

Union soccer preps for postseason with a visit to Class AAAA White County

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CLEVELAND - Union County split a pair at White County last week in its final tune-up before opening the Class AA State Tournament later this week.

The Panthers were able to ride Brian Smith's two first half goals to a 2-1 victory following a 2-0 lead at the intermission.

The 6th ranked Lady Panthers (10-2-1) weren't quite as fortunate, falling 3-1 to Class AAAA's 7th ranked Lady Warriors after holding a 1-0 advantage at the break.

Senior Madison Yost scored the 96th goal of her career off a throw-in from Anzly Sherman for an early 1-0 Union County advantage.

The lead would stand until the early moments of the second half when White County exploded for two goals right out of the gates.

With under 10 minutes remaining, the Lady Warriors tacked on a third goal to provide a two-goal cushion that all but put the match away.

According to Coach Tim Hunter, this contest, along with the rest of the non-region schedule, will help his squad in the upcoming postseason.

"Both of our losses came



Senior Madison Yost (3) celebrates with teammates following her goal at White County. Yost is four goals shy of 100 for her career. Photo/Todd Forrest

to ranked teams in larger classifications," said Hunter, referring to 10th ranked Lumpkin County (Class AAA) and No. 7 White County (Class AAAA). "We tied Gilmer (Class AAAA) but in that match we agreed beforehand to sit the starters in the second half."

The Region 8-AA Champion Lady Panthers will begin its push for a state title on Thursday when they host a young but dangerous Temple squad at 6 p.m.

Temple will travel to the mountains with a 12-8 record (5-5 in Region 5-AA). However, the Lady Tigers didn't

fare particularly well against teams in the upper-echelon of its region. In four meetings (two matches vs each opponent) with top-seed Bremen and No. 2 seed Lamar County, Temple was outscored by a combined total of 31-1.

The Lady Tigers are led by freshman sensation Emily Higdon, who's responsible for 50 of her squad's 85 goals this season after posting team highs in goals (34) and assists (16).

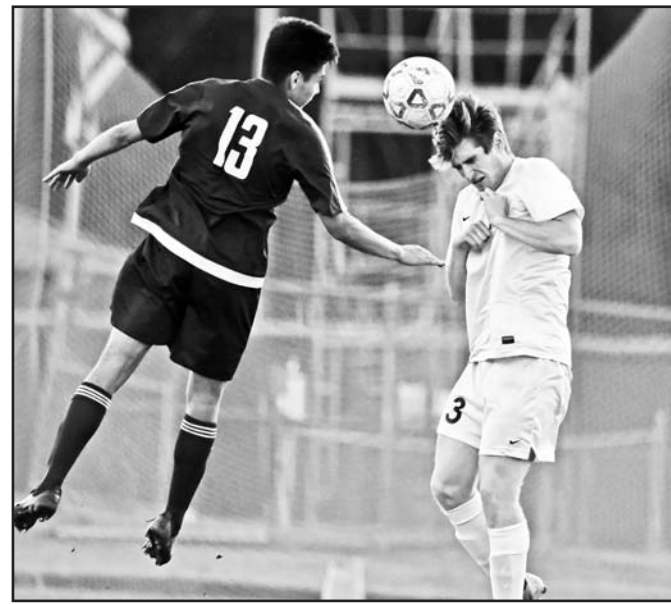
Others to watch are sophomore Mercedes Trejo (18G, 13A), senior Abigail Veliz (16G, 4A), juniors Destiny Lord (8G, 2A) and Makhala

Stafford (7G, 5A).

Defensively, Temple has relied upon a pair of goalkeepers in freshman Rebecca Schillinger and senior Cassie McDaniel.

Over its last four state tournaments, Union County is 3-1 in the opening round with its wins coming by an average score of 8-0. The only first round loss came in 2014 when they drew Westminster.

Over that same time span Union County soccer is 2-1 in the second round but has never advanced beyond the Elite 8, due to running into highly-ranked private schools, i.e. Lovett and Westminster.



Senior Colby Ives battles for a header during the first half of last week's win at White County. Photo/Todd Forrest

And unfortunately, this season looks no different.

The only private school ranked in the Eurosport Class AA Top 10 is No. 1 St. Vincent's Academy - the Lady Panthers' third round opponent should both teams hold serve in the early rounds.

Meanwhile, the Union County men visit top-seeded Lamar County on Friday in its opening round matchup.

The Panthers will enter riding a six-game winning streak after opening the season 3-4. Two early season losses to Rabun and Putnam County relegated Union to the fourth seed but at this point in the

season, they're playing as well as, or better than, anyone in Region 8-AA.

Lamar County is currently sporting a 14-3-1 record and a No. 5 ranking in Class AA. The Trojans have allowed just 15 goals in 18 games this season and were riding a 10-game winning streak before falling to Dutchtown in the regular season finale.

No additional info on Lamar County was available as of press time.

Friday's match is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m. Lamar County High School is located in Barnesville.

Track and field completes its final tune-up before Region 8-AA meet

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Hunter Hartzog was first in the 1600M and 800M at Rabun last week.



Zoe Sanchez - first in the 3200M and 1600M at Rabun last week.



Luke Gambrell - first in the 3200M; second in the 1600M



Carson Walker will compete when Region begins Wednesday at Banks



Riley Thomas and Trace Wright during the 4x100 relay at Rabun



Brendan Bowman at Rabun - Region is Wednesday and Friday at Banks

Union County 3, Rabun County 2

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	3	0	0	0	0	0
Alec Scott	2	0	2	1	1	0
Zeke Swartz	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter Kelley	3	1	1	0	0	0
Coleson Daniel	3	0	2	0	0	0
Alec Youngblood	2	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Garrison	3	1	1	0	0	0
Ean Harkins	3	0	1	2	0	0
Jonathan Everett	2	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	24	3	7	3	2	0

Batting
2B: Ean Harkins, Hunter Kelley
TB: Coleson Daniel 2, Austin Garrison, Ean Harkins 2, Hunter Kelley 2, Alec Scott 2
RBI: Ean Harkins 2, Alec Scott
SAC: Alec Youngblood
ROE: Isaak Mullinack
FC: Zeke Swartz 2, Coleson Daniel, Hunter Kelley, Isaak Mullinack, Alec Youngblood 2
GIDP: Alec Youngblood
SB: Alec Scott

Totals
Team QAB: 17 (62.96%)
 Zeke Swartz, Coleson Daniel 2, Jonathan Everett, Austin Garrison, Ean Harkins 2, Hunter Kelley 3, Isaak Mullinack 2, Alec Scott 3, Alec Youngblood 2
Team LOB: 5

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Isaak Mullinack	7.0	95	.653	2	2	2	4	0	1
Totals	7.0	95	.653	2	2	2	4	0	1

Pitching
W: Isaak Mullinack
HBP: Isaak Mullinack 3
Pitches-Strikes: Isaak Mullinack 95-62
Groundouts-Flyouts: Isaak Mullinack 8-4
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Isaak Mullinack 17-27

Union County 8, Rabun County 1

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	4	2	2	1	0	0
Alec Scott	3	1	1	0	1	0
Zeke Swartz	3	1	1	0	1	1
Hunter Kelley	3	0	1	2	0	0
Coleson Daniel	3	2	1	0	0	1
Alec Youngblood	3	1	2	2	0	0
Austin Garrison	2	0	1	1	0	0
Ean Harkins	2	1	1	0	1	1
Jonathan Everett	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	8	10	6	3	3

Batting
2B: Coleson Daniel, Ean Harkins
TB: Zeke Swartz, Coleson Daniel 2, Austin Garrison, Ean Harkins 2, Hunter Kelley, Isaak Mullinack 2, Alec Scott, Alec Youngblood 2
RBI: Austin Garrison, Hunter Kelley 2, Isaak Mullinack, Alec Youngblood 2
SAC: Coleson Daniel
SF: Hunter Kelley
ROE: Coleson Daniel, Isaak Mullinack
FC: Jonathan Everett, Hunter Kelley, Alec Youngblood
HBP: Austin Garrison
GIDP: Jonathan Everett
CS: Isaak Mullinack

Totals
Team QAB: 21 (65.62%)
 Zeke Swartz 4, Coleson Daniel 2, Jonathan Everett 2, Austin Garrison, Ean Harkins 3, Hunter Kelley 2, Isaak Mullinack 2, Alec Scott 3, Alec Youngblood 2
Team LOB: 6

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Zeke Swartz	6.0	62	.726	1	1	0	4	0	0
Austin Garrison	1.0	19	.526	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	7.0	81	.679	1	1	0	5	1	0

Pitching
W: Zeke Swartz
HBP: Zeke Swartz
WP: Austin Garrison
Pitches-Strikes: Zeke Swartz 62-45, Austin Garrison 19-10
Groundouts-Flyouts: Zeke Swartz 4-10, Austin Garrison 2-0
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Zeke Swartz 17-22, Austin Garrison 2-4

Union County 0, White County 11

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	2	0	1	0	1	0
Alec Scott	2	0	1	0	1	1
Zeke Swartz	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hunter Kelley	3	0	0	0	0	0
Alec Youngblood	3	0	1	0	0	0
Austin Garrison	3	0	0	0	0	0
Coleson Daniel	3	0	1	0	0	1
Jonathan Everett	3	0	1	0	0	0
Matthew Kelley	2	0	1	0	0	0
Payton Ivester	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ean Harkins	-	-	-	-	-	-
JJ Littles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	24	0	7	0	2	2

Batting
2B: Coleson Daniel
TB: Zeke Swartz, Coleson Daniel 2, Jonathan Everett, Matthew Kelley, Isaak Mullinack, Alec Scott, Alec Youngblood
ROE: Zeke Swartz
FC: Jonathan Everett, Austin Garrison
SB: Matthew Kelley
CS: Jonathan Everett

Totals
Team QAB: 11 (42.31%)
 Zeke Swartz 2, Coleson Daniel, Jonathan Everett, Hunter Kelley 2, Matthew Kelley, Isaak Mullinack, Alec Scott 2, Alec Youngblood
Team LOB: 8

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Ean Harkins	3.0	47	.574	3	4	0	1	1	0
JJ Littles	2.1	40	.550	4	6	5	0	0	0
Coleson Daniel	0.1	17	.412	1	1	1	0	2	0
Totals	5.2	104	.538	8	11	6	1	3	0

Pitching
HBP: Ean Harkins, JJ Littles 2
WP: Coleson Daniel
Pitches-Strikes: Coleson Daniel 17-7, Ean Harkins 47-27, JJ Littles 40-22
Groundouts-Flyouts: Coleson Daniel 0-1, Ean Harkins 2-4, JJ Littles 3-4
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Coleson Daniel 1-4, Ean Harkins 7-15, JJ Littles 6-14