

# Two second half goals the difference as Union County pulls away from Rabun

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On a windy night at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium, the Panthers picked up their first win of the season, 2-0 over Rabun County, thanks to a pair of late goals from Kobi Robbins and Al Rodriguez.

Coming out of halftime in a scoreless tie, neither team could get on the board until Robbins broke the tie with under 20 minutes to play off an assist from David Van Pelt.

Later in the half, Rodriguez put the game away with 4:57 remaining when his unassisted goal spotted Union County a 2-0 advantage.

"Rabun had the wind at their back in the second half so we knew their coach was going to be in his team's ear, 'this is your half' and 'take it down their throats,'" Union County coach Leyland Sarrell said. "We hung in there and were able to counter-attack well, but really, we were able to string more together in the midfield and our guys just played better in the second half."

The Panthers are hoping to carry that positive momentum when region play gets underway Tuesday at No. 8 Dawson County. Three days later, Union County will face another tough test when they host No. 3 East Hall on Friday.

Last year, Union and Dawson went down to the wire but the Tigers prevailed 3-2.

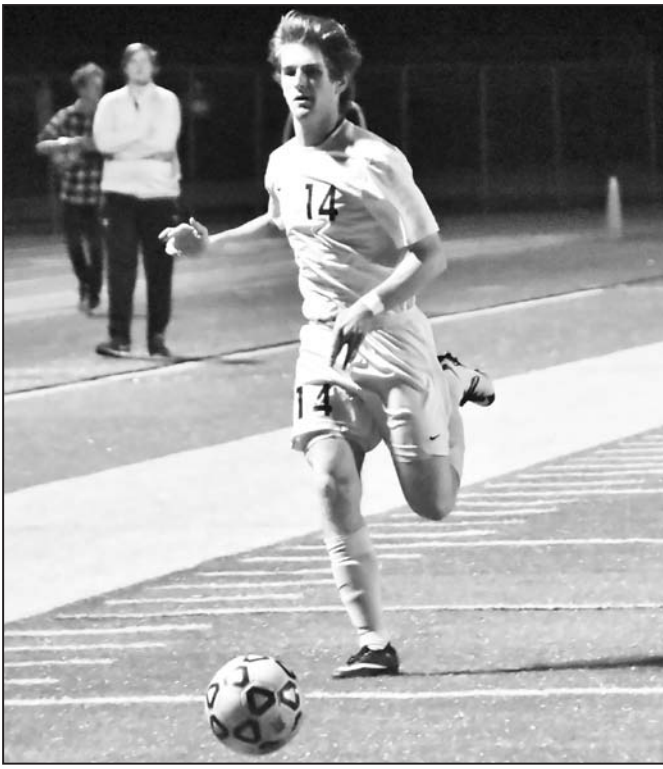
"We were able to mark one of their best players but we don't exactly have the athletes to do that again this year, so we'll have to gameplan a little differently, but we think we're going to look pretty good," Sarrell said. "All our thoughts and prayers go out to that program due to the recent loss they're dealing with."

"We look forward to playing them, but more importantly, we need to keep that program in our thoughts and prayers."

Start time is at 5 p.m. for the girls on Tuesday and Friday.



Union County's Al Rodriguez celebrates his goal with 4:57 remaining to give the Panthers a 2-0 lead over Rabun. Photo/Todd Forrest



Above right: Colby Ives looks to get Union County on the board early in the game. Bottom: Kobi Robbins (10) battles with the Rabun keeper on a first half corner-kick. He would score later in the game. Photos/Todd Forrest

## Union County Baseball season totals (through 3 games)

#	Roster	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
7	Patrick Baggett	3	12	8	5	5	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	4	1	.625	.750	.625	1.375
2	Chayton Schafer	3	5	4	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	.500	.500	1.250	1.750
44	Jonathan Everett	3	6	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.500	.400	.500	.900	
18	Hunter Kelley	3	9	8	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	.375	.444	.500	.944
26	RJ Banton	3	12	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	4	1	.333	.667	.333	1.000
10	Logan Dyer	3	10	7	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	.286	.444	.286	.730
3	Del Ruff	3	9	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	.250	.667	.250	.917
24	Ean Harkins	3	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	.250	.400	.250	.650
4	Candler Colwell	3	11	9	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	.111	.273	.222	.495
6	Alec Scott	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	.000	.400	.000	.400
11	Cayden Rich	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.000	.400	.000	.400
8	Cole Davis	3	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	.000	.167	.000	.167
12	Coleson Daniel	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.000	.000	.000	.000
5	Jackson Colwell	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	.000	.000	.000
1	John Mancuso	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
17	Pierson Allison	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	1.000	.000	1.000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>.264</b>	<b>.465</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>.799</b>

#	Roster	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	BS	SV%	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	WHIP
8	Cole Davis	5.0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	1	3	3	0	1.400	1.200
5	Jackson Colwell	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	4	3	3	5	2	0	5.250	2.250
26	RJ Banton	3.1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	3	0	2	1	0	.000	1.500
11	Cayden Rich	2.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	3	3	4	4	0	7.875	2.625
3	Del Ruff	2.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	4	3	3	2	2	1	10.500	3.000
24	Ean Harkins	2.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	2	1	4	3	0	3.500	2.500
17	Pierson Allison	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	5	3	3	2	1	0	21.000	7.000
12	Coleson Daniel	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
99	Crawford Colwell	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>20.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.900</b>	<b>2.250</b>

# UCHS Bass Fishing victorious at Hartwell



Dillan Snow (left) and Cole Davis (right) took home first place overall at the TBF High School Fishing Early Bird Open Tournament on Lake Hartwell earlier this month. Photo courtesy/UCHS Instagram

## Union County Recreation Department Basketball Youth Teams play in Tournaments

Three youth teams with the Union County Recreation Department played in Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Class C, District 7 basketball tournaments the weekend of February 16-17.

The 9-10 year old Lady Panthers finished 3-0 and won the District Tournament at Towns County and will advance to the State Tournament

also in Towns County March 2-3. The first game of the tournament had Union County defeat Rabun County, 24-23. Scorers for the Lady Panthers: Paula Robertson 6, Aubrie Akins 5, Kaylee Rader 5, Riley Voss 4, Jordane Mullanack 2, and Lola Hunter 2.

Lady Panthers defeated Lumpkin County in the second game, 18-16. Scorers for

the Lady Panthers: Kaylee Rader 6, Jordane Mullanack 4, Aubrie Akins 4, Paula Robertson 4.

In the final game Lady Panthers defeated Towns County 27-18. Scorers for the Lady Panthers: Paula Robertson 8, Lola Hunter 6, Aubrie Akins 6, Jordane Mullanack 3, Kaylee Rader 2, Riley Voss 2.



Members of the 9-10 Lady Panthers are Kaylee Rader #5, Reese Jones #10, Sloane Dyer #13, Jordane Mullanack #15, Lola Hunter #22, Riley Voss #23, Aayla Stepp #34, Aubrie Akins #42, Paula Robertson #43, and Lacey Newton #45. The Lady Panthers are coached by Tim Hunter and Jana Akins.

The 11-12 year old Lady Panthers finished 2-0 and won the District Tournament at Towns County and will advance as well to the State Tournament held in Towns County March 2-3. The first game of the tournament had

Union County defeat Lumpkin County, 41-36. Scorers for the 11-12 Lady Panthers: Lara Turner 13, Morgan Warren 11, Georgia Patton 5, Reese Kelley 4, Ariel McCarter 2, Kamryn Mull 2, Layla Akins 2 and Ila Bragg 2.

In the final game Lady Panthers defeat White County, 50-9. Scorers for the Lady Panthers: Ariel McCarter 13, Morgan Warren 11, Ila Bragg 9, Lara Turner 6, Layla Akins 5, Kamryn Mull 3, Reese Kelley 2, and Georgia Patton 1.



Members of the 11-12 Lady Panthers are Lillie Carpenter #00, Georgia Patton #3, Ariel McCarter #11, Reese Kelley #21, Morgan Warren #22, Lara Turner #24, Layla Akins #30, Hope Patton #32, Kamryn Mull #33, and Ila Bragg #44. The Lady Panthers are coached by Kayla Phillips, Heather Akins and Rickey Tanner.

The 9-10 boys played in the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Class C, District 7 basketball tournament in Banks Co. The 9-10 Boys were defeated by Oglethorpe Co 44-25. Scorers for the 9-10 Panthers: Ethan Hogsted 8, Jax Totherow 6, Silas Woodard 5, Holton Fleming 2, Turner West 2.



Members of the 9-10 Panthers are Ethan Hogsted #1, Brodi Elrod #2, Eli Gwynn #10, Turner West #14, Jax Totherow #22, RJ Rich #23, Ethan Lester #25, Ryland Chambers #30, Holton Fleming #32, and Silas Woodard #35. The 9-10 Panthers are coached by Dana Fleming, Sam Hogsted and Dustin Rogers. NFeb28Z16C