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TCHS Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Teams



Front L-R: Devin Henderson, Bradley Swanson, John Bleckley Coach Chet Kendall, Ethan Burch, D.J. Rogers, Brett Bradshaw. Back row: Corbin Gilfinian, Dakota Barrett, Ryan Tallent, Rylan Albach, Assistant Coach Ken Hamilton, Brandon Henderson, Jeb Edge, Austin Wood, Donald Lindermath. Photo by Jim/Lisa Bryant

TCHS Varsity Girls Basketball Team



Front L-R: Managers, Amy Vardeman, Claire Wilson, Ginny Rhoades, Kaila Reece, Kristin Fuhs. Middle row: Mgr, Alex Bohannon, Kerri Abernathy, Melissa Conrad, Heather Hamilton, Sheena Kendall, Mgr, Kayla Anderson. Back row: Assistant Coach, Duncan Weekley, Brittany Walls, Jordan Moss, Ali Bleckley, Gabby Arencibia, Megan Ellis, Lindsay Patton, Head Coach, Jim Melton. Photo by Jim/Lisa Bryant

TCHS Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team



Front L-R Davilyn Blythe, Alex Fagin, Makalya Underwood, Drew Kendall. Back row: Manager, Claire Wilson, Kindie Moss, Dadrrian Blythe, Head Coach, Duncan Weekley, Assistant Coach, Jim Melton, Crystal Bishop, Emily Anderson, Manager, Kaila Reece. Photo by Jim/Lisa Bryant

Towns County youth wrestling

It's that time again. Towns County Youth Wrestling will be starting its season on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 6 p.m. This will be the first practice. We will be having sign ups at this practice for the ones that haven't already registered. If your child wants to come give it a try before you commit, show up in t-shirt and shorts. Practices will be held

in the new wrestling facility, behind the middle school gym, on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 - 7:30. The cost for registration is \$60 per child, which includes a mandatory USA Wrestling membership card, as well as team shirts, shorts, and singlet. For more information, feel free to contact Jason Hoffman at 706-897-2076. TIDec30,M2JYS

Blairsville School of Dance offering Ballroom lessons

For the first time since its move to a larger location, Blairsville School of Dance is now enrolling for its next ballroom session. The four-week package will begin on Friday, January 8 at 6:30 and will last for 1 1/2 hours. The remaining sessions will be on January 15, January 22 and February 5 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

"We are very excited to begin this session," said Studio Director Angela Puleo. "There is such an interest in ballroom dancing right now, and we've received many calls over the past year about classes. With the move to a new studio and our active competition and performance schedule, we just haven't had the chance to put a ballroom class together until now."

The classes will cover foxtrot, tango, waltz and rumba. Space is limited, so call (706) 835-1415 or email info@blairvilleschoolofdance.com to reserve a spot. Blairsville School of Dance also offers instruction in other partner dances including cha cha, salsa, merengue, samba and East Coast swing. BSoD also offers classes for ages 18 months-adult in ballet, jazz, clogging, hip hop, lyrical, Baby and Me and more.

Blairsville School of Dance is located at 90 Blue Ridge Street, and the new location is in the Merchant's Walk Plaza directly behind their former location. For more information, call (706) 835-1415 or email info@blairvilleschoolofdance.com. TIDec30,M2JYS

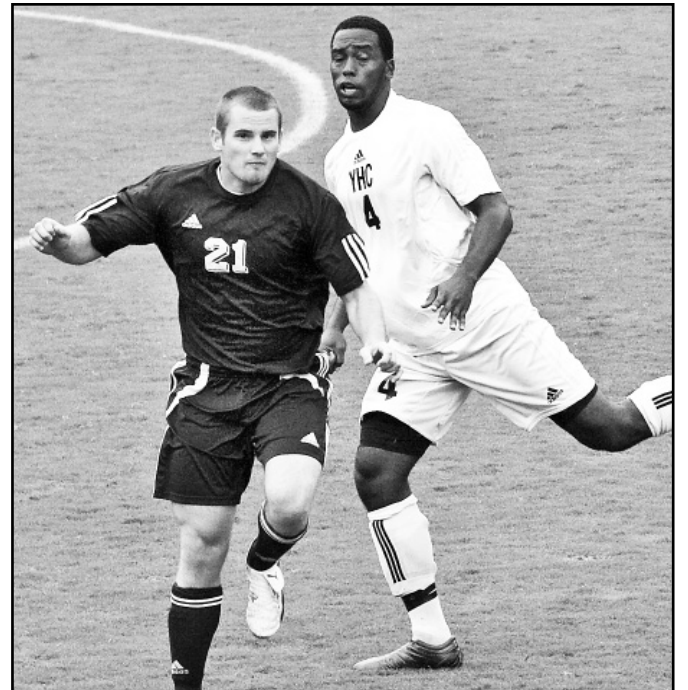
YHC Men's Soccer: Klammer, Barnard, Walker Named NSCAA All-South Region

Young Harris College men's soccer players Adrian Klammer, Wesley Barnard and Ashley Walker were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-South Region team, the NSCAA announced this week.

Klammer was named to the first team, while Barnard and Walker each earned second team honors. Klammer, who last season was named the Region's Player of the Year after leading the nation in scoring, missed all of this season's first seven matches, and most of the eighth, due to an injury. But the sophomore forward from Austria came back strong, scoring at least one goal in nine of the 12 matches in which he played in 2009. He finished the year with 12 goals and three assists.

Barnard joined the Mountain Lions this season and stepped into the starting goalkeeper role early in the year. The freshman from South Africa finished 2009 with a 1.26 goals against average.

A freshman defender from England, Walker played in front of Barnard, and helped the Mountain Lions defense hold opponents to



Ashley Walker was one of three YHC Mountain Lions named by the NSCAA to the All-South Region Team.

20 goals in 19 matches and record nine shutouts. Walker scored two goals and assisted on two more.

Last month, all three players were named to the NJCAA Region XVII team.

The Mountain Lions finished the 2009 season

with a 14-5 overall record, and advanced to the championship match of the Region XVII Tournament. They were ranked as high as No. 8 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's national poll.

Photo By Jim/Lisa Bryant

Indians gear up for Amicalola Classic

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The Towns County Indians wrestling team travels to Dawsonville New Year's Day to take part in the 27th Annual Amicalola Classic Wrestling Tournament.

The Classic, scheduled for Jan. 1 and 2 at Dawson County High School, is steeped in tradition.

The Classic features teams from Georgia and North Carolina.

Indians' Head Wrestling Coach Jeff Stowers, a Dawson County native, expects some of the best wrestling ever hosted during the Classic. The finals, he said, will be amazing to watch.

"In recent years some teams have run away with it, but I see some teams that have the potential

to challenge those top tier schools," Stowers said.

The tournament is complete traditional. Wrestlers compete in 14 different weight classes, ranging from 103 pounds to the Heavyweight division of up to 285 pounds.

The tournament is double elimination, 16-man brackets. Grapplers will wrestle straight through until it's over. Seeds will be determined by each wrestler's win-loss record, previous tournament placements, and other factors that indicate each wrestler's ability.

Wrestlers with the most superior records are bracketed to assure that two top-ranked wrestlers in each weight class do not compete in an early round.

The tournament begins with weigh-ins, shoulder-to-shoulder,

starting two hours or less before competition is scheduled to begin. An allowance of 1 pound is granted for each subsequent day of the tournament, up to a maximum of 2 pounds.

The Classic, founded by William Howington, comes stacked in tradition; it's one of the oldest wrestling tournaments in Georgia.

The Classic always attracts a lot of top-notch wrestling talent.

The Indians are coming off a sixth place finish in the John Smith Mountaineer tournament in Lumpkin County before the Christmas Holiday.

Mat Hogsd at 160 pounds and Josh Barnes at 285 pounds captured Mountaineer gold. Max Updike grabbed the silver at 171 pounds.



Towns County's Josh Barnes, a junior, goes for his third tournament title of the season this weekend in Dawsonville in the Amicalola Classic. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

YHC Women's Soccer: Villas, Wilkes Named To NSCAA All-South Region Squad

Young Harris College women's soccer players Emily Villas and Rachel Wilkes have been named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-South Region team, the NSCAA announced this week.

Last month, both players were named to the All-NJCAA Region XVII squad. Villas, a sophomore defender from Jupiter, Fla., finished the season with three goals and two assists. Wilkes, a sophomore midfielder/forward from Crawford, Ga., scored twice and assisted on three goals.

Young Harris finished the 2009 season with a 10-6-1 overall record. The Mountain Lions won the sub-region title and advanced to the semifinals of the NJCAA Region XVII Tournament.

Photo By Jim/Lisa Bryant



Rachel Wilkes and Emily Villas were named by the NSCAA to the All-South Region Soccer Team.



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