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TCMS softball wraps up 2013 campaign

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The Towns County Middle School softball team played its last game of the season on Monday.

The team attended the league tournament held at Meeks Park, where it lost its first game 26-0 to White County. That round was single elimination, so the young athletes were unable to advance.

For those looking to end the season on a high note, a 26-0 score is certainly disappointing. White County seemed to have no problems hitting, while Towns was hard-pressed to put their players on bases. As the Indians got disheartened, they began to make more and more errors, such as dropped balls and miscommunication, while White gained more and more momentum, scoring 19 runs in the first inning and seven in the second. The officials called the game after Towns County failed to score at the top of the third inning.

The season had already seen Towns play White twice for scores of 16-1 and 17-2. Coach Jennifer Cook admitted that she couldn't point to a specific reason for this game's score gap. "They just were not here 100 percent," she said. "They improved all year long, but this game doesn't show that."

Cook added that the Indians need not take the loss so hard. She said that her athletes are aware that they've made gains this season. Their improvements are obvious from past games.

"They can look back at all the scores and each game and each practice, and they know where they improved," she said.

Cook did say, however,



TCMS Softball playoff photos by Lowell Nicholson

that she was excited about having young new athletes to mold.

"I'm looking forward to the next year and the upcoming fifth graders who will be in sixth grade," she said. "And the learning process as well, because I didn't know any of them and

they didn't know me." Cook's team is still very young and has yet to form the cohesion that comes from playing together for years. Cooks hopes to change that, and thinks she can. "We're only losing four of them," she said optimistically.

TCMS Indians' 2013 season finale



Youth basketball registration

The Towns County Recreation Department will be having youth basketball registration during the week of Monday the 7th of October 2013 and will run through Saturday the 26th of October 2013. You may register your child at the Towns County Recreation Department. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. 'til 8

p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. Fee for the program will be \$45.

Age divisions will be 10 & under divisions (8, 9, & 10 years old), 12 & under divisions (11 & 12 years old). This is for both male and female.

For more information please contact The Towns County Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. T(Oct2-Oct23,F)SH

Horse Show coming to Shooting Creek

Three Bars Farm and Shooting Creek Stables will present a Horse Show for adults and children of all ages. The show will be held October 12 at Shooting Creek Stables Arena in Hayesville. Sign up will be at 9 AM, show time 10

AM. \$5 per class or \$25 for all classes. Negative Coggins required. Concessions will be available. All proceeds will go to Clay County Trails & Rails 4-H Horse Club. For more info contact Alaina Brooks at 828-447-2888. T(Oct2,1)SH

Fish for Food Fishing Tournament

Matthew 25 Food Ministries presents "Fish for Food Fishing Tournament". 60% of tournament money goes to feed needy families in our area. The remaining 40% will go to tournament prize money. Prize money will be awarded for 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place and biggest fish. Actual prize amount will depend on number of entries.

Entry fee is \$50 per boat, the tournaments end in October, occurring the second Saturday of each month rotating between Lake Chatuge, Woods Grove Boat Ramp and Lake Nottely, Deaver Road Boat Ramp, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tournament schedule: October 12 - Nottely. For contact information call David Crisp at 706-897-5347. N(Oct2,Z)ICA

Tai Chi offered at Rec Department

Tai Chi for Arthritis relief. Classes will be taught by Mrs. Pat Tomczyk who is certified by the Arthritis Foundation. There will be a \$40 fee for this course.

Please contact Pat at 706-994-0414 for further details or to enroll. T(Sep25,F)SH

NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Johnson and Earnhardt 1-2 at Dover

Hendrick teammates Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished 1-2 in Sunday's Cup race.

Johnson, who started eighth, led 243 laps of the 400-lap race and became the first driver to record eight wins at the track.

Johnson was able to beat his teammates Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. out of the pits late in the race. Back on the track, he was the leader.

"Track position after that last caution gave me the ability to hold off Dale," said Johnson. "His car was probably equal to mine, and had he gotten out front, I don't know? We came to a track that favors us and we got it done."

Johnson moved from third to second in the Chase standings.

"We had a good car, but Jimmie was just fast," said Earnhardt, the polesitter. "I thought I could get to him, and I'm disappointed I couldn't. This was the best car we've had all year."

Joey Logano, winner of Saturday's Nationwide race finished third.

Jeff Gordon was fourth, and moved up three spots in the standings from eighth to fifth.

"We just weren't set up for short runs," said Gordon. "We took two tires on that last restart and couldn't move up on Jimmie."

Kyle Busch had a fast car, led several laps early in the race, but as the laps wound down, his car developed a looseness, and he finished fifth.

Kevin Harvick, Matt Kenseth, Ryan Newman, Greg Biffle, and Clint Bowyer rounded out the top-10.

Kurt Busch, who has had somewhat of a fairytale season this year ran out of luck. He finished 23rd and dropped from seventh to ninth in points.

Carl Edwards lost an engine in his No. 99 Ford and did not finish the race.

Brad Keselowski, the 2012 NASCAR Cup champion, who did not make this year's Chase also fell victim to mechanical problems and wound up with a DNF.

"It's been a bad year," said Keselowski. "But we're getting all this bad stuff behind us. I guarantee that we'll be back next year."

of the 200-lap Dover Nationwide race as he picked up his fourth straight win at the 1-mile track, and finished 14.590 seconds ahead of runner-up Kyle Larson.

He became the first NASCAR driver to win four straight races at Dover.

However, Logano's car failed a post race inspection, because the ride height of the car was too low in front. NASCAR will review the infraction next week, and issue penalties, if any. However, any penalty will not affect Logano's win.

Kevin Harvick ran third, more than 24 seconds back, and Brian Vickers came home fourth. Logano, Kyle Larson, Kevin Harvick and Brian Vickers were the only drivers on the lead lap at the finish.

Kyle Busch appeared to have the fastest car, but Busch stayed on the track under the first two cautions. When a third caution failed to materialize, Busch was forced to pit under green on Lap 87, leaving him unable to complete the race without stopping again.

Top-10 leaders after 28 of 33: 1. Hornish-989, 2. A. Dillon-985, 3. Sadler-947, 4. Smith-946, 5. Vickers-942, 6. Allgaier-919, 7. Scott-916, 8. Bayne-903, 9. Larson-864, 10. Kligerman-820.

PETERS GET VEGAS TRUCK WIN

Ron Hornaday's tire spin on the last restart of Saturday's Truck race at Las Vegas allowed Timothy Peters to gain the lead and eventual victory.

Peters was running second to Hornaday, when the caution came out. The green flag was given with two laps to go. Hornaday spun his tires, and Peters shot ahead. As Hornaday faded back, Peters held off Johnny Sauter for his seventh career victory, and first in Las Vegas.

"Track position was so important," said Peters. "You had to get all you could on the restarts because once you spread out in that dirty air, it was bad to pass. I mean, they were crazy. I was really thankful for that last caution. I was getting good restarts all night long. Just everything went our way tonight. This is huge."

John Sauter finished second, followed by Miguel Paludo, Ty Dillon, Darrell Wallace Jr., Ron Hornaday, John Wes Townley, Brendan Gaughan, James Buescher, and Max Gresham.

Top-10 leaders after 17 of 22: 1. Crafton-644, 2. Buescher-603, 3. T. Dillon-591, 4. Burton-571, 5. Paludo-576, 6. Peters-559, 7. Blaney-552, 8. Sauter-541, 9. D. Wallace-538, 10. Gaughan-520.

IS RYAN BLANEY NEXT



Jimmie Johnson, winner of Dover Cup race

BIG STAR
Ryan Blaney is on the threshold of making it into NASCAR's Sprint Cup.

He currently drives the No. 29 Truck for Brad Keselowski Racing. He also won his first Nationwide Series race at Kentucky Speedway, driving for Penske Racing.

While Blaney has been driving for Keselowski, he is under contract to Penske.

During a press conference last week, he answered some questions about his future.

"Well, there has been very, very little talks with other teams," he said. "Right now my loyalty is to Penske Racing and finishing out this 2013 season very strong."

"I'm just really focused on that right now, and then in the off-season, we'll see what doors open up or if we progress here with Penske like planned. We'll find out in the coming months."

"I've done a decent amount of testing in Penske's Cup and Nationwide cars."

"So I'm working to try to learn and make myself better. I think there's been small improvements, but I need to keep learning and keep progressing and getting smarter about racing."

Rumors had it that Furniture Row Racing was looking at bringing in a young driver to replace Kurt Busch in 2014, but Blaney denied any contact with that organization.

Weekend Racing: The Cup and Nationwide teams are at the 1.5-mile Kansas Speedway. The Trucks do not race again until Oct. 18.

Sat., Oct. 5, Nationwide Series race 29 of 33; Starting time: 3:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sun., Oct. 6, Sprint Cup race 30 of 36; Starting time: 2 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: Where is the headquarters of Furniture Row Racing, owner of Cup car No. 78, driven by Kurt Busch?

Last Week's Question: Which team and series will Juan Montoya be with in 2014? **Answer:** He will be driving a car for Penske Racing in the Indy Car Series.

You may e-mail the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com. N(Oct2,C)Iac

Marine Corps League Golf Tournament

The 17th Annual Marine Corps League Golf Tournament will be held at Chatuge Shores Golf Course, Hayesville, NC on October 10, 2013. The tournament benefits children, elderly, families and individuals in need within our communities throughout the year and charities of Union and Towns counties and worthy military charities.

For more information please call Bobby Jarrard at 706-896-6084 or Walt Scott at 706-897-9610. N(Oct2,Z)ICA

Marine Corps League Warrior Golf Tournament results

On Friday the 20th, a group of golfers had fun, enjoyed beautiful weather and supported a good cause. The Marine Corps League Warrior Golf Tournament at Old Union Golf Course was a tremendous success and a lot of birdies were flying all over the place.

Winners of the four person scramble were given trophies and several lucky people won door prizes. Trophies were given to each person of the foursome in first, second and third place.

First place winners were Rod Burnette, Beck Burnette, Wyatt Larkin and Jason Larkin. Second place winners were: Bill Dismukes, Mark Frazier, Ross Johnson and Lynn Collier. Third place winners were: King Evans, Larry Garrett, Lamar Paris and Mark Dahler.

Longest drive for men was won by a gorilla named Roy Burnette. Longest drive for the older gorilla (over 65) was Ron Shuck. Closest to the pin for men on hole #13 was Wyatt Larkin. Closest to the pin for men 65 and older on hole #2 was Al Hester.

There was one ladies foursome and longest drive on #8 was Charlott Maddox. Closest to the pin on Hole #16 was Jean Stone.

The Marine Corps League would like to thank those participants for their support for this worthy cause. Veterans are certainly benefited by your generosity. N(Oct2,Z)4gg



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