

Atlanta Hawks join AHT for Union County camp



Mason McCombs



Assistants from the Atlanta Hawks Developmental Team took part in the Advanced Hoops Training (AHT) Camp in Blairsville last week. Photos by Todd Forrest



Coach Thomas Williams instructs on taking a charge. Photo/Todd Forrest



Coach Michael Ross encourages a camper. Photo/Todd Forrest



Holly Stroman



Cameron Gwyn

2013 UCHS Softball schedule

Aug. 7th: vs White Co. (Scrimmage) 5 p.m.
 Aug. 9-10th: @ Lanier Tournament TBA
 Aug. 12th: vs Fannin County 6 p.m.
 Aug. 13th: vs North Murray 5 p.m.
 Aug. 14th: @ Towns County 5 p.m.
 Aug. 19th: @ North Murray 5 p.m.
 Aug. 22nd: @ Rabun County 6 p.m.
 Aug. 23rd: vs Walnut Grove (@ North Georgia) 5 p.m.
 Aug. 24th: @ Oglethorpe County (DH) 1 p.m.
 Aug. 27th: vs Jefferson 5 p.m.
 Aug. 28th: @ Fannin County
 Aug. 31st: vs Greene County (DH) 12 p.m.
 Sept. 5th: vs Rabun County 6 p.m.
 Sept. 6-7th: @ Oconee County Tournament TBA
 Sept. 9th: vs Towns County
 Sept. 10th: @ Social Circle (DH) 4 p.m.
 Sept. 11th: @ White County 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 12th: @ Jefferson 6:45 p.m.
 Sept. 16th: @ East Hall 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 19th: vs Washington-Wilkes (DH) 4 p.m.
 Sept. 24th: 1st Round of Region Tournament TBA
 Sept. 28-30th: 2nd Round of Region Tournament TBA
 Oct. 5th: Region Championship TBA

2013 UCHS Football schedule

Aug. 22nd vs White County (Scrimmage) TBA
 Aug. 30th vs Towns County 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 6th @ Fannin County 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 13th @ Andrews N.C. 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 20th BYE WEEK
 Sept. 27th @ Washington-Wilkes 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 4th vs Oglethorpe County
 Oct. 11th @ Riverside Military Academy 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 18th vs Greene County 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 25th vs Rabun County 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 1st @ Social Circle 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 8th vs Jefferson 7:30 p.m.

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own cause with a 2 RBI double in the first to compliment her 1-for-1 day at the plate. The Lady Panther pitcher was hit-by-a-pitch, walked, and scored.

Sophomore Johnna Langston was 1-for-2 with an RBI single, Tanner walked and scored, sophomore Alyssa Arnold reached on a walk and a fielder's choice.

Another sophomore, Ansley Garrison added a base-on-balls, freshman Reagan Davis was hit-by-a-pitch and scored, and freshman Darian Kenderknout picked up a walk.

On Tuesday, Union faced Heritage-Conyers in a game that finished in a 7-7 tie.

Chambers went the distance for Union in the contest.

"First game to me proved

how young we are," Coach Stewart said. "The Busbees were at a University of North Georgia Camp so I started three freshman, two sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors. We played sloppy on the infield. Our outfield played exceptionally well in all four games last week."

The Lady Panthers then held on to beat Gilmer County 3-2. Luckily for Coach Stewart, the Busbee twins were back, but due to being at camp all day, weren't 100 percent.

"The second game we played much better defense against a Gilmer team who was hitting the ball very well," Coach Stewart said. Busbee gave up 11 hits and we were still able to pull it out 3-2.

She was at prospect camp all day and didn't have her best stuff but managed to work out

of some jams and get her job done.

"We have five summer league games left and hopefully we'll make the best of those and keep working hard on what we are lacking."

Union County was in action at the Dan Davis Invitational at The University of North Georgia on Monday.

In the morning, Union defeated Jackson County 4-3. The Lady Panthers played Alcovy at 6:30 p.m. and Fannin County again at 8:30 p.m. but no results or stats from the Jackson County game were available at press time.

On Tuesday, Union faces Walnut Grove at 4:30 p.m. and Winder at 6:15 p.m.

For results and game statistics, pick up next week's edition of *The North Georgia News*.



Hallye King



Assistant Coach Brooklyn Harris

NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Petty Still NASCAR'S Favorite Driver

NASCAR announced this past week that Richard Petty is still the sport's favorite driver, but along with that message came several new ones.

Fans of the future can expect new and more advanced race car technology, younger drivers, and oh yes, fewer seats at NASCAR events.

"We want to be more nimble in what we do from a technology standpoint, be able to quickly react to the emerging technologies that are out there," said NASCAR Senior V.P. Steve O'Donnell. "We want to be a proving ground. When you look at NASCAR, we feel like no sport is better positioned to really take technology, showcase it in front of some of the toughest conditions that exist in the world, and we think we're poised to do that."

Changes could be made in race qualifying procedures, although no specifics were discussed in last Monday's news media briefing. Officials plan to make much more pit-road data available to fans, perhaps by monitors or digital displays above pit stalls and through television and cell-phone displays.

O'Donnell said change will also come in the way the sport is officiated and the way fans receive information, both at track and via live television broadcasts.

Some changes will take effect in 2014, and others will be in place for the 2015 season.

O'Donnell said making core changes in the rule book will remove a lot of gray zones. There will be computer-aided drawings, simplifying the objectivity of the rule book.

"NASCAR has been criticized sometimes for being somewhat subjective," he said. "When we look at the rule book in the future, we want to categorize penalties so they're listed out in the rule book. We think it will be much more clearly defined not only for us and our competitors but for the race fans, as well."

"We are not trying to

put teams in such a box that they can't innovate. That's what our sport was founded on, was innovation, being able to work and find that advantage."

More technology means higher costs for teams. That translates into fewer, small one-car race teams.

For several years NASCAR has sponsored the "Drive for Diversity," a program where young Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Afro-Americans, and female drivers are brought into the sport.

They have asked the major racing teams to include this young, diversified mix of candidates into their driver lineups. NASCAR's stated goal is to embrace the 18-25 age group.

Where does this strategy leave the average, hard-working, middle-age, white male/female race fan?

By the removal of seats, tracks hope to raise the prices and make tickets "be in demand," as they once were.

When 30 per cent of the seats are removed from a track, will the average fan still be able to afford the inflated prices?

NASCAR's message sounds great. It's the typical, shiny, NASCAR public relations package. But it might contain some flaws.

Will a sufficient number of young fans that NASCAR is courting be there when the older ones are gone?

The haunting question for me is who's going to fill Richard Petty's shoes?

SPEED TO BECOME FOX SPORTS 1

The SPEED Channel, which has carried the NASCAR truck races, will soon be known as Fox Sports 1.

The channel which previously carried only racing coverage will feature many other sports, in addition to racing.

Fox Sports 1 will make its debut on August 17, 2013. Fox has directly positioned the channel to be a major competitor to ESPN. There will be studio programs including the daily sports news



Richard Petty in March, 2013
 program Fox Sports Live (which will compete directly against ESPN's SportsCenter), Crowd Goes Wild (formerly Rush Hour), a new early-evening program hosted by Regis Philbin, and Fox Football Daily.

Beginning in 2014, Fox Sports 1 will air 26 weeks worth of regular season Major League Baseball games and coverage of select post-season games (the Fox network will air significantly fewer games as a result).

Beginning in 2015, Fox Sports 1 will air select live NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races.

LOGANO IS CHICAGO NATIONWIDE WINNER

Joey Logano saved the best for last in winning Sunday's Nationwide race at Chicagoland Speedway.

Logano took the lead from Sam Hornish after a restart with 15 laps remaining in the 200-lap race, and went on to his 20th career Nationwide victory.

"We had it when we needed it," said Logano. "Throughout the race, the car kept getting a little better and a little better. On that last restart, I had what I needed to win."

Sam Hornish, the pole-sitter led the most laps, but near the end, it was Logano with the faster car, and Hornish had to settle for second.

Austin Dillon finished third.

"We needed just a little bit more today," Dillon said. "The team gave me a good handling car, but we didn't quite have enough to catch Joey there at the end."

Elliott Sadler was fourth, followed by Brian Vickers, Parker Kligerman, Trevor Bayne, Justin Allgaier, Brad Sweet, and Matt Crafton.

Top-10 Nationwide

leaders after 18 of 33: 1. Hornish-632, 2. Smith-625, 3. A. Dillon-624, 4. Sadler-612, 5. Allgaier-610, 6. Vickers-587, 7. Larson-579, 8. Scott-567, 9. Bayne-563, 10. Kligerman-563.

Note: The Cup and truck teams had an off weekend.

Top-10 Sprint Cup leaders after 19 of 36: 1. Johnson-696, 2. Bowyer-646, 3. Edwards-623, 4. Harvick-622, 5. Earnhardt-578, 6. Kenseth-576, 7. Kyle Busch-576, 8. Biffle-545, 9. Keselowski-529, 10. Kahne-523.

Top-10 Truck leaders after 9 of 22: 1. Crafton-357, 2. J. Burton-319, 3. Buescher-317, 4. T. Dillon-309, 5. Sauter-305, 6. Blaney-290, 7. Paludo-285, 8. Peters-281, 9. Gaughan-280, 10. D. Wallace-272.

Weekend Racing:

The Trucks race Wednesday, July 24, at Eldora Speedway. Starting time is 8 pm ET on Speed. The Cup and Nationwide teams are at the 2.5-mile Indianapolis Brickyard for weekend races.

Sat., July 27, Nationwide Series race 19 of 33; Starting time: 4:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Sun., July 28, Sprint Cup Series race 20 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: How many Cup wins does Jimmie Johnson have this season?

Last Week's Question: Which Cup team did J. J. Yeley start off driving for in 2004? **Answer:** Joe Gibbs Racing.

You may e-mail the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com.

Church Softball League

Union County Recreation Department will be holding a meeting for Church League Softball on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Meeks Park office.

Anyone interested must have a representative present at this meeting. For more information contact Terry Plott at 706-439-6074. NJ0124,25)CA

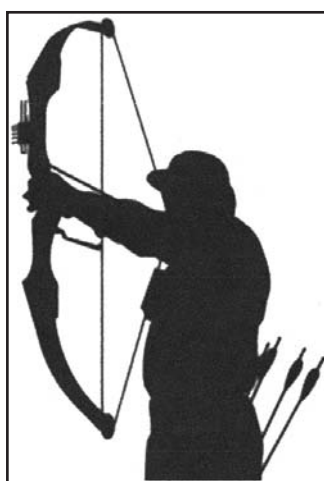
3-D Archery Coon Shoot at dark

New Liberty Baptist Church Heaven Bound Sportsmen's 3-D Archery Coon Shoot will be held July 27, 2013 at Alexander's Store, Town Creek School Road, Blairsville. Sign in will be from 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Shotgun start at dark. \$10 per shooter. Classes will be: Men's, Women's, Traditional, Youth (12-16), Cubs (11 and under shoot free).

Rules: No shining targets. Targets will be lit with a light. No broadheads. Must shoot from stake. Bring a small flashlight for walking.

There will be a bow give away; door prizes and refreshments.

Any questions please contact: Trenny Elliott 706-781-8883; Jason Seabolt 706-835-6978 or Tim Bohannon



706-781-4658.

And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. Genesis 21:20.

Date change for the Annual 'Sadie Hawkins' Day Golf Tournament

Ladies, it's time to 'Pick your Partner' and sign-up to play in our Annual 'Sadie Hawkins' Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, August 17th at Butternut Creek Golf Course.

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. & sign-in; Lunch: provided after play by The View Grill;

Shotgun Start: 8:30 a.m.; Format: Couples 'Select Shot'; Cost: \$50 per person. Prizes for 'Closest to Pin' along with Flight winners!

To register call Lilly Adams at 706-745-2725 or 706-781-4529 by July 29th, or you may sign up in the pro shop.



Trout stocking sites week of July 15-19, 2013

Fannin: Big Creek, Rock Creek, Toccoa River, and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)

Union: Cooper Creek and Toccoa River

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NJ0124,25)CA