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then used a stiff arm to pick up 12 yards.

That would be the final Mancuso pass of the evening as Wright took over at quarterback. On his first play, he found Daniel for 8 yards, then he handed off to Dockrey for gains of 5 yards and 4 yards.

On 2nd-and-6, Wright rolled to his left and found Banton all alone. The sophomore tight end, defensive end, and punter took the pass down the far sideline and dove past defenders and stretched the football across the pylon for the score.

The point after by Kiernan was on the money and with 8:10 left in the third quarter, the Panthers had their first touchdown. And according to the home side of the stadium, Union had it's first lead at 10-7.

With momentum on their side, the Panthers defense wasn't on the field very long, but not for reasons that we're pleasing to Coach Allison.

Looking at a 3rd-and-12, the Phoenix tossed a quick screen pass that running back Hunter Ley took 73 yards for Sonoraville's second touchdown of the night.

When Union's offense came back on the field at the 6:46 mark of the third, Dockrey carried three times for 10, 9, and 6 yards to move back into Phoenix territory. Unfortunately a miscue on the snap resulted in Wright pouncing on the football for a loss of 19 yards, derailing the Panthers chances to answer the Sonoraville score.

Both sides exchanged punts, and as the fourth quarter opened, the Phoenix were on the move. A holding call resulted in a 3rd-and-21 but the Panthers surrendered a vital 9 yards to

the offense that wasn't enough for a first down, but enough to move Sonoraville into field goal range.

The 44-yard kick by Villatoro barely squeaked across the cross bar, but nonetheless, the kick was good, making it a 17-10 game, according to the Union County faithful and Coach Allison.

With freshman Kanon Hemphill at quarterback, the Panthers appeared to have a huge gain when freshman running back Chad Buzzard broke loose for a gain of 30-plus yards that was brought back because of a holding penalty.

Luckily, Union got one more shot when the Phoenix fumbled into the arms of sophomore Logan Dyer at their own 43-yard line with just over 5 minutes to play.

Following a 2-yard gain by Buzzard, Hemphill used his legs for 15 yards then connected with sophomore Austin Pattee for 8 yards. On 3rd-and-2, Buzzard moved the chains with a 3-yard rush. Hemphill ran for four more yards and on 2nd-and-6, Buzzard broke free around the right end and took it 11 yards to pay dirt.

The score brought Union to within a point at 17-16 and instead of settling for a tie game with a score that's not even official, Coach Allison elected to go to two and the lead.

Hemphill rolled to his right but was unable to connect with Pattee. With 2:30 left, Sonoraville took over and the Panthers offense was unable to get back on the field.

When the dust settled, Union finished with 192 yards of total offense with 165 coming through the air.

Mancuso accounted for 137 yards on 15-of-24 passing. Wright was 2-for-3 with 28 yards and a score.

Dockrey led the team in rushing with 35 yards on 7 carries. Junior Chris Thompson led the Panthers' defensive charge with 2 solo tackles and 6 assisted tackles. He also recorded a tackle-for-loss (TFL) and a forced fumble. Winkler had 1 solo tackle, 4 assisted tackles, and Drost finished with 1.5 sacks.

Daniel recorded 3 solo tackles, 1 assisted, and 1.5 TFL.

Now the Panthers have two weeks to prepare for the season opener with arch-rival Towns County on Aug. 28, but at the moment, Coach Allison is concerned about his own team, then they'll begin preparing for the Indians next week.

"We're not going to worry about Towns County, quite yet. At least not for the first part of this week," Coach Allison said. "We've got too many things that we need to correct ourselves and we'll get those things corrected, then start looking at Towns County."

Union County football will be holding it's annual Meet the Team event at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium this Friday at 6 p.m.

The players and coaches will be on hand for pictures and autographs. This event is free of charge and all Panthers fans and their families are invited, and encouraged to attend.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the players to meet the community and bond with their loyal fans before they hit the field this fall, sacrificing their blood, sweat and tears to represent Union County.

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tripled and scored on a wild pitch to end the game at 10-2.

Tanner's triple was her third of the season and 10th of her career - making her Union softball's all-time triples leader, passing assistant coach Kaitlyn Seabolt's (2007-10) career mark of nine.

"The reason Kendra (Tanner) has the career triples record is because she runs the bases so well and can hit for power," Union County Head Coach Jessica Stewart said. "She is batting lead off and from the left side, and several teams assume she is a slapper and are quickly surprised when it is hit over their head."

Seabolt's 9 career homers was equaled by Chambers' second homer of the season vs Habersham. Seabolt and Chambers are now tied for fourth place on Union's all-time homerun list.



Lydia Arrowood

Callie Dyer (2008-11) is in third place with 14 career homers.

Chambers is also 1 RBI short of tying Courtney Busbee for fifth place in team history with 67 RBIs. Chambers began the season in seventh place and passed sixth place Seabolt earlier this season.

Pitching-wise, Chambers is five innings away from tying April Harper (2006-07) for second place on Union's all-time innings pitched list with 342.

Angie Hughes is first with 689 innings pitched.

On Thursday, the Lady Panthers travel to Rabun County to open Region 8-AA play with a top contender for the Region crown. First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Last season, Rabun finished in third place in the regular season

and came in fourth during the Region Tournament.

Union took both regular season games from the Lady Wildcats then took two of three during the 8-AA Tournament.

"This week will be a big week for us," Coach Stewart said. "We beat Rabun last year (in four-of-five) games so they will be ready for us. I'm hoping we get four good practice days in before we play our first region game, and we should be able to fine tune some of the things we needed to work on from the past six games."

On Saturday, the Lady Panthers will play a doubleheader at Young Harris College, beginning with Class AAAAA's Apalachee at 10 a.m. At noon, Union County will face Gilmer County from Class AAAA.

Boards for the Lord takes Meeks Park by storm

By Ben Newell
North Georgia News Special

Saturday local skaters took to Meeks Park for the First Semi-Annual Boards for the Lord Skate Competition. The event hosted by Union County Recreation Department, Hemptown Baptist Church of Morganton, and Ben Newell of SkateHealthy was a huge success with skaters from the tri-state area in attendance.

In the Beginner division Levi Patton came out strong proving that he had been practicing, his runs were solid, and unique, but he was facing two machines - Devon Deese and

Blake Deese. The top 3 of this category was uncatchable and it was definitely a battle to the finish. Somehow Levi took first, Devon Deese second, and Blake third place in the Finals. The crowd went wild!

In Intermediate it was just plain insane. Everybody was having great runs and landing very hard tricks. Chris Newton, James Patton, and Bailey Richardson were bouncing back and forth on who was in first throughout the day and all of them wanted it, but Chris Newton was unstoppable placing first in this division, James Patton was right behind with second place and Bailey

Richardson with a strong third place.

The advance division Game of Skate was amazing. The tricks were technical proving that no trick is impossible with persistence and dedication. Matt Bryan, Ben Newell, and Rolle Patokorpi shredded it up with a battle for first. Stating it was a close battle, is an understatement, it was a battle to the end. Matt Bryan wanted it bad and took first place, leaving Newell and Patokorpi to battle for second place, after a series of tricks Ben Newell claimed second place, putting Rolle Patokorpi in third place. Mini ramp went to Jon Garrett for

this division.

The Jam Session was nothing short of awesome; the runs were fast and clean. The battle was extreme leaving the crowd amazed. Thomas Wosyluk took the lead quickly, leaving Matt Bryan, and Jon Garrett battling for second place. Matt Bryan took second place and Jon Garrett came in third.

We are looking forward to the next event December 12, details to be announced.

If you should have any questions or would like to sponsor the next event, please call Skip Larson (706) 455-2087 or Ben Newell (706) 994-1656.



The Beginner Division winners



The Intermediate Division winners



The Advanced Division winners



There was plenty of skateboarding talent on display at Meeks Park last weekend. Photo/Shawn Jarrard

Union County Recreation Department Presents

Disc Golf Lessons

Saturday August 22nd 10AM
\$15.00 Fee
Includes 1 Hour of Instruction, 1 Disc, 1 Mini Marker

Lessons will be taught at the Meek's Park Disc Golf Course
(Access from North Georgia Technical College)

Call Ashleigh Stephens at 706-439-6092 or 706-897-0466 for Information or to Sign Up

Payment may be made via cash or check to "Union County Recreation Department"

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Double Elimination Cornhole Tournament

August 29, 2015
Blairsville Civic Center
185 Wellborn Street

Sign Up - 9 AM • Start - 10 AM
\$10 Entry Fee

FIRST PLACE PRIZE
Custom Made Cornhole Board
For each team member!

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Blairsville PTO, INC.

3rd Annual S.O.S. Glow Golf Tournament

(Support Our Schools) 4 Person Scramble

presented by Union General Hospital

The tournament has been rescheduled for

August 29, 2015

Butternut Creek Golf Course
Blairsville, GA

\$75 per player • \$300 per foursome
Registration starts at 4 p.m.
Tee Off @ 5:00 p.m. • Dinner @ 8 p.m.
Awards at Conclusion of Play!

Player 1: _____ Handicap: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Player 2: _____ Handicap: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Player 3: _____ Handicap: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Player 4: _____ Handicap: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mail form & payment (check/money order) to Blairsville PTO, P.O. Box 1059, Blairsville, GA 30514 or email registration info to blairsville_pto@ucschools.org

For more information on the tournament and/or Sponsorship information call 706.439.6076 or email blairsville_pto@ucschools.org.