxwell (YHC) 6-0, 6-1. T(Mar10,TCspts2)ac



The Lady M'Lions fell 9-0 to the Carson-Newman Eagles Saturday at the TCHS courts. Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

YHC wins three of four baseball weekend outing

Mickey Seward, YHC SID

Greg Bowder's RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning scored Jake Montgomery from third base and gave Young Harris a 4-3 victory over Sinclair Community College in the first game of a doubleheader at Zell B. Miller Field in Young Harris, Ga., Saturday. Sinclair won the second game 5-2.

Jake Montgomery pitched six shutout innings and he and his Young Harris College teammates pounded out 13 hits in the Mountain Lions' 10-0 victory over Sinclair Community College in game one of a non-conference



Will Calloway introduces himself to the Tartan Pride catcher in one of four games. Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

doubleheader in Young Harris, Ga., Sunday. Young Harris. T(Mar10,TCspts)ac

Ray Cook powered his way to his second \$10,000 victory in two weeks.

The off season is drawing to a close and the 2010 season has started for some tracks and the drivers from our area are hitting the dirt and pavement. It was a good weekend for several drivers from Union and Towns counties and a lot of money coming back home.

Blairsville's Jonathan Davenport took the Modoc 100 in South Carolina for the second year in a row, winning \$10,000 for his effort. He started fourth and took the lead on the 19th lap and held on to the lead the rest of the way on the 4/10th mile dirt oval.

Ray Cook won the Lucas Oil \$10,000 race at Volunteer Speedway Saturday night as he held off Chris Madden after taking the lead on the 39th lap of the 60 lap event. This was Cook's second \$10,000 win in two weeks, his other being the Bama Bash last week.

Cook's protégé, Blairsville's 19-year old Jacob Grizzle ran in the top 15 at the Alabama race and Saturday ran 7th at Duck River in a Southern Regional Racing Series \$3,000 to win race won by Ronnie Lee Hollingsworth.

Another Blairsville hot shoe, Brian Kinnersley showed up at Cleveland Speedway's opening night Saturday to take home the victory in the Limited/Crate feature over a very strong field of cars. He also had a good showing last week in the Bama Bash.

Tri-County Race Track has announced that track promoter Steve Morris is putting new clay on the track in the next two weeks, sprucing up the facility and scheduling practice for April 10th and 17th and the first race to be April 24th. You can follow activities on www.tricountyracetrack.com on the web.

North Georgia Speedway will open this year under promoter Timmy Millwood and will return to Saturday night racing. Some will remember Timmy when he promoted Sugar Creek Raceway in Blue Ridge when that track had a very successful period. Sugar Creek at this time looks like it will not be in operation this season. This year, once again, I will try to keep everyone up to date on what is going on with our area drivers in the motor sports world. N(Mar10,C2)ac

Young Harris falls twice at GPC Invitational

Mickey Seward, YHC SID

Young Harris College's softball team dropped a pair of games at the Georgia Perimeter College Invitational Saturday, falling to Walters State 8-6 and Spartanburg Methodist 12-1 in Covington, Ga. Alexa Rush highlighted the Young Harris effort against Walters State, belting a three-run home run for the Mountain Lions. Kayla Jones delivered the RBI that scored Emily Wilson for YHC in the Spartanburg Methodist game. T(Mar10,TCspts1)ac



Emily Wilson made it to the diamond then was plated off an RBI by Kayla Jones. Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

Mountain High Hikers Hiking Club

Mountain High Hikers schedules two hikes each Tuesday, occasional specialty hikes, and regular trail maintaining trips - all in the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Check the website www.mountainhighhikers.org for schedule and meeting locations or call 828-389-8240 for information. N(Mar10,SC1)

2010 Fundraiser Car - Truck - Motorcycle Show

When: May 15, 2010 From: 10 AM to 5 PM
Where: Towns County High School Parking Lot
Admission: \$5.00

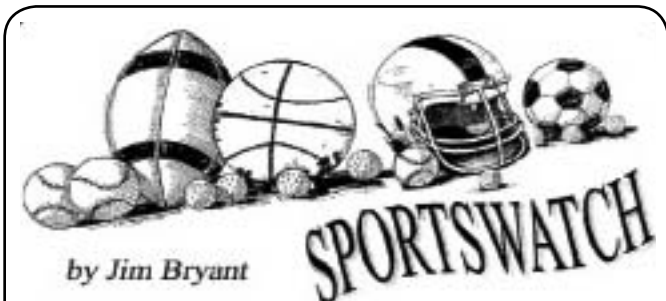
Entry Fee: \$20.00 (car -/ truck) \$10.00 (motorcycle)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____
Email Address: _____
Year, Make & Model of entry: _____

NO AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN. FUNDRAISER EVENT
This fundraiser is to benefit athletics in grades 6 to 12 of Towns County Schools.

DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2010

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(G) TCHS 32 Wesleyan 81
Prep Baseball
TCHS 4 Rabun County 10
TCHS 15 Social Circle 13
JV TCHS 7 Rabun County 4
Prep Tennis
(B) TCHS 5 Rabun County 0
(G) TCHS 3 Rabun County 2
Prep Soccer
(G) TCMS 3 Lakeview 0
(G) TCMS 2 South Habersham 1
(B) TCMS 1 Lakeview 6
(VG) TCHS 0 South Habersham 7
Fannin County 8
Collegiate Baseball
YHC 10/6 Sinclair 0/2
YHC 6 Wabash Valley, IL 7
YHC NJCAA Ranked 11th
YHC PGC Ranked 14th
Collegiate Softball
YHC 6 Walters State 8
YHC 1 Spartanburg Methodist 12
Collegiate Tennis
(W)YHC 0 Carson-Newman 9
(W) YHC 1 Georgia Perimeter 8
(M) YHC 6 Georgia perimeter 3