



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



PA Wolverines accept 6-5 gift from Indians

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Tribe out hit PA 10-6 but defense faltered.

The Indians dominated the game but when their defense faltered late, the Indians gave the Prince Avenue Wolverines a 6-5 gift to take back to Athens. It looked like the Tribe tried every way possible to accommodate the visitors as the game teetered back and forth until the final inning. The game was played on the Young Harris College field and early on, the Tribe enjoyed the excitement as they took a 1-0 lead in the first off a "T" to the fence by Ezekiel Gribble and an RBI single by Charles Corn. The Indian bats were hot through the next two innings when Alan Turpin opened the second with a single to right and an RBI by Andy Page plated Turpin, 2-0. Singles by Cody Harkins and Paydon Shook put runners on base and a 2-out walk by Alan Turpin loaded the diamond in the third inning. The Tribe plated another run, 3-0 when Billy Meier hammered an RBI.

In the fourth inning the Wolverines tallied a run with 2-outs on the scoreboard to get into the fray and it was 3-1. In the fifth, a shot past second by

the visitors got a runner on base but a line drive back to Gribble on the mound left the runner stranded. The Wolverines turned the DP in the bottom half when they caught a long fly out in left and picked the runner off at first base on the throw-in. The sixth inning was a defensive nightmare for the Indians as they made mental mistakes and faulty fielding that allowed the score to move to a

3-3 tie. The Indians regained their composure and put Alan Turpin on base and a 2-out RBI single in the gap by Andy Page gave the 4-3 lead back to the home team. Ezekiel Gribble then hit a seeing-eye shot down the right field line to plate Page and the Indians were back in the drivers seat, 5-3 after six full innings. Again, the Indians let a shot get past first and the Wolverines plated a run to

make it a 5-4 game. Another fielding error gave the Wolverines the tying 5-5 score. The Indians then changed pitchers to Tryston Drummond to try and salvage the tie game. The Wolverines belted an RBI 365' single to the fence to take a 6-5 lead in the top of the seventh. The visitors had plated three runs late to take the 6-5 win after the final hurrah by the Indians failed to produce any runs.



Randy Smith tries for the put-out at third base against a Prince Avenue Wolverine.



Cody Harkins waits for the late throw at home as a Wolverine scores. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura

Great night of practice at Tri-County

It was a record car count for a practice Saturday night at Tri-County Race Track in Brasstown, North Carolina when 40 cars tested and tuned. Several new cars raced around the 3/10s clay oval as the track was wet and fast.

Each class was given four hot lap sessions as four Super Late Models, 10 Sportsman, Stock and one Modified 4 made laps around the track.

The 2009 season opens this Saturday night April 11 with all six classes in action. The gates open at 4 p.m. with racing action starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors, under 10 free. Pit admission is \$20, under 12 is \$10.

Sugar Creek Speedway in Blue Ridge held a practice Friday night and will open their 2009 season this Friday night April 10. They will be running six classes with Super Late Models leading the show. Gate will open at 4 p.m. with racing scheduled at 7 p.m. Admission is \$12 in the stands and \$22 in the pits.

Some big races were held in the area this weekend and some of our local drivers did quite well. At North Georgia Speedway in Chatsworth, Jonathan Davenport place a strong third place among the 40 cars entered. Randy Weaver passed Chris Madden and Davenport for the \$5000 win. Billy Moyer made a infrequent trip to this area and walked away with the \$5000 purse at Tennessee's Cleveland Speedway. Randall Twigg's driver Johnny Chastain ran eighth, Ray Cook was 12th and Jonathan Davenport was 14th.

Cats return home with 9-6 win over Sun Chiefs

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Warzon and Lowery crank HRs to start Cats on path to 12-hit win.

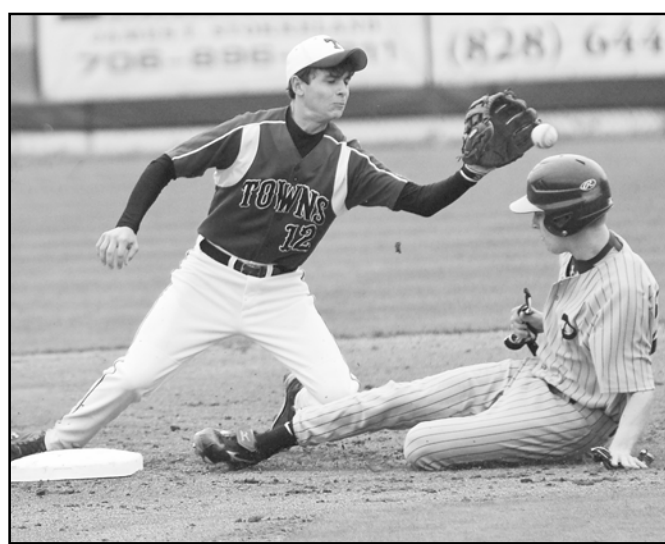
After a number of road games and a bag of rain-outs, the YHC Mountain Lions returned to the home field advantage against the Sun Chiefs from Faulkner State. For this reporter it had been almost three weeks since hovering in the cold dugout at Zell B. Miller Field. The Cats introduced the Chiefs to their offensive power early when Daniel Warzon smacked a solo HR ball over the 315' left field fence for the 1-0 lean in the second inning. With the multiple rain reschedules the Mountain Lions utilized a bag of pitchers starting with CJ Smith for two innings then changing to Jeff Brown in the third for three innings. Andrew Chilcoat and Daniel Warzon combined for the final four innings. Meanwhile after turning the DP by Austin Schultz to Clay Remole in the top of the fourth, the Cats plated another run in the bottom half when a Matt Lowery got Shane Hammond

in from third, 2-0. Kenny Swab moved to second when an overthrow at first got him the double. From there Swab trotted home when Derrick Lowery Jacked a 2-run bomb over the center field fence, 4-0.

The Cats posted another run on the scoreboard in the fifth when Matt Lowery hit a stand-up "D" to left and Austin Schultz sent him home, 5-0 with an RBI double. The Cats eventually plated nine runs off twelve hits but the stubborn Sun Chiefs hung in the game by scoring six runs of their own before time ran out and they took the 9-6 loss to the Mountain Lions. Daniel Warzon went 3-5 and the plate with a HR while Derrick Lowery went 1-2 with a homerun.



Shane Hammond sticks his body in the dirt in a close play at third base.



Alan Turpin waits for the ball at second base in 6-5 loss.



Andy Page slides in at second base in Indian game played at YHC.

Herald's sports quote of the week

"Win if you can, lose if you must, but always cheat!"

- Gorgeous George, wrestler

M'Lions blast their way to second win over Faulkner State

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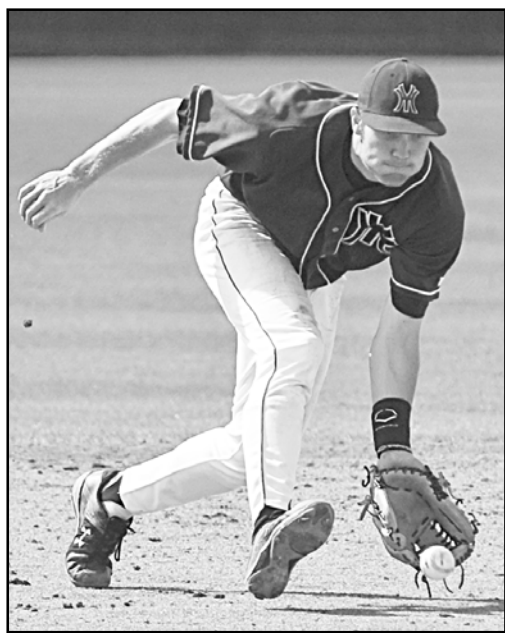
Matt Lowery 2-run HR highlights Cat offense.

The Mountain Lions took a dry field Thursday, no dark clouds, no drizzling rain against the Sun Chiefs in the second of two games. It was to their liking as they started swinging the bats early when Derrick Lowery sent a burner off the shortstop's glove in the first but it took an RBI sac by catcher, Shane Hammond to plate Lowery, 1-0. Travis Echols singled in the gap and big lanky Matt Lowery sent a 2-run shot over the left field fence, 3-0. The Sun Chiefs got back in the game in the top of the third when they touched first time starter Bryan Cole for an RBI, 3-1 before Daniel Warzon pulled down a long fly ball in center and threw the confused base runner out at first for the DP. The third started well for the Cats when Kenny Swab send one up the chimney and Daniel Warzon got on first off a fielder's choice but after a Derrick Lowery single to right, the Cats left runners on

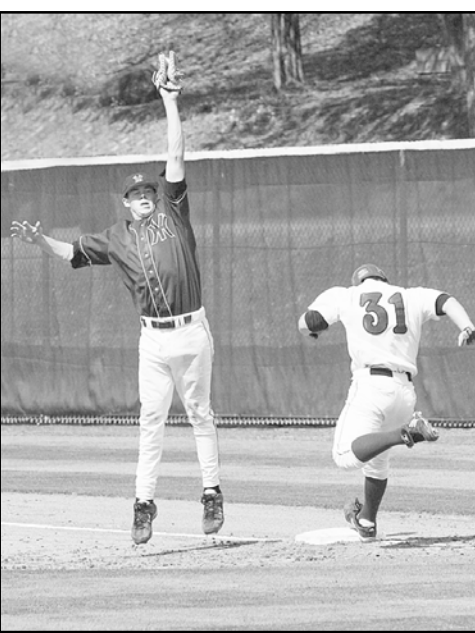
the corners. The Mountain Lions, except for pitcher, Bryan Cole who took a line drive in the right leg, had a good inning. Cole recovered the ball and while on both knees threw to Clay Remole to get the Sun Chief out. Shane Hammond then walked, Travis Echols singled and a sac fly by Austin Schultz

plated Hammond, 4-1 in the bottom of the inning. In the fifth, Daniel Warzon opened with a walk, Derrick Lowery singled to right and a sac bunt by Clay Remole got Warzon across, 5-1. In the eighth, the Mountain Lions sent Curt Frisbee to the hill to relieve Cole and the visitors loaded on him but the Cat defense plugged

the hole. The two teams changed pitchers, this time the Cats sent Chris George to the mound to close out the 5-1 win for the YHC Cats. Derrick Lowery led the plate work, going 3-3 while Matt Lowery and Travis Echols went 2-3 with a homerun by Lowery, his fifth. The Cats scored five runs off ten hits.



Austin Schultz puts the golden glove to the ground to scoop one out of the dirt.



Clay Remole goes vertical to catch a high throw to first as the runner tags the bag.



Bryson Smith slides into third base in 9-6 win over Sun Chiefs.



Austin Schultz turns the first half of a DP against a Faulkner State player. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Derrick Lowery went 3-3 at the plate for the Mountain Lions.



Matt Lowery rears back and sends a shot over the fence for a 3-1 M'Lion lead. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

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Aerobics at Recreation Department

Beginning Tuesday, March 10, Jeannie Ledford will bring her aerobic classes back to Towns County Recreation Department Gym.

Classes are a high energy mix of: step, weight training, cardio training, circuit training, kick boxing, yoga, pilates, and stretch. These classes are for all fitness and

experience levels.

Jeannie has a Bachelors Degree in Physical Education and over 13 years of aerobic and personal training experience. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm. The cost for aerobics is \$5 per class or pay by the month and receive a class free.

WILD FACTS: Flying Jewels



hummingbird that breeds in eastern North America. Males sport a brilliant red throat while the female has a dull grayish-white throat.

The top of the head and back on both sexes is a metallic bronze-green color. You can attract these fast-flying jewels to your backyard by planting flowers and putting up a feeder with one part sugar dissolved in four parts water.

WILD Facts is a regular feature written by Linda May, a wildlife interpretive specialist with the Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds just arrived in Georgia after flying non-stop from Central America over the Gulf of Mexico.

That's quite a feat for a tiny bird that only weighs as much as a few pennies!

This species is the only