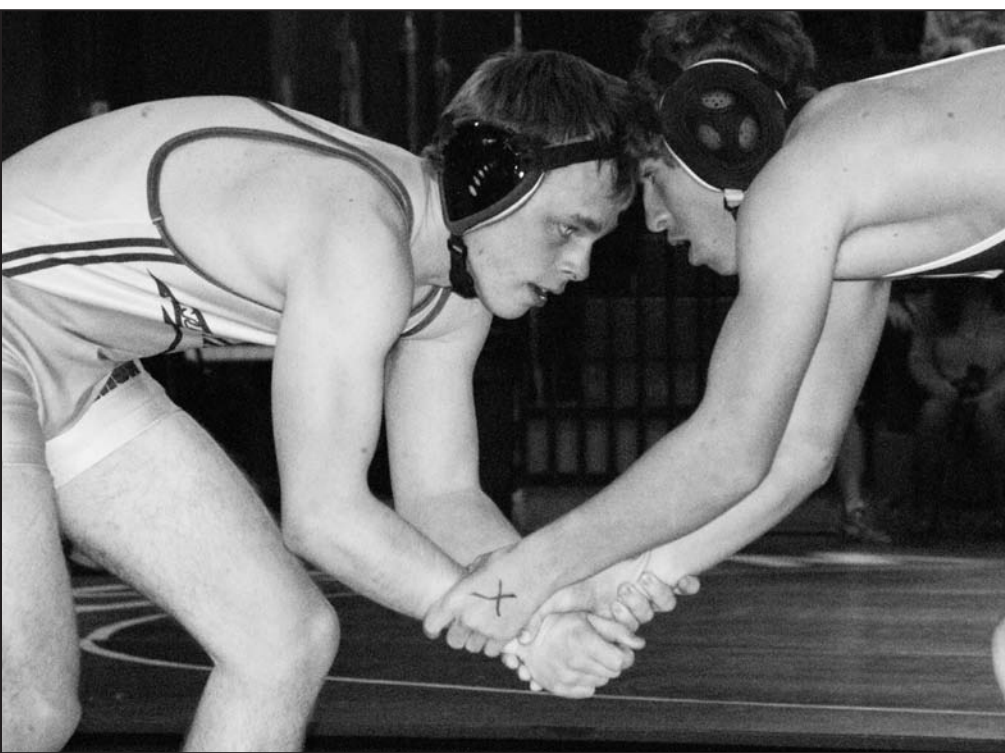
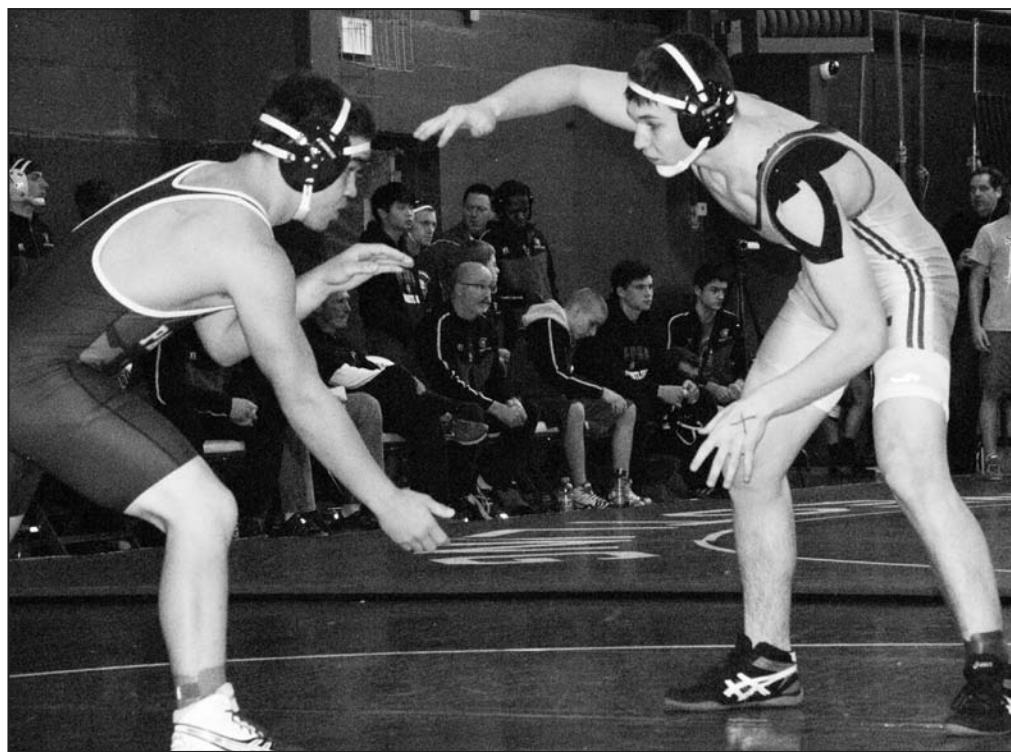
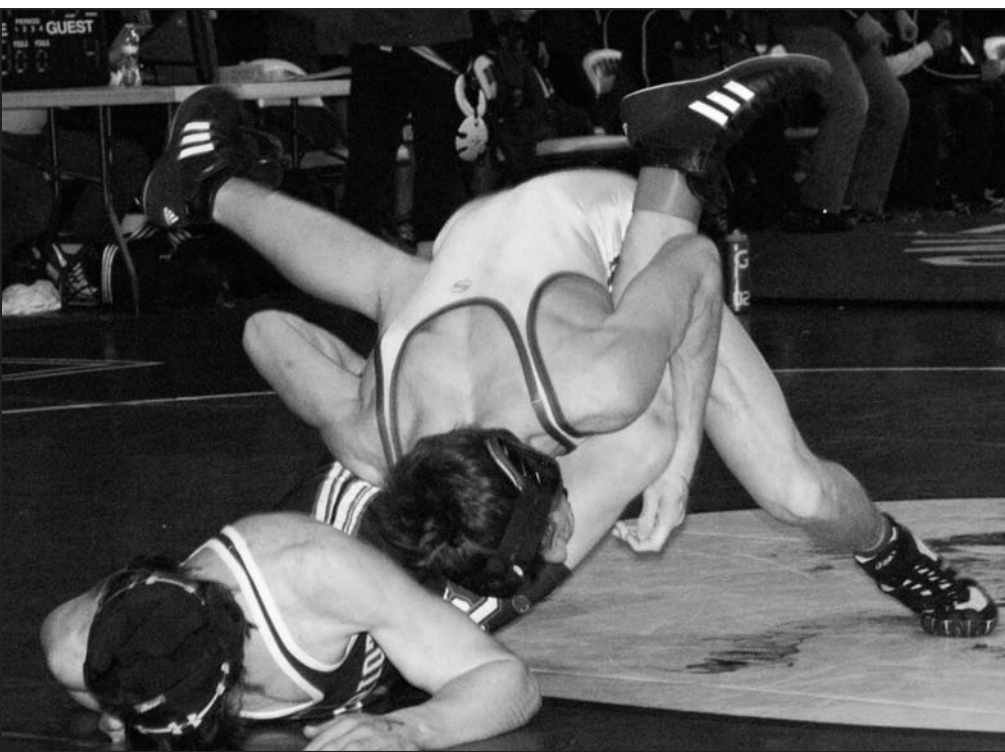


# Union County wrestling wins two matches at Area Duals in Jefferson



Union County wrestling was in action last Saturday in Jefferson at the Area Duals Tournament. The Panthers defeated Josey by no-show then fell to Greater Atlanta Christian. They rebounded by defeating Oglethorpe County before falling to Rabun County in the Consolation Quarterfinals. Peyton Tumey, Chase Stancil, and Adam Williams all picked up wins by pin. Union will host Stephens County and Rabun Gap on Tuesday at 5 p.m. The Panthers will visit Rabun County next Tuesday. Last year Union County lost every match at the Area Duals so last weekend's performance is a dramatic improvement over 2013. The Individual Area Tournament will begin on Jan. 31 at G.A.C. Photos by Todd Forrest.

# Union County athletics 2013 year in review: The Year in Pictures



Senior Zach Odom led Union County baseball back to the Sweet 16 and was named the 8-AA Player of the Year. Earlier in the year he signed with Young Harris College.



Senior Rhett McCombs lit up scoreboards across North Georgia, averaging 20 points per game he became the quickest player to reach 1,000 points in school history - accomplishing the feat in 50 games.



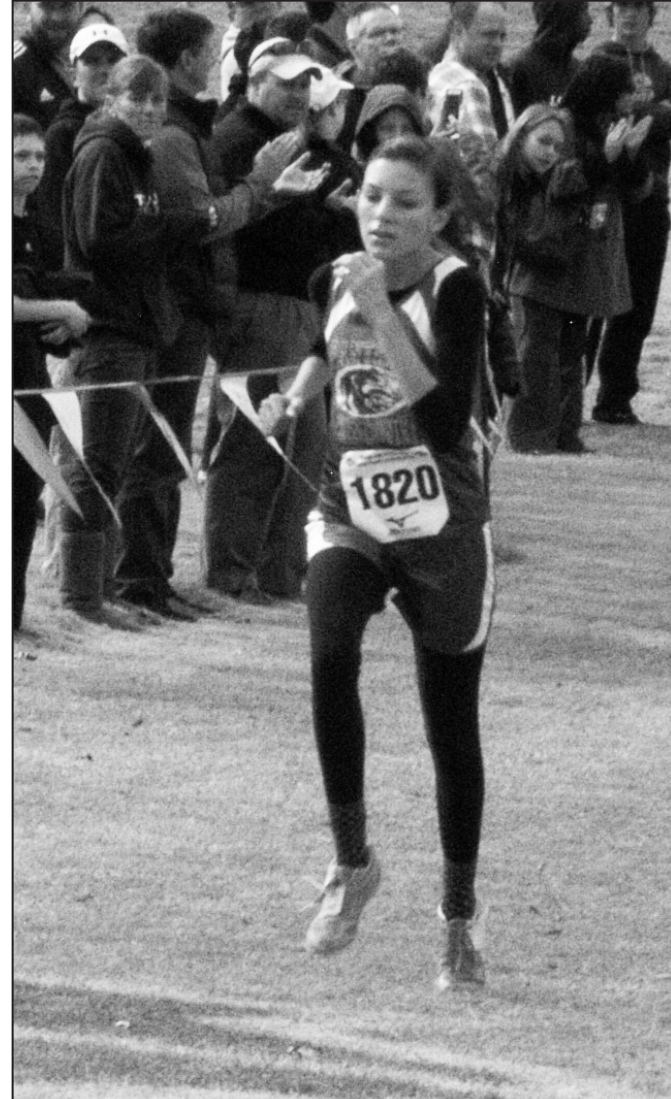
Senior Jared Croskey was the Cross-fit Champion at Union County High School during the U-lympics. However it wasn't enough to keep the juniors from stealing the crown away from the seniors.



If you weren't a parent of a Lady Panther softball player, you probably needed to buy a program to keep up with all the new faces on the field for Coach Jessica Stewart's squad. But freshman Laken Chambers quickly established herself with this game winning grand slam to defeat North Murray. She later shutout Jefferson with her arm.



Senior Luther Jones scores his first and only touchdown of his Union County High School career at Social Circle. The accolades poured in on Jones all season as he led a young Panther team to its first State Tournament in 12 years. Luckily, the rest of the Panthers who scored touchdowns in 2013 will all be back in 2014.



Sophomore Emma Garrison won Union County High School's eighth State Championship in November when she repeated as the Class AA Individual State Champion at Carrollton. Garrison gave Coach Jackie Hughes another State Championship to go on her already impressive resume.