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Boys Golf: Herum qualifies for State with a 77 at Area

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Hartwell - In what was potentially the final round of his high school career, Union County senior Jeremy Herum qualified for the Class AAA State Championships with a 77 at last week's Area Tournament - hosted by Catechee Golf Club in Hartwell.

Herum will be the lone UCHS representative at State later this month after fellow senior and Truett-McConnell commit Luke Watson fell one stroke short after battling his way into a play-off tiebreaker with an 84.

Watson was eliminated after bogeying the first playoff hole while his opponent, Morgan County's Bailey Smith survived by sinking a lengthy par putt.

"Luke played the best he has played this season and was tied for the (final) spot, and unfortunately he was edged out on a sudden death playoff," Coach Greg Chambers said.

Overall, Union County placed sixth with a total score of 351 - eleven shots back of the 340 needed to qualify.

In order to advance to state as a team, the combined score must either be in the top four or under 340.

As a result of the 340 qualifying score, five teams were able to advance out of Area 3.

Host team Hart County took home the top spot in Area with a score of 303. They also claimed the individual title with



The Union County boys golf team shot a 351 to place sixth at the Area Tournament last Monday. In order for the team to qualify for state, they needed to finish in the top four or shoot under 340

a 69 from Eli Scott.

GAC placed second with a 305, North Hall placed third with a score of 330, Dawson County was fourth at 336 and fifth place Franklin County rounded out the state qualifiers with a 337.

Herum's 77 was tied for the seventh best score of the day and the lowest score from a non-top five team.

Watson's 84 was tied for

15th.

"I was really proud of the way Jeremy and Luke played," Chambers said. "They have both been with me for three years and I have watched both of them really improve. They did everything they were asked to do as seniors by leading our team and competing the way they did (at Area)."

Rounding out Union County's top four was Sam Seiler

with an 87 and Grayson Blocker with a 103.

Also participating from Union County were Eli Dills and Josue Haight.

"Seiler had a good day," Chambers added. "He only played for me this season, but I was proud of the way he played (at Area) as well. Our team went out, competed, gave it their best shot, and at the end of the day



Union County Senior Jeremy Herum on the tee box at Catechee Golf Club in Hartwell - site of the Area Tournament.

that's all you can ask as a coach. I feel we competed, but we just came up a few strokes short from moving on as a team.

"Those three seniors will be hard to replace next year, and not just for their golf. They are all great kids and they're fun to be around and coach."

Behind the Panthers in the team standings were: seventh place Jackson County with a 361 and eighth place Fannin County with a 376.

One shot behind Fannin was ninth place Morgan County at 377. Monroe rounded out the

top 10 with a 394 while East Hall (404), Lumpkin County (421) and East Jackson (424) made up the bottom three.

Herum will participate in the Class AAA State Championships on May 22 and 23 at Lakeview Golf Club in Blackshear.

This year, the state championships have been expanded to 36 holes over two days.

Meanwhile, the Lady Panthers golf team will also be in Blackshear on the 22nd and 23rd, but their tournament will be held at the Okefenokee County Club.

Track: Sanchez places seventh, Underwood 10th at state finals

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Albany - When it was all said and done, junior Lance Underwood and freshman Zoe Sanchez were the last two members of Union County Track and Field left standing on the season's final weekend.

Albany's Hugh Mills Stadium was the site of the GHSA Track and Field State Championships last weekend and Union County placed both runners among the top 10 in Class AAA.

With both runners competing in the 3200M event, Sanchez finished seventh with a time of 12:23 while Underwood broke his own school record by 11 seconds with a time of 10:20 to place 10th.

As for Sanchez, her time would have been good enough for a state title in Class AA by 3 seconds had Union County chose to stay put in Region 8-AA.

This comes after Sanchez placed among the top 10 in November at the Class AAA Cross Country State Championships, despite posting a time that was 23 seconds better than the Class AA State Champion.

During her seventh place



Union County freshman Zoe Sanchez (far left) on the medal stand following her seventh place finish at the Class AAA 3200M State Championship race in Albany last weekend.

finish in the 3200M race, Sanchez was 28 seconds back of sixth place and four seconds ahead of eighth.

She also finished 17 seconds better than her sectionals time of 12:40.

In the 1600M race, San-

chez was only four seconds out of 11th but 17 seconds behind 10th.

Sanchez also took part in the 1600M race and placed 13th with a time of 5:57.

She would defeat 14th place Marley Hamby of Dawson

County by 7 seconds.

Meanwhile, Underwood was five seconds back of ninth place and 11 behind eighth. He also clocked in five seconds better than 11th place and 10 seconds in front of 12th.

The future of Union

County track remains on the upswing with both Sanchez and Underwood returning in 2018.

Union also returns 100M Region Champion Riley Barrett, as well as Cole Wright, who reached sectionals in the triple jump and long jump.

As for those that didn't qualify for sectionals, the vast majority of competitors that

represented Union County Track and Field during the 2017 season were underclassmen, and should only become stronger and faster with another year of training.

| Girls 1600 Meter Run Class 3A | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Name | Year School | Seed | Finals | Points |
| 1 Naima Turbes | Westminster | 5:02.12 | 5:02.35 | 10 |
| 2 Abby Kettle | GAC | 5:24.16 | 5:06.80 | 8 |
| 3 Bronte Baocchetta | Westminster | 5:20.07 | 5:07.98 | 6 |
| 4 Haley Hooper | Lovett | 5:33.24 | 5:08.13 | 5 |
| 5 Audrey Honiotes | Hart County | 5:30.18 | 5:13.96 | 4 |
| 6 Tanner Guest | Hart County | 5:32.77 | 5:14.93 | 3 |
| 7 Serena Tripodi | Lovett | 5:05.54 | 5:17.16 | 2 |
| 8 Grace Clements | Bremen | 5:18.50 | 5:23.05 | 1 |
| 9 Kayla Chance | Jenkins | 5:40.64 | 5:32.81 | |
| 10 Morales Sue Ann | East Jackson | 5:15.75 | 5:34.35 | |
| 11 Elise Karinshak | GAC | 5:42.08 | 5:47.39 | |
| 12 Rachel Ward | Coahulla Cre | 5:53.08 | 5:48.40 | |
| 13 Zoe Sanchez | Union County | 5:47.35 | 5:51.23 | |
| 14 Marley Hamby | Dawson County | 5:55.29 | 5:58.54 | |
| 15 Lillian Hammon | Bremen | 5:59.76 | 6:09.70 | |

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| Name | Year School | Seed | Finals | Points |
| 1 Serena Tripodi | Lovett | 12:34.95 | 11:03.19 | 10 |
| 2 Abby Kettle | GAC | 12:24.13 | 11:16.03 | 8 |
| 3 Audrey Honiotes | Hart County | 12:01.69 | 11:29.63 | 6 |
| 4 Katherine Vuckovic | Westminster | 11:49.08 | 11:34.58 | 5 |
| 5 Grace Clements | Bremen | 12:04.40 | 11:51.85 | 4 |
| 6 Bronte Baocchetta | Westminster | 12:29.38 | 11:55.24 | 3 |
| 7 Zoe Sanchez | Union County | 12:40.56 | 12:23.34 | 2 |
| 8 Madison Congdon | Hart County | 12:49.91 | 12:27.12 | 1 |
| 9 Rachel Ward | Coahulla Cre | 13:26.65 | 12:29.67 | |
| 10 Emma Sidman | Lovett | 12:53.79 | 12:48.92 | |
| 11 Marley Hamby | Dawson County | 13:13.43 | 12:59.69 | |
| 12 Lillian Hammon | Bremen | 14:11.43 | 13:24.33 | |
| 13 Hattie Pitts | SE Bulloch | 13:44.43 | 13:28.87 | |
| 14 Morgan Davidson | Jackson County | 13:28.37 | 13:44.37 | |

| Boys 3200 Meter Run Class 3A | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Name | Year School | Seed | Finals | Points |
| 1 Chase Kennedy | East Jackson | 10:20.33 | 9:40.45 | 10 |
| 2 Will Wallace | Westminster | 9:59.89 | 9:42.93 | 8 |
| 3 Peter Huff | Westminster | 10:04.46 | 9:46.32 | 6 |
| 4 Jesse Martinez | Murray County | 10:07.71 | 9:48.20 | 5 |
| 5 Nicholas Klavohn | Lovett | 10:22.70 | 9:50.78 | 4 |
| 6 Jack Douglass | Pace Academy | 10:10.28 | 9:57.85 | 3 |
| 7 Cody Wood | Dawson County | 10:22.53 | 10:08.23 | 2 |
| 8 Chandler Kennedy | East Jackson | 10:23.50 | 10:10.28 | 1 |
| 9 David Reed | GAC | 10:35.06 | 10:16.83 | |
| 10 Lance Underwood | Union County | 10:33.19 | 10:21.14 | |
| 11 Walt Douglas | Coahulla Cre | 10:42.63 | 10:26.16 | |
| 12 Russell Hendley | Jackson County | 10:38.81 | 10:31.90 | |
| 13 Joshua McLean | Appling County | 10:46.86 | 10:32.18 | |
| 14 Bryce Jones | Coahulla Cre | 10:46.78 | 10:34.08 | |
| 15 Jonathan Hunter | Central, Macon | 11:06.08 | 10:37.62 | |
| 16 Jose Santana | East Hall | 10:30.70 | 10:49.24 | |

Trout stocking sites week of May 8-12, 2017

Fannin: Big Creek, Hemptown Creek, Hothouse Creek, Toccoa River, Toccoa River Tailwaters below Lake Blue Ridge, and Rock Creek
Lumpkin: Dockery Lake, Etowah River and Nimblewill Creek
Union: Cooper Creek, Toccoa River and Winfield Scott Lake
Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. Stay up-to-date with stocking and events through Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnh. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NMay17Z16CA

ALLAN ROSS FUNDAMENTAL CAMP

Allan Ross Fundamental Camp

Dates: June 8th - 10th

Location: Union County Recreation Gym

Age Groups: Boys and Girls; Rising 3rd grade - 8th grade

Time: 9AM-12 Noon

Cost: \$60 per child
(\$50 if child is registered **by May 22, 2017**)

Elite Level Training (ELT) is happy to announce it will be hosting its 4th annual fundamental based basketball camp in Blairsville, Georgia. The focus of this camp will be player and skill development through focused teaching of fundamentals and functional movement. All instructors of this camp will have collegiate basketball experience, through their playing or training backgrounds or will be a part of the Union County High School Basketball Program, to better help campers achieve their own goals and improve their own personal development. For additional information and registration forms email ELT instructor Michael Ross at eltcoachross@gmail.com or by calling 706-897-4581. Acceptable payment methods are cash or check and must be made out to Michael Ross. We look forward to helping our athletes improve their skills and overall game!