

# Football: Coach Allison talks summer workouts, 7-on-7, and more

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With conditioning less than 10 days away, Union County football's summer workouts are drawing to a close.

Last week, UCHS hosted a two-day offensive lineman and 7-on-7 camp. Teams participating were Towns County, Fannin County, Murphy, NC, Andrews, NC, Chestatee, and West Hall.

Following five days of conditioning beginning July 25, official practice gets underway on Aug. 1. On Aug. 10, Union County will host Habersham Central in a scrimmage before the season opens Aug. 24 vs East Hall.

On Monday morning, the *North Georgia News* caught up with Union County Head Coach Brian Allison prior to a dual practice with Chestatee at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium.

**NGN:** Now that the 7-on-7 is over, what were you hoping to learn and what did you learn from the 7-on-7 sessions?

**BA:** I thought it went as expected. There were a couple of guys that looked really good. Alec Scott had a really good summer, we found some depth, and I think the quarterback and receivers have started to gel, especially toward the end.

(7-on-7) is one of those things where it's only throwing and catching. You're leaving out 80-percent of the game, blocking and tackling, so it can be hard to gauge. Sometimes it can give you a false sense of security. However, you can learn some things too. You can learn what you can and what you can't do in the passing game.

**NGN:** We hosted a lineman camp here and also went to Western Carolina for a camp. Was there anything in particular you were looking for in those camps or was it strictly a learning experience for those participating?

**BA:** It was an opportunity to get some work in against other people. I think our offensive line did a really good job and we have a chance to be a little bit better than we were last year on the offensive and defensive lines. Overall I

think our guys worked hard and did some really good things.

**NGN:** Today (Monday) we're practicing with Chestatee but what is going on the rest of the week?

**BA:** Today we're practicing with Chestatee and tomorrow will be Chestatee and Commerce.

**NGN:** Conditioning begins later this month so what's the focus between now and the start of conditioning?

**BA:** Conditioning begins on the 25th - a week from Wednesday - so this Wednesday we're practicing then taking Thursday off because we have a middle school passing camp. Then, next Tuesday, the day before conditioning starts, we're going to North Hall for a practice.

**NGN:** Anything you want to add or get word to the community about?

**BA:** Right now we're working on getting our scoreboard and fence signs put up. The quarterback Club is also trying to get the program ad sales wrapped up. We're still selling program ads and fence signs if anyone is interested.



Coach Allison addresses the team following last Thursday's 7-on-7 contests with Murphy, NC, Andrews, NC, Towns County, and Chestatee. No score was kept during the 7-on-7 games. Photo/Todd Forrest

## North Georgia Rapids Swim Team summer update



North Georgia Rapids Swim Team

The North Georgia Rapids Swim Team finished the summer short course swim season with an excellent showing. The "Rapids" brought home a third place trophy in their division of twelve teams located throughout northern Georgia. In all, fifteen teams participated in the two day swim meet. Although our local team is smaller in size than most other teams, the Rapids swimmers made up

for that with outstanding individual performances.

The team's leading swimmers, each earning a top trophy for their age group, are Wyatt Yancey, Boys 8 and Under - Third; Lily Helton, 10 and Under Girls - Second; Andrew Nushtayev, 10 and Under Boys - First; Hunter Yancey, 10 and Under Boys - Second; and Brian Williams, Boys 18 and Under - Third.

The team's other swimmers achieved many personal best times, winning numerous ribbons and medals.

The team practices at the Union General Wellness Center's outstanding indoor saltwater pool facility, competing year round. Thanks to all that make this possible.

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## Local Racing report

By Blake Lynch  
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Tri-County hosted their annual Fan Appreciation race Friday July 13th with the Lucas Oil Mini Sprints. There was a rain delay but Ray Cook and staff were able to whip the track into shape. Here are the top five from each class.

**Street Stock** - Coming in first place was No. 43 Micheal Harper. Coming in second place was No. 14 Charles Devine Jr. Finishing third was No. 9 Jim Twigg. Finishing in fourth was No. 7 Johnny Burnett. Coming in fifth was No. 31 Logan Exum.

**FW Drive** - Coming in first was No. k3 James Klauke. Coming in second place was No. Q2 Jim Exum. Finishing in third place was No. 2 Stephen Godfrey. Coming in fourth place was No. 30 Maddox Hughes. Finishing in fifth place was No. 74 DJ Worley

**Lucas Oil Midgets** - Coming in first place was No. 24 Scott Hunter. Finishing in second place was No. W3 Otis Scrape. Finishing in third place was No. 3 Trent Lloyd. Coming in fourth place was No. 80 Mike Ward, and finishing in fifth place was No. 22 Connor Leoffler.

**Pony** - Coming in first place was No. H3 Harley Holden. Finishing in second place was No. 32 Franklin Burk. Coming in third place was No. 15 Ryan Crawford. Finishing in fourth place was No. 75 Chris McCulloch and finishing in fifth place was No. 43 Tain Ross.

**Super Late Models** - Coming in first place was No. 8 David Payne. Finishing in second place was No. 00 Johnny Chastain. Coming in third place was No. H4 Levi Hicks. Finishing in fourth place was No. 96 Bobby Panter. Coming in fifth place was No. 11c Preston Crisp

**Modified Street** - Coming in first place was No. 34 Greg Sudderth. Coming in second place was No. 88 Ricky Smith. Finishing in third place



Greg Sudderth in victory lane at Tri-County.

was No. 41 Parris Simmons. Coming in fourth place was No. 44 Bobby Elkins. Finishing in fifth place was No. 87 Chris Hedder.

**Crate/Limited** - Coming in first place was No. 55 Kip Cochran. Coming in second place was No. 16 Wesley English. Third place was No. 19B Kevin Bradshaw. Coming in fourth place was No. 4 Danny Ledford. Finishing fifth place was No. 101 Avery Breedlove.

**Beginner 602** - Coming in first place was No. 25 Jacob Hamby. Coming in second place was No. 56J Jason Berong. Finishing third was No. 41 Jeff Holloway. Coming in fourth was No. 99 Reece Stillwell. Coming in fifth place was No. 56C Colton Berrong.

Blue Ridge Motorsports Park hosted a race on Saturday July 14th, here is the top five from each class.

**Hobby 602** - Coming in first place was No. 17 Brad Thomas. Coming in second place was No. 43 Tim Ford. Coming in third place S-5 Russell Schell. Coming in fourth place was No. 14 Luke Nese-meier. Finishing fifth was the No. 4 of Jacob Parris.

**FW Drive** - Coming in first place was No. J18 Jeff Peardon. Coming in second place was No. 87x Chris Wood-all. Coming in third place was No. Q2 Jim Exum. Coming in fourth place was K3 James Klauke. Finishing in fifth place was No. 31 Daniel Lay.

**Beginner 602** - Coming in first place was No. 25 Jacob Hamby. Coming in second place No. 41 Jeff Holloway. Coming in third place was No.

32 Hally Adams. Coming in fourth place was No. 2 Randy Roberts. Finishing in fifth place was No. m42 Roger Morris.

**Street Stock** - Coming in first place was No. 14 Charles Devine Jr. Coming in second place was No. J69 Jim Weller. Coming in third place was No. 01 Jacob Lynch. Coming fourth place was No. 31 Logan Exum.

**Crate** - Finishing first place was No. 200 Jacob Anderson. Coming in second place was No. 88 Ricky Smith. Finishing third was No. 17 Brett Shook. Coming in fourth place was No. 1 Junior Whitener. Finishing in fifth place was No. 12 Drew Deaver.

**Limited** - Coming in first place was No. 102 Clayton Turner. Finishing in second place was No. 3 Danny Ledford. Coming in third place was No. 30 Daven Dilbeck. Coming in fourth was No. 4 Trig Parris. Coming in fifth place No. 16w Wesley English.

**Hot-Shots** - Coming in first place was No. 43 Franklin Burk Jr. Coming in second place was No. 22 Tucker Anderson. Finishing in third place was No. 11 Nathan Perdon. Coming in fourth place was No. 8 Ricky Queen. Finishing in fifth place was No. 87x Jordan Lawrence.

**Pony** - Coming in first place was No. D-1 Nathan Davis. Coming in second place was No. 32 Franklin Burk. Coming in third place was No. 8 Johnny McClure. Finishing in fourth place was No. T11 Colt Thomason. Finishing fifth was No. 43 Tain Ross.

## NASCAR 2018

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

### Truex Gets Fourth Cup Win Of Season

SPARTA, KY - Driving a race car that ran like a Kentucky thoroughbred, Martin Truex Jr. claimed his fourth victory of the season and his second straight at the 1.5-mile track.

"It feels good," said Truex. "You never know what is going to happen and we had such a strong Toyota tonight. They weren't going to beat us. We keep working on the race car and try to stay calm and not get ahead of ourselves. We had to make a lot of adjustments tonight on the car and had to battle back a few times after getting passed for the lead. But this entire team was amazing tonight."

It was a perfect weekend for Truex in the Bluegrass state. He not only won the race, he qualified on the pole, won the first two stages and collected the seven maximum playoff bonus points. He remains third in both overall driver points and playoff points.

Ryan Blaney finished second and continues to have a solid season with four top-fives.

While Blaney continues to look for his first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory of the year, his finish put an emphatic end to a streak of three races in which he finished 18th or worse.

"His car came in and mine kind of faded a little bit and he won the race," said Blaney. "That stunk. I thought we had a shot at it tonight, but I'm really proud of the gains we made all race though, to be honest with you."

"It's a positive, that's for sure. I hate it. I thought we were in a good spot there restarting fourth and Martin struggled a little bit the first couple laps and I thought I could get by him, but just couldn't quite get a run on him."

Third-place finisher Brad Keselowski was the biggest threat to Truex after a rough early pit stop. He led for 38 laps.

"We took a step up this week, but obviously we weren't as good as the 78," Keselowski said. "It was a nice little boost, but we still have some work to do. We had better speed than we've had at the mile-and-a-half. I thought we might have had a shot at it if we could have restarted fourth there, but we kind of cycled back to sixth and it wasn't enough to be able to make something happen."

Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick, Kurt Busch, Erik Jones, Aric Almirola, Kyle Larson, and Joey Logano rounded out the top-10 finishers.

Top-10 leaders after 19 of 36: 1. Kyle Busch-799, 2. Harvick-740, 3. Truex-689, 4. Logano-648, 5. Keselowski-630, 6. Bowyer-629, 7. Kurt Busch-601, 8. Larson-591, 9. Hamlin-559, 10. Blaney-546.

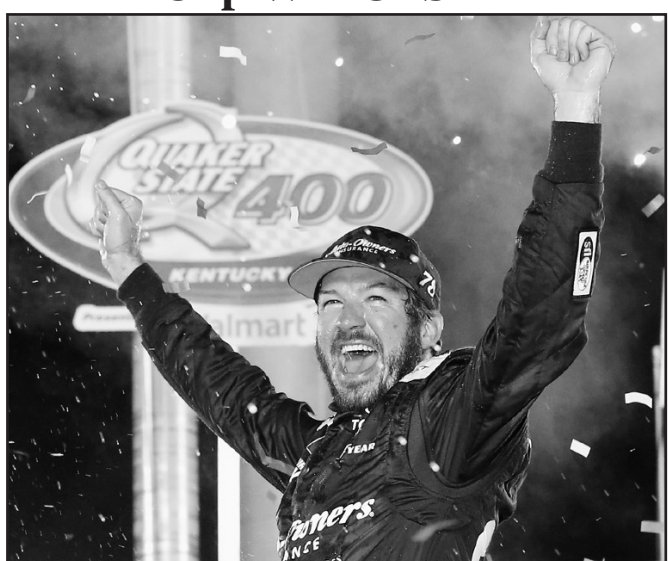
Hendrick Motorsport drivers need to pick up the pace. Neither of the four Hendrick drivers have a win and are not among the top-10 leaders. Seven-time Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson is the highest ranked driver at 12th with 484 points. Chase Elliott is 14th with 469 points. Alex Bowman is 15th with 427 points, and William Byron is back in the 22nd spot with 335 points.

**BELL RALLIES FOR XFINITY WIN**

Christopher Bell passed Daniel Hemric with 17 laps to go in Saturday's 200-lap Xfinity race at Kentucky Speedway and went on to claim his second series victory of the season.

Hemric finished second, while Kyle Busch, who led the most laps (111) was third. Justin Allgaier, Cole Custer, Tyler Reddick, John Nemechek, Ryan Reed, Paul Menard, and Austin Cindric were the remaining top-10 finishers.

Top-10 leaders after 17 of 33: 1. Sadler-608, 2. Hemric-608, 3. Custer-605, 4. Bell-591, 5. Allgaier-569, 6. Reddick-541,



Martin Truex Jr. Gets Fourth Cup Win

7. B. Jones-500, 8. R. Truex-479, 9. Tiftt-458, 10. Cindric-428.

The results of the NASCAR Truck Series race held Thursday, July 12 at Kentucky Speedway: 1. Ben Rhodes, 2. Stewart Friesen, 3. Matt Crafton, 4. Brandon Jones, 5. John Nemechek, 6. Grant Enfinger, 7. Todd Gilliland, 8. Noah Gragson, 9. Dalton Sargeant, 10. Justin Haley.

Top-10 leaders after 12 of 23: 1. Sauter-533, 2. Gragson-491, 3. Moffitt-442, 4. Friesen-414, 5. Enfinger-410, 6. Rhodes-407, 7. Crafton-397, 8. Haley-393, 9. Snider-318, 10. Coughlin-315.

**BE CAREFUL OF WHO YOU WRECK**

Wrecks can be dangerous in more than one way. Just ask Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Plenty of drivers were mad after last week's wreck-fest at Daytona, but Ricky Stenhouse Jr. is the only one who needed a security escort afterward. Stenhouse triggered two wrecks Saturday night that collected more than half the field and knocked out former Cup series champions, Daytona 500 champs and a slew of perennial race contenders.

It was that kind of night in the Coke Zero Sugar 400, with crashes throughout the event. Stenhouse found himself involved in five of the eight crashes, and caused two of them. Several drivers were upset with Stenhouse. That led the track and NASCAR to provide a security escort "to ensure his safety as he walked through the garage area."

The race's defending champion, Stenhouse had a fast car once again, and won the race's first two stages. But some drivers felt he drove too aggressively. Count Kurt Busch among those not happy with Stenhouse. Busch's night ended after a crash caused by Stenhouse in Stage 2, and he later tweeted his thoughts.

"Thank you to everybody @StewartHaasRcng, car was fast. Sucks we got caught up in the #StenhouseDD (Demolition Derby) but it's a product of him being 17th in points and racing for every point," tweeted Kurt Busch.

Busch's brother, Kyle, got knocked out in a subsequent crash sparked by Stenhouse, and noted, "Same guy that caused the first one caused the second one there."

Stenhouse, who finished 17th, admitted he erred in causing those two crashes.

"I was frustrated with myself causing crashes like that," he said. "You don't ever really want to do that."

But the Roush Fenway Racing driver didn't feel a need to apologize. He's ranked 17th in the points, the first driver outside the playoff field at the moment and he could use a win to make the postseason.

"No, it's aggressive speedway racing," Stenhouse said. "We needed to win to get in the playoffs, so it is what it is."

Denny Hamlin, who won the closest Daytona 500 in race history in 2016, said the elements were there for the race to turn into a disaster.

"I think that the cars are going to be closer together, less room for error, most likely more wrecks," he said. "And I think this race always lends itself to being more of a wreck-fest than ones in the past, which makes it very exciting."

**Racing Joke:** Kurt is visiting at his brother Kyle's apartment. He picks up the telephone and hurriedly dials 911.

"I have an unusual situation here," said Kurt. "My brother's wife just shot him in the foot for stepping on the floor she just mopped. I think he will be OK if you can get an ambulance over."

"Can you take the gun away from her," asks the 911 Operator.

"No, not yet. The floor's still wet," replied Kurt.

**Weekend Racing:** The Trucks will make their annual trip to Eldora Speedway, the only dirt track on their schedule. The Cup and Xfinity teams will be at the 1-mile New Hampshire track in Loudon, NH.

Wed., July 18; Truck Series race 13 of 23; Starting time: 9 p.m. ET; TV: FoxSports1.

Sat., July 21; Xfinity Series race 18 of 33; Starting time: 4 p.m. ET; TV: NBCSN.

Sun., July 22; Cup Series race 20 of 36; Starting time: 2 p.m. ET; TV: NBCSN.

**Racing Trivia Question:** What town did Bill France Sr. live in before moving to Daytona Beach, Fla.?

**Last Week's Question:** Who owns Kentucky Speedway? It is owned by Bruton Smith's Speedway Motorsports Inc (SMI).

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