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Softball: Lady Panthers make a statement in opening week of summer league

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The future is now for the Union County Lady Panthers.

After getting bounced from the first round of State for three Octobers in a row, 2014 could be the year where Union reverses that trend.

The journey back to the top of Region 8-AA began last week when they traveled to Woodstock and went 4-0 over the course of two days.

The undefeated week was thanks in large part to the arms of Union's returning ace, sophomore Laken Chambers, and freshman Jillian Lawn. The young and talented pitching staff will also feature another youngster, freshman Logan Seabolt.

"Laken has earned the top spot so far but we are also planning on using two freshman pitchers to help her out," Union County Head Softball Coach Jessica Stewart said.

With only two departed seniors, the 2014 Lady Panthers will feature their most experienced unit since their back-to-



Union County Head Softball Coach Jessica Stewart and rising senior catcher Courtney Busbee during a game last fall. Photo/Todd Forrest back Elite 8 squads from 2009 and 2010.

The Lady Panthers are not only battle tested, but they receive another shot in the arm

only took home the top prize, but flat-out dominated the competition.

The result has been a flood of young talent flowing into the high school ranks and 2014 will be no different.

"As I said, I do expect two of the freshman to get some pitching time but you never know," Coach Stewart said. "They are a talented group (of freshmen) and I'm excited about the upcoming year and future of our program."

As of now, Coach Stewart is simply using the summer league games as a chance to see how certain players will react in certain situations.

"The summer games are just for improvement and progress in game-like situations," Coach Stewart said. "I want them seeing a lot of live pitching and be put in some tight situations that sometimes practice can't duplicate."

The Lady Panthers traveled to Lumpkin County on Monday night for a doubleheader. On July 7th and 8th Union will host four games each day with the Lady Panthers playing at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. both days.

thanks to the feeder programs.

Union County Middle School has produced three straight League Champions, where the Lady Panthers not

Union wrestlers attend FCA Camp at Shorter



Panther wrestlers at Shorter University in Rome

Union County Wrestling went to a Fellowship of Christian Athletes college level camp at Shorter University in Rome earlier this month. This was their first college level camp at a college. Union had University of Chattanooga come to Blairsville last year, but this year coaches wanted the boys to experience life on a college campus for a week. They took 10 wrestlers to the camp and received excellent training, competition, and each day started with a morning sermon and ended with an evening service. The camp also included several programs from college and Olympic level wrestlers and coaches shared their experiences with Christianity and

wrestling. The coaches at this camp where from programs including Cal-Poly, Ohio State, Chattanooga, and Shorter University. Union wrestled teams from Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. Many Union wrestlers earned their first high school wins as well as getting their first high school matches out of the way.

"We plan on doing this camp again," Union Wrestling Coach Michael Smith-Foot said. "Not only was the wrestling good but the stories, Bible sessions, and services were amazing too. Hopefully we can get more boys and coaches to go next year to see what this camp is about."

Union County has four YHC student-athletes named to the Peach Belt Conference Presidential Honor Roll

Abernathy, Rowe, Webb, and Odom represent the Purple and Gold

AUGUSTA—Young Harris College had 157 student-athletes named to the Peach Belt Conference's 23rd annual Presidential Honor Roll.

The PBC announced that a record-breaking 1,448 student-athletes were named to the honor roll for the 2013-14 season. The Mountain Lions' total was tops in the league edging the University of North Carolina at Pembroke by two. The 1,448 student-athletes surpasses the old record of 1,386 set in 2012-13 and gives the Peach Belt 1,000 or more honorees for the fifth year in a row.

The Presidential Honor Roll recognizes all student-athletes at the 14 PBC member institutions who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the academic year. The honor roll has been divided into four groups: Presidential Scholars, Bronze Scholars, Silver Scholars and Gold Scholars. All student-athletes with a GPA from 3.0 to 3.24 are Presidential Scholars while Bronze Scholars are 3.25 to 3.49, Silver Scholars are 3.50 to 3.74 and Gold Scholars are those with a 3.75 to 4.00.

"I am very proud of our student-athletes for all of their achievements, but especially their academic success," said Director of Athletics Randy Dunn. "This is a testament to the commitment of our student-athletes, faculty and administration and the entire YHC family."

Young Harris led all PBC institutions with 50 student-athletes being named Gold Scholars.



The men's soccer team led the way for the Mountain Lions with 21 student-athletes being named to the honor roll, while the women's soccer team was next with 18 honorees followed by the baseball and softball teams with 17 selections each. Women's lacrosse (14), men's lacrosse (12) and women's cross country (11) also finished with double figures. Women's baseball and men's golf were next with nine each followed by men's tennis (eight) and women's tennis (seven). Men's basketball and women's golf each tallied five honorees.

The members of the Presidential Honor Roll from Young Harris: Gold Scholars: Brittany Henry (softball), Victoria Haddon (women's tennis), Allison Cox (women's soccer), Adam Amundsson (men's soccer), Gabby Smith (women's soccer), Adam Moore (baseball), Alex Schneider (men's lacrosse), Andre Johansson (men's soccer), **Holli Abernathy** (women's cross country), Ashleigh Scarpinato (women's soccer), Homero Perez (men's soccer), Marisa Martelli (women's la-

crosse), Kristen Naylor (women's soccer), Trent Jones (men's cross country), Ilija Ilic (men's soccer), David Atwood (baseball), Katie-Jo Gentry (softball), Genesis Newton (women's cross country), Hayden Verner (women's soccer), Krissy Kauffman (women's soccer), Erik Gustafsson (men's soccer), Travis Donahoo (baseball), Will Doss (men's soccer), Ivey Franklin (women's lacrosse), Jade Smith (women's lacrosse), Kristen Dipold (women's cross country), William Leatherwood (baseball), Oliver Pratt (baseball), Philip Uys (men's basketball), Kaycee Cash (women's basketball), Missy Conrad (women's basketball), Breanna Gleeson (women's basketball), Erica Brooks (women's cross country), Nicole Smith (women's cross country), Rachel Mason (women's golf), Allison Burnham (women's soccer), Madelyn Youngblood (women's soccer), Diana DiMarco (women's tennis), Mark Bell (men's golf), **James Rowe** (men's golf), Eric Fancher (men's lacrosse), Erik Hallin (men's soccer), Tim Mohlin Torringer (men's soccer),

Sebastian Edin (men's tennis), William Edin (men's tennis), Martin Harach (men's tennis), Abel Pigache (men's tennis), Raul Quevedo (men's tennis), Sydnee Weaver (softball), Jordana Freitas (women's lacrosse).

Silver Scholars: Cody Ching (baseball), Jenna Thompson (women's basketball), Steve Viterbo (men's basketball), Spencer Thomas (baseball), Carolina Hernandez (women's tennis), Gregory Dyer (men's soccer), **Jeremy Webb** (men's cross country), Peyton King (women's lacrosse), **Zach Odom** (baseball), Alison Missler (women's cross country), Zac Barrett (men's lacrosse), Erica Lowery (women's soccer), Carren Wilson (women's basketball), Dorie Brunzelle (women's cross country), Eli Crumley (men's golf), Kali Shimmin (softball), Becky Abraham (women's soccer), Ever Menjivar (men's soccer), Angel Salome (men's soccer), Breanna Farmer (women's lacrosse), Brittney Sizemore (women's golf), William Schonfeldt (men's soccer), Caitlin Pardus (women's lacrosse), Karli Timms (softball), Connor Pittman (men's lacrosse), Linus Manntz (men's golf), Kevin Sosa (men's soccer), Samuel Mansour (men's soccer), Kimberly Strebe (softball), Tom Valichka (baseball), Lewis Hilton (men's soccer), Bowen Klosinski (baseball), Amber Matthews (women's soccer), Clark Melton (men's golf), Adam Taylor (men's golf), McKenna Rylee (softball), Brittany Olsen (softball).

MUSA Fall registration now open

MUSA Fall registration is open for age Groups 6&U to 16&U. Register online at <http://mountainsoccer.wordpress.com/>. Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed to P. O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514.

For additional information contact the league at: musa.soccer@gmail.com or visit us on



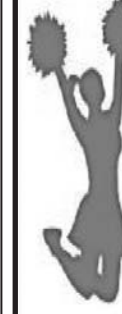
the web at <http://mountainsoccer.wordpress.com>.

Union County Recreation
Football & Cheerleading
7 through 13 years of age
Registration
Ends July 1st!!

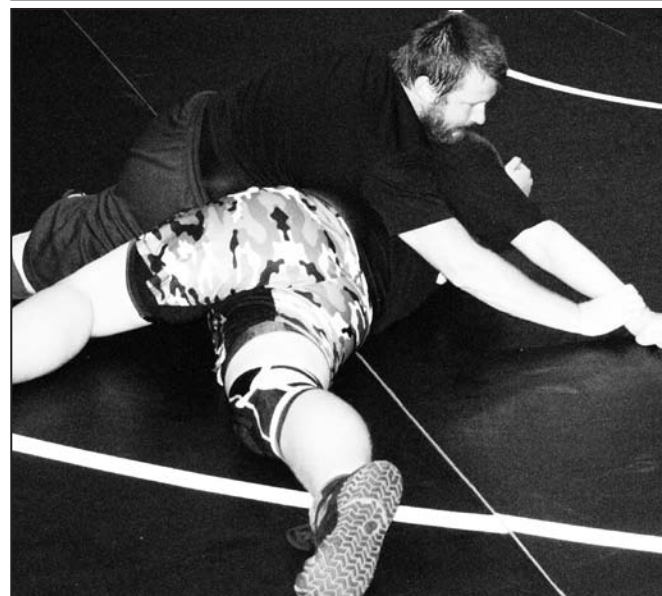
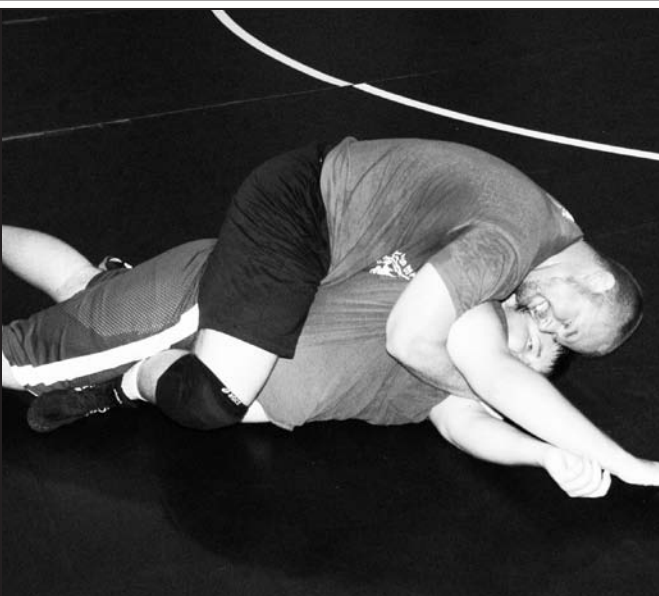
Don't be left out!!!

Register NOW
at the UC Rec Office
at 310 Wellborn St.

or
Online at meekspark.com



Union County Wrestling Camp at 'The Pit'



Wrestling camp photos by Todd Forrest



July 15th - 17th

Early Registration \$50
Day of Registration \$60

Tuesday - Thursday
Ages 7 to 13

CONTACT: Coach Allison (770) 639-7331 | Coach McCombs (706) 781-9893
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Union County High School Football Field
Info: Water and Gatorade will be provided. Please bring Water bottle with name. Wear shorts, t-shirts, and cleats. Each child will receive a Football camp T-shirt

Please Return with Payment

Name: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Parent: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

*Please make checks payable to Future Panther Camps, 153 Panther Circle, Blairsville, GA 30512

The first hour of each day is speed & agility the last two hours is an offensive oriented camp

Please Circle Campers Offensive Position: Quarterback | Line | Receiver/Running Back