



# Towns County Herald's Sporting News



## YHC Cats and ABAC Fillies finally determine a winner

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**Eleven innings needed to break a 3-3 regulation tie.**

It was a five game day for this reporter and an eleven inning softball game was not the way to get things started. The ABAC Fillies and the YHC Lady Mountain Lions squared off in a 3-3 tie for the first seven innings of regulation play, and four innings later the game finally determined a winner. What made it even more ironical was the 1-0 tie-breaker game the day before with Middle Georgia. Things just don't come easy at the end of the season.

For four innings neither

team could plate a run. The Fillies started off in the first with a stand-up double but a great OB catch by left fielder Chelsea Davison left the runner on base. In the second, it was a booming triple that got the Ponies in position but a play from Tara Mullinax to Sam Woolf ended another opportunity for ABAC. In the fourth, it was Davidson again against the fence with the catch in left and Jessica Swancey with a snowball catch in right. Thus far, both teams had put runner at third but neither had plated a score, despite a golden opportunity missed by the Cats.

In the fifth, the Cats over-played a bunt that went over their heads for a single and led to a 3-0 ABAC lead when a

Filly jacked a 3-run shot over left. The Mountain Lions stormed back in the sixth when Emily Wilson hammered a 2-out, 2-run triple to plate Tara Mullinax and Brittany Allen, 3-2. Jessica Swancey followed with a single to get Wilson over for the 3-3 tie. Through regulation the game went into standstill and the eighth inning started with the Fillies hitting a single to make it 4-3. In the bottom Jamey Chapman got on first when the first baseman bobbled the ball and a shot off the center field fence by Jessica Swancey plated Tara

Mullenax to retie the game 4-4. The ninth and tenth innings went quietly. In the eleventh ABAC had a runner on third and dropped a shot over Tara Mullenax to take a 5-4 lead. The Cats clawed their way back into the fray in the bottom half when Jessica Swancey again hit an RBI single to plate Sam Woolf, 5-5. The game finally saw a winner when Jennifer Watford laced a single to right field and Swancey blew home, 6-5 to the cheers of the elated team and exhausted crowd. The Cats also took a 4-0 win in game two.



### SPORTSWATCH

by Jim Bryant

#### Prep Baseball

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Towns County 2      | Athens Academy 19   |
| Towns County 0      | Athens Christian 1  |
| Prince Avenue 0     | Lakeview Academy 17 |
| Athens Academy 17   | Tallulah Falls 1    |
| Pickens County 6    | North Hall 9        |
| White County 5      | Gainesville 6       |
| White County 6      | East Hall 3         |
| White County 13     | Lumpkin County 8    |
| Lumpkin County 15   | Johnson 10          |
| Gilmer County 1     | Flowery Branch 11   |
| Habersham Central 4 | Clarke Central 5    |
| North Hall 14       | East Hall 6         |
| Johnson 15          | West Hall 13        |

#### Region 8-A Baseball Championships

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| Lakeview Academy 4 | Hebron Academy 3 |
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- (16-0 unbeaten in region)

#### Region 8-AA Baseball Championships

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| Jefferson 9           | Banks County 5 |
| Jefferson 11 (Champs) | North Oconee 0 |

#### Region 8-AAA Baseball Tournament

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| Flowery Branch 6 | West Forsyth 2 |
| Creekview 6      | Gainesville 4  |

#### Region 8-AA Boys Track Championships

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> North Oconee (132) |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jefferson (118) |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> East Jackson (103) |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Riverside Academy (87) |
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#### Region 7-AAA Boys Track Championships

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Gainesville (117.5) |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> West Forsyth |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> North Hall |
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#### Region XVII Baseball 1<sup>st</sup> Round Tournament

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| (1) Ga Perimeter 14/13 | (8) South Georgia 11/8 |
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| (2) YHC 13/8 | (7) Andrew 5/5 |
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| (3) Gordon 4/2 | (6) Truett McConnell 6/9 |
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| (4) Middle Georgia 9/12 | (5) Darton 7/4 |
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#### Collegiate Softball

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| YHC 0/4 | Georgia Perimeter 11/8 |
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| YHC 1/0 | Darton 5/3 |
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#### GJCAA Region XVII Softball Tournament

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| YHC 0 | Middle Georgia 8 |
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| YHC 2 | ABAC 1 |
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| YHC 1 | Middle Georgia 2 |
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| ABAC 7 | Georgia Military 2 |
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| Darton 4 | ABAC 3 |
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| Middle Georgia 6 | Georgia Perimeter 7 |
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| Darton 3 | Georgia perimeter 0 |
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| Middle Georgia 3 | Georgia Military 0 |
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| Georgia Perimeter 1 | Middle Georgia 3 |
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| Darton 7 (Champions) | Middle Georgia 4 |
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#### GJCAA Region XVII Women's Golf Tournament

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> YHC |
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Boys Soccer: Ian Calhoun, Chris Evans, Nathan Hughes and James LaRoche. Tennis: Bart Arencibia, Wayne Carpenter, Ben Hogsed and Josh Stroud. Golf: Chase Ellis.



Sam Woolf waits to put the tag on a flying Filly at home plate.



Jessica Swancey had a stellar day at the plate and a snowball catch in right. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Tara Mullinax puts the tag on an ABAC player at third base.



Brittany Allen is out at third as a Filly applies the tag.

## YHC Mtn Lion Robinson signs with Florida A & M

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**Lady Cat pitching ace inks with Florida team.**

The only sophomore on the Young Harris College softball team this season is heading to the sunshine state. Pitcher, Whitney Robinson from Green Run High School in Virginia Beach, VA has signed to play the 2010 season at Florida A & M University. Robinson joins a host of other Lady Mountain Lions who have continued their play at the next level.

Prior to the ABAC game on Saturday, Head Coach and Athletic Director,

Eric Geldart presented Whitney with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Lady Mountain Lions Softball Team.



Whitney Robinson gets a bouquet of flowers from YHC Coach Eric Geldart. Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

## Indians hold Senior Day to honor spring athletes

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**Nineteen athletes honored before baseball game.**

Prior to the baseball game with Athens Christian, the athletes of spring were honored from baseball, soccer, tennis and golf. The athletes arrived on the field escorted by

someone special in their lives. Presentations from flowers to plaques were presented by the coaches representing the various sports.

Baseball: Charles Corn, Trystan Drummond, Randy Smith, Andy Page and Ezekiel Gribble.

Girls Soccer: Nicole Conrad, Breelee Garrett, Kayla Osborne, Mindy Miller and Ellie Parton.



Seniors from the various spring sports are honored at Senior Day festivities. (F) Trystan Drummond, Ezekiel Gribble, Randy Smith, Andy Page, Charles Corn. (B) Wayne Carpenter, Ben Hogsed, Bart Arencibia, Chris Evans, Ellie Parton, Nathan Hughes, Ian Calhoun, Breelee Garrett, Kayla Osborne, Nicole Conrad, Mindy Miller. Not pictured, James LaRoche, Josh Stroud and Chase Ellis.

## Milton High School golfer of Alpharetta signs with YHC



Katie Blutworth is flanked by her parents Valerie and Marshall Pierce. Behind them are grandparents and part-time Hiwassee residents Dick and Kay Duncan, YHC president Cathy Cox, YHC athletic director Danny Rubins, and YHC golf pro and coach Brett Beasley. Katie will join the YHC golf team in the fall of 2009.

## Benefit bass tournament for Karla

There will be a Benefit Bass Tournament for 12-year-old cancer patient Karla Allred on May 9 from 7am to 4pm at the Gibson Cove Boat Access on Lake Chatuge. The tournament fee is \$80 per boat, which includes big fish. Limit two people per boat and five bass per boat. All standard tournament rules apply. Registration starts at 5am with the rules

meeting at 6:45 am. Half and half drawing after weigh-in. Guaranteed first place \$1,000; second place \$500; third place \$350, first big fish \$250; and second big fish \$150. Prize money donated by Jackson County Emergency Services.

For more info, call Steven McClure 828-507-3751, Shane Melton 828-507-8983, Bruce Parris 828-506-0358

## WILD FACTS: hooked on bream

The group of freshwater fish called bream includes species such as bluegill, redbreast sunfish and redear sunfish. Compared to other sportfish, bream are fairly easy to catch. All you need is a basic rod and reel with monofilament line, a bobber to hold the bait off the bottom and signal bites, and a small hook. Live worms and crickets make good bait and are available at most convenience stores near lakes and rivers.

Spring is a great time for bream fishing because that's when the fish are spawning. Rather than seeing bait as food, "bedding" fish often think your lure is a threat to their nest and



aggressively strike it. WILD Facts is a regular feature written by Linda May, a wildlife interpretive specialist with the Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division.

## Herald's sports quote of the week

"Youth is full of sport, age's breath is short; youth is nimble, age is lame; Youth is hot and bold, age is weak and cold; Youth is wild, and age is tame."

- William Shakespeare, playwright

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