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Georgia Cross Country Championships

- Class A Girls**
Our Lady of Mercy Champions
Towns County 15th
- Class AA Girls**
St. Pius X Champions
Dawson County 4th
- Class AAA Girls**
North Gwinnett Champions
Flowers Branch 3rd
- Class AAAA Girls**
Westminster Champions
- Class AAAAA Girls**
Marist Champions
- Class A Boys**
Wesleyan
- Class AA Boys**
Flowers Branch Champions
- Class AAA Boys**
Brookwood Champions
- Class AAAA Boys**
Westminster Champions
- Class AAAAA Boys**
Marist
- Women's Collegiate Tennis**
YHC 9 Snead State 0
YHC 9 Spartanburg Methodist 0
- Men's Collegiate Tennis**
YHC 8 Spartanburg Methodist 1
- ITA Pre-Season Tennis Rankings**
YHC Men 17th
YHC Women 21st
- Georgia Prep Football Play-Offs**
- Class A**
Commerce 29 Landmark Christian 19
Clinch County 34 Marion County 7
ECI 22 Hawkinsville 15
Social Circle 7 Holy Innocents 34
Bremen 17 Wilkinson County 14
Greenville 25 Pelham 0
Wilcox County 20 Treulen 23
Wesleyan 45 Whitfield Academy 13
Seminole County 27 Chattahoochee County 38
Lincoln County 14 Trion 0
Athens Academy 18 Eagles landing 23
Savannah Christian 14 Irwin County 10
Miller County 33 Brookstone 28
Darlington 16 Warren County 14
Twiggs County 43 Savannah Day 14
Washington-Wilkes 35 Bowdon 49
- Class AA**
Riverside Academy 7 Calloway 47
Henry County 0 Thomasville 37
Avondale 14 Calhoun 42
Jefferson County 33 Tatnall County 14
Lovett 45 Chattooga 7
Putnam County 12 Brooks County 35
Swainsboro 21 McIntosh County 7
North Oconee 34 Lamar County 14
East Jackson 27 Manchester 14
Buford 24 Pepperell 0
Jefferson 21 Heard County 13
Armuchee 6 Westminster 28
Fitzgerald 42 Greene County 21
Northeast Macon 14 Cook 28
Unidalia 20 Appling County 27
- Class AAA**
Flowers Branch 17 Ridgeland 14
North Hall 39 Ringgold 21
Northside Columbus 7 Baldwin 40
Gainesville 42 Lakeview-Ft Oglethorpe 0
Hart County 21 Grady 28
Peach County 45 Spalding 7
Worth County 0 Woodland Academy 34
Burke 21 Carver Columbus 28
Washington County 38 Troup 7
St. Pius X 34 Franklin County 0
Jackson 7 Monroe 14
LaGrange Liberty County
Eastside 31 Towers 13
Carrollton 31 Creekview 14
Woodland Henry 7 Cairo 42
- Class AAAA**
Thomas Co. Central 15 Alcovy 8
Clarke Central 31 Mays 28
Richmond Academy 29 Glynn Academy 21
Loganville 19 Sandy Creek 37
Dalton 13 Tucker 35
Griffin 34 Harris County 7
Ware County 18 Evans 14
Apalachee 27 Starr's Mill 24
Marist 28 Sprayberry 14
Worth County 0 Woodward Academy 34
Chamblee 20 Hiram 28
Rockdale County 41 Banneker 18
Statesboro 0 Lakeview Evans 16
Mt. Zion Jonesboro 7 Westside Macon 33
Northwest Whitfield 3 Southwest DeKalb 40
North Clayton 19 Bainbridge 7
Hephziblah 6 Brunswick 16
- Class AAAAA**
Northside WR 35 Chapel Hill 14
Winsor Forest 20 Union Grove 47
Brookwood 20 McEachren 19
Peachtree Ridge 14 Kell 7
Newnan 28 Valdosta 9
Lowndes County 52 East Coweta 14
Etowah 28 South Gwinnett 31
Grayson 21 Marietta 14
Roswell 30 Collins Hill 27
South Gwinnett 31 Etowah 28
Dacula 7 Woodstock 24
Camden County 43 Newton County 19
Braswell Institute 0 Stephenson 44
Colquitt County 10 Westlake 0
North Forsyth 37 Lassiter 62
North Gwinnett 52 Centennial 21
- Tri-County Prep Football**
Hayesville, NC 25 Princeton, NC 28
Murphy, NC 34 North Rowan, NC 6
Robbinsville, NC 63 South Davidson, NC 16
Swain, NC 34 West Wilkes, NC 7
Franklin, NC 13 Hunter Hess, NC 7
Cherokee, NC 7 North Duplin, NC 14

Lady Indian compete at GHSA state cross country meet

Fourth consecutive season for Indian qualifiers

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For the fourth consecutive year, the TCHS Lady Indians qualified runners for the Division 1A State Cross Country Meet. Each year the top four teams and the top six individual qualifiers from each region qualify to make the trip to Carrollton, Georgia for the meet. The Lady Indians were seeded third out of Region 8A but the boys came in 5th seed and did not make the competition. On November 7th, some 188 elite runners from twenty-seven teams converged at the starting line.

Led by the two Indian seniors Amy Vardeman and Missy Conrad, the Tribe sought to represent TCHS well in the huge

field of participants. Senior, Vardeman crossed the line in 82nd position; first year XC runner, Brittany Walls was near at 86th; another rookie, Cassie Buck was seconds back at 95th; senior, Missy Conrad came in at 104th; Kristin Fuhs, although injured, came in at 131st and newcomer, Dadrian Blythe finish at 141st. Only one public school edged out the Lady Indians as Bremen came in at 14th position. The other top thirteen positions were garnered by private schools, with Our Lady of mercy taking the championship.

According to Coach Jeannie Ledford-Stephens, "I told them to go after 15 and that is exactly what they did." "They worked hard and fought strong through injury, illness and small numbers to get there." Last year the Indians finished 9th at the meet. Coach Ledford-Stephens indicated that she had coached Amy Vardeman and Missy Conrad since they were in middle school. Special thanks were given by the coach to Drs. Kirk and Susan Vardeman for their support and help throughout the XC season.



TCHS Lady Indians attending state cross country meet. (L-R front) Lindsay Patton and Lisa Bominghaus. (L-R back) Amy Vardeman, Missy Conrad, Dadrian Blythe, Cassie Buck, Brittany Walls and Kristin Fuhs.



(L-R front) Amy Vardeman, Coach Jeannie Ledford-Stephens and Missy Conrad. (L-R back) Brittany Walls, Kristin Fuhs, Dadrian Blythe and Cassie Buck.



Kristin Fuhs comes in at 131st in field of 188 elite runners at state meet.



Dadrian Blythe comes in at 141th place at state cross country championships.

Cross Country: Parker Childree Finishes in Top Half at National Meet



Parker Childree

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Young Harris College cross country runner Parker Childree finished 123rd in a field of 259 at the 2009 National Junior College Athletic Association National Championships in Peoria, Ill., Saturday.

Childree finished the 8,000 meter race in time of 28:25. "Not a bad day," said YHC head coach Barry Brown of Childree's performance. "The course featured a lot of tough, rolling hills." Childree was the lone YHC runner to compete in the event. The race concludes the 2009 season for the Mountain Lions.



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Towns November blood drive

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During the "Give Blood and Go!" campaign, which runs from October 1 to December 31, 2009, each person who presents to donate blood or platelets with the Red Cross will have an opportunity to win one of three pairs of roundtrip Delta Air Lines domestic tickets.

Thursday, November 19: Young Harris College Blood Drive at the Myers Student Center (College Street), 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 706-379-5110 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred.

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