

# Football season underway at Towns

Images from Union's 57-14 road victory



L to R: Mancuso (9) awaits the snap and (82) Sam Gilbert secures a touchdown grab. Photos/Todd Forrest



Sam Brown (26) and Zach Stone bring down Towns County's Kobe Denton. Photo/Todd Forrest

## Offensive statistics from Union County @ Towns County

Passing Stats										
#		CMP	ATT	%	YDS	YDS/ATT	LNG	TD	FUM	INT
9	Mancuso, Joseph	12	20	60%	201	10.1	32	3	-	-
43	Prunier, Robert	1	1	100%	13	13	13	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>61.9%</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Rushing Stats						
#		ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
5	Lynch, Bo	6	59	9.8	20	0
6	Wright, Cole	3	37	12.3	15	1
9	Mancuso, Joseph	1	3	3	3	0
10	Rodriguez, Nick	3	38	12.7	30	0
15	Dockrey, Cole	5	52	10.4	20	0
40	Whittle, Nick	4	13	3.3	5	1
43	Prunier, Robert	1	12	12	12	0
44	Barnett, Chase	4	53	13.3	21	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>

Receiving Stats							
#		REC	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD	FUM
4	Kiernan, Knox	1	13	13	13	1	-
8	Moose, Dalton	0	0	0	0	0	-
10	Rodriguez, Nick	1	2	2	2	0	-
22	Rogers, Jacob	4	62	15.5	25	0	-
28	Dietz, Brett	1	32	32	32	0	-
40	Whittle, Nick	1	8	8	8	0	-
43	Prunier, Robert	3	57	19	30	2	-
45	Wallis, Clay	0	0	0	0	0	-
82	Gilbert, Sam	3	42	14	15	1	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>

## Trout stocking sites week of August 25-29, 2014

Fannin: Rock Creek and Toccoa River  
Lumpkin: Etowah River and Nimblewill Creek  
Union: Cooper Creek and Toccoa River

Note: Information is subject to change. For the latest on stocking and event information, remember to "like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ChattahoocheeForestNationalFishHatchery](http://www.facebook.com/ChattahoocheeForestNationalFishHatchery). 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. N(Sep3,215)CA

## Fish for Food Fishing Tournament

Matthew 25 Food Ministries presents "Fish for Food Fishing Tournament". 50% of tournament money goes to feed needy families in our area. The remaining 50% will go to tournament prize money. Prize money will be awarded for 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place and biggest fish. Actual prize amount will depend on number of entries. Entry fee is \$40 per

boat, the tournaments began in March and will end in October, occurring on Saturdays and rotating between Lake Chatuge, Woods Grove Boat Ramp and Lake Nottely, Deaver Road Boat Ramp, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tournament schedule: September 13 - Chatuge; and October 11 - Nottely

## Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament

10 days till kickoff! The Union County Panthers will be at home on this date. The Warriors Scholarship fund will be teeing it up with their Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament 1 PM Shotgun start.

Format: Teams of four - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies; Longest Drives and Closest to the Pins. Cost per team \$220, per player \$55. Companies, businesses and

organizations \$200. Early entry date, September 7th. Sponsors, donors or individuals interested in making donations or interested in playing in the tournament should contact Marine Sgt. Charlie Sowers at 706-745-5123 or Marine Sgt. Skip Belton at 706-745-2273.

What better way is there than to play golf in the afternoon and then go to a high school football game.

## History of the rivalry

- 2014: Union 57 Towns 14
- 2013: Union 41 Towns 13
- 2012: Union 17 Towns 14
- 2011: Union 20 Towns 0
- 2010: Union 40 Towns 7
- 2009: DNP
- 2008: DNP
- 2007: Union 31 Towns 6
- 2006: Union 48 Towns 0
- 2005: Union 38 Towns 0
- 2004: Union 8 Towns 0
- 2003: Union 26 Towns 8
- 2002: Union 48 Towns 12
- 2001: Union 48 Towns 16
- 2000: Union 35 Towns 21
- 1999: Union 34 Towns 0
- 1998: Union 38 Towns 0
- 1997: Union 19 Towns 0
- 1996: Union 28 Towns 19
- 1995: DNP
- 1994: DNP
- 1993: Towns 27 Union 17
- 1992: Union 20 Towns 8
- 1991: Union 19 Towns 0
- 1990: Union 13 Towns 0
- 1989: Union 34 Towns 6
- 1988: Union 54 Towns 12
- 1987: Union 6 Towns 0
- 1986: Union 28 Towns 0
- 1985: Union 54 Towns 0
- 1984: Union 54 Towns 7
- 1983: DNP
- 1982: DNP
- 1981: DNP
- 1980: DNP
- 1979: DNP
- 1978: DNP
- 1977: Union 40 Towns 0
- 1976: Union 50 Towns 0

## In next week's NGN

Emma Garrison and the Panthers' boys cross country team victorious at first meet.

Union County softball's JV squad, and Union County middle school football continues to roll.

JV football season opens at Gilmer County.

# NASCAR 2014

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

## Kahne wins at Atlanta

HAMPTON, Ga.— Kasey Kahne was not to be denied the win in Sunday's Sprint Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. His victory automatically gave him a ticket into this year's Chase for the Sprint Cup Championship.

Kahne jumped ahead of Kevin Harvick, on a restart on lap 297 after Brad Keselowski had gotten into the rear of a slower car. Kahne continued to lead Harvick until lap 322 of the 325-lap race, when another caution came out. This time it was Kyle Busch that caused it, by running into Martin Truex.

Most of the leaders pitted for tires. Kahne went in first, but came out fifth after a slow pit stop.

On the first green-white-checked restart, it was Matt Kenseth, Paul Menard, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, and Kahne.

Menard was slow in getting started, and Harvick ran into the rear of him, and bounced into Joey Logano's No. 22. Both Harvick and Logano went into the outside wall.

On the second and last g-w-c restart, Kahne started behind the leader, Matt Kenseth, who had taken only two fresh tires during his last pit stop. Kahne was able to clear Kenseth within half a lap, and get his first victory of the season.

"Man that was wild, wasn't it," said Kahne. "I've never seen so many restarts. This win was great, because it puts us into the Chase."

"We started out the race pretty good, but about midways, the car quit handling, and it wasn't until near the end that we got it back where we wanted it. I've got to credit the guys in the pits. They did a great job."

Matt Kenseth still doesn't have a win, but by virtue of his points standing, he is assured a spot in the Chase.

"I knew Kasey had two fresher tires than we did, but I got a good restart," said Kenseth. "He just got through the middle, and I wasn't able to capitalize there at the end."

Third-place finisher Denny Hamlin had a fast car, but at the end wasn't able to catch Kenseth or Kahne.

"We weren't able to accelerate like those guys," said Hamlin. "Our car was good most of the night, but at times we just couldn't make it on those restarts like the others."

Jimmie Johnson was fourth, while Carl Edwards, Danica Patrick, Ryan Newman, Kyle Larson, Aric Almirola, and Greg Biffle rounded out the top-10 finishers.

Chase leader Jeff Gordon had a right front tire go down. He finished 17th.

Polesitter Kevin Harvick, who also led the most

laps (195) finished 19th after crashing on lap 323.

Tony Stewart returned to the track after an absence of three weeks. He qualified 12th, but was involved in two separate incidents. The last one came on lap 170, and he did not finish the race.

Chase Grid Outlook with one race remaining: 1. J. Gordon-872(3wins); 2. D. Earnhardt Jr.-851(3); 3. J. Logano-791(3); 4. B. Keselowski-782(3); 5. J. Johnson-766(3); 6. C. Edwards-755(2); 7. K. Harvick-748(2); 8. K. Kahne-708(1); 9. Kyle Busch-657(1); 10. Kurt Busch-614(1); 11. A. Almirola-594(1); 12. A. Allmendinger-590(1); 13. M. Kenseth-794(0); 14. R. Newman-747(0); 15. G. Biffle-728(0); 16. C. Bowyer-705(0).

## HARVICK DOMINATES ATLANTA NATIONWIDE RACE

Sprint Cup driver Kevin Harvick dominated Saturday's Nationwide Series race, leading 159 laps of the 195-lap race.

Joey Logano was second, followed by Kyle Larson, Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott, Regan Smith, Brian Scott, David Ragan, Ty Dillon, and Elliott Sadler.

Top-10 leaders after 24 of 33: 1. Elliott-874, 2. Smith-859, 3. T. Dillon-839, 4. Sadler-826, 5. Scott-820, 6. Bayne-803, 7. C. Buescher-713, 8. Gaughan-694, 9. Reed-658, 10. J. Buescher-646.

## RYAN BLANEY WINS CANADIAN TRUCK RACE

Ryan Blaney won Sunday's truck race at the 2.5-mile road course in Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada.

The remaining top-10 drivers were: German Quiroga, Erik Jones, Gary Gaulding, Andrew Ranger, Matt Crafton, Brennan Newberry, Johnny Sauter, Cole Custer and Timothy Peters.

Top-10 leaders after 14 of 22: 1. Sauter-524, 2. Crafton-517, 3. Blaney-511, 4. Wallace Jr.-486, 5. Quiroga-476, 6. Hornaday-460, 7. Coulter-456, 8. Peters-448, 9. Kennedy-441, 10. Burton-420.

## 2015 NASCAR SCHEDULE SET

NASCAR has announced the complete 2015 NASCAR Sprint Cup schedule. Television coverage in 2015 will be different. FOX / FoxSports1 will cover the first 16 points races of the season, plus the Sprint Unlimited, Budweiser Duel 150's, Sprint Showdown and Sprint All-Star race.

NBC and NBC Sports will cover the final 20 points races of the season, including the Chase races.

There is no word yet on



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which races will air on network (FOX or NBC) vs. cable (FoxSports1 or NBC Sports).

Bristol's spring race weekend will move from March to April 18-19 for the 2015 season.

The April 18-19 weekend, an open date on the 2014 schedule, would fall between races at Darlington and Richmond on the existing schedule and is designed to provide better spring weather for fans.

The only other major changes involved switching race dates at Darlington and Atlanta.

The Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway will return to its traditional Labor Day weekend date (Sunday, Sept 6th).

Atlanta Motor Speedway, which has raced on Labor Day weekend since 2009, will have its lone Sprint Cup race weekend moved earlier in the season to week No. 2, Sunday, March 1, 2015.

## TV MONEY SPLIT TO REMAIN THE SAME

The new television package with NBC, which will go into effect in 2015, is reportedly worth \$8.2 billion over the 10 year contract. That is up 46 per cent from the eight-year, \$4.5-billion deal that ends after this season.

Despite the big increase, NASCAR said it won't change the formula for how it distributes television money from its current split among tracks, teams and the sanctioning body.

In a news release to announce the impact of the schedule changes and the new 10-year television deal, the track's share will remain at 65 per cent, with 25 per cent to the teams through the purse and 10 per cent to NASCAR.

**Weekend Racing:** The Cup and Nationwide teams are at the .75-mile Richmond, Virginia track. The Truck Series has an off weekend.

Fri., Sept. 5, Nationwide Series race 25 of 33; Starting time: 7 PM ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sat., Sept. 6, Sprint Cup race 26 of 33; Starting time: 7 pm ET; TV: ABC.

**Racing Trivia Question:** Who won the September 2013 Cup race at Richmond?

**Last Week's Question:** Which driver has the most Cup wins at Atlanta? **Answer:** Dale Earnhardt Sr. with nine.

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