



# Towns County Herald's Sporting News



## Lady M'Lions ease by in extra softball innings

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**Cats pull out game with walk-off tie breaker.**

It was a hot, dry, dusty game everywhere but at the plate as the Mountain Lions and the Middle Georgia Lady Warriors battled to a 0-0 tie in regulation. Despite numerous hits by both teams in the game, neither could plate a run and player after player died on the diamond. Finally, in the extra inning, Cat strategy and an iffy Warrior decision to put a YHC batter on to load the diamond, meant the difference in who was

the winner and who was dinner. Through the first two innings the Cats scattered singles but stranded just as many in a 0-0 stand-off. The Mountain Lions turned a DP in the fourth when they threw the runner out at first and followed by catching a Warrior in a rundown between second and third. Chelsea Davidson got on and moved to second on a sac by Whitney Robinson but same ole same ole as the Cats left Davidson on the diamond to

close the fifth inning. In the sixth, the Warriors had a golden opportunity when the Cats made a wild throw to first and the visitors put Warriors on the corners with one out. The Warriors bunted to load but a grounder to Tara Mullenix led to the third out, stranding a loaded Warrior diamond. After the Mountain Lions hit a single in the gap by Tara Mullenix, the Cats hit into a DP to get put out of the inning. Regulation ended just as

it began with a 0-0 tie. In the eighth, the Cats held a Warrior runner at third. Jennifer Watford started at second and after Whitney Robinson took a hit for the team, the Cats had runners in scoring position with one out on the scoreboard for Tara Mullenix. She came through with a walk-off RBI single in the gap to plate Watford and take the 1-0 win in the first game of the DH. The Mountain Lions took the second game 3-0.



by Jim Bryant

### SPORTSWATCH

#### Prep Baseball

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|---|------------------------|
| Towns County 2/5                        | Hebron Academy 130     |
| Towns County 2                          | Lakeview Academy 7     |
| Towns County 9                          | Prince Avenue 6        |
| Towns County 12                         | Hayesville, NC 3       |
| Towns County 13                         | Social Circle 14       |
| (Harkins 3-Run HR, Gribble HR, Corn HR) |                        |
| Union County 5                          | Dawson County 6 (9)    |
| Union County 12                         | Dawson County 6        |
| Union County 4                          | Fannin County 14       |
| White County 15                         | West Hall 2            |
| White County 9                          | West Forsyth 5         |
| White County 5                          | North Hall 12          |
| Lakeview Acy 12                         | Athens Christian 2     |
| Lakeview Acy 8                          | Banks County 3         |
| Lakeview Acy 15                         | Athens Academy 4 (5)   |
| Lakeview Acy 12                         | Athens Christian 2     |
| Rabun County 6                          | Riverside Academy 2    |
| Pickens County 3                        | Gainesville 18         |
| Pickens County 3                        | East hall 6            |
| Jefferson 19                            | East Jackson 4 (5)     |
| Lumpkin County 15                       | Creekview 14           |
| Lumpkin County 7                        | East hall 15           |
| Athens Academy 13                       | Social Circle 11       |
| Athens Christian 14                     | Tallulah Falls 0       |
| Banks County 15                         | Dawson County 5 (5)    |
| Banks County 18                         | Dawson County 5 (5)    |
| Commerce 15/15                          | Tallulah Falls 0/0 (5) |
| Dawson County 0                         | Fannin County 10 (5)   |
| Gilmer County 7                         | Johnson 6              |
| Gilmer County 0                         | West Forsyth 10        |
| Gilmer County 15                        | West Hall 5            |
| Hebron Academy 20                       | Tallulah Falls 6       |
| Hebron Academy 16                       | Social Circle 6        |

#### Region 8-A Baseball Championship

Lakeview Academy 13 Commerce 0

#### Region 8-AA First Round Play-offs

Jefferson 10/11 Rabun County 0/1

#### Region 7-AAA Boys Golf Championships

1<sup>st</sup> North Hall 302 2<sup>nd</sup> Lumpkin County 303

#### Collegiate Baseball

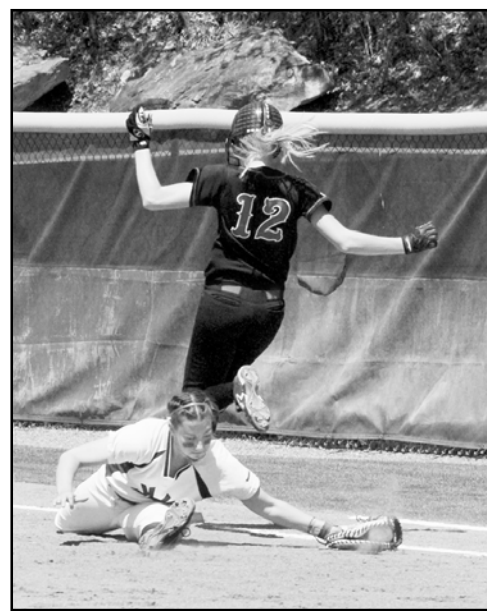
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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| YHC 11/1              | Potomac State 1/10       |
| YHC 14/11/16          | South Georgia 4/3/6      |
| Georgia perimeter 8   | Darton 3                 |
| Georgia Perimeter 4/3 | Central Alabama 7/4      |
| Darton 11/9           | Lurleen B. Wallace 13/15 |
| Gordon 4              | Cleveland State 8        |
| Gulf Coast 4          | Tallahassee CC 6         |

#### Collegiate Softball

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| YHC 3/1              | Middle Georgia 0/0 (8)  |
| YHC 0/0              | Chattanooga Tech 9/10   |
| YHC 4/6              | ABAC 0/5 (11)           |
| Chattanooga Tech 6   | Tennessee Wesleyan 7    |
| Chattanooga Tech 5/1 | Gadsden State 2/2       |
| Andrew 1/0           | ABAC 2/9                |
| Aiken Tech 2/1       | Florence-Darlington 0/4 |
| Cleveland State 9/3  | Motlow State 8/7        |
| Cleveland State 3/0  | Walters State 5/8       |
| Cleveland State 1/8  | Motlow State 8/2        |
| Darton 3/2           | Middle Georgia 1/4      |
| Truett McConnell 0/1 | Georgia Perimeter 1/2   |
| Truett McConnell 0/3 | ABAC 1/10               |



Kacie Shields chases a Warrior in rundown between second and third base.



Sam Woolf makes the reach at first with an "ouch" stretch to make the catch.



Chelsea Davidson goes deep into the left corner to haul down a foul ball for the out.



Jennifer Watford slides in under the Warrior tag at third base in 1-0 tie-breaker win.



Rikki Powers puts the power to the pitch against the Lady Middle Georgia Warriors. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

## Jags complete sweep of Mountain Lions to secure top spot

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**Georgia Perimeter rips M'Lions' defense for thirty-four runs.**

The Saturday DH against the Jaguars from Perimeter College didn't get any better from the loss on the previous night. Starter, C.J. Smith was tagged with 2-RBI homerun in the top of the first that got the Jags off and running as they out hit the Mountain Lions 16-11 and posted an 11-5 win in the first game of the DH. The Mountain Lions helped the visi-

tors clean the table by allowing three passed balls and two wild pitches, went through a host of pitchers and hit more pop flies than allowable. The Jaguars jumped on the Cat pitchers, scoring in every inning except the sixth and ninth. The Mountain Lions could not answer the visitors, scoring three runs in the second, one run in the fifth and plating a final one run in the seventh. It was like a carousel on the mound and behind the plate as the Cats tried multiple batters to stop the Jaguars to no avail in the 11-5 loss.

The seven inning second game was more of the same as the Jaguars took the Mountain

Lions 11-6. Derrick Lowery started the cats in the right direction in the bottom of the first when he blasted a 3-RBI homerun for a quick 3-0 lead. Daniel Warzon hit a 2-RBI single and the Mountain Lions had a 5-0 lead. Starter, Matt Crouse however, held the Jags in check until the third inning when GPC helped themselves to seven runs, 7-5, even after the Cats changed to Andrew Chilcoat on the mound. In the fourth, Kurt Frisbee got a chance on the hill against the

Jaguars but got tagged with another Jag run, 8-5. Again in the fifth inning the Cats changed hurlers, this time sending Chris George into the fray to hold the Jags scoreless. Shane Hammond hit an RBI double, plating Derrick Lowery and the Cats were back in the game, 8-6. The scoreboard went into neutral for a couple of innings before the visitors broke it wide open in the seventh with a 3-run top of the inning HR to take an 11-6 win and complete the weekend sweep.

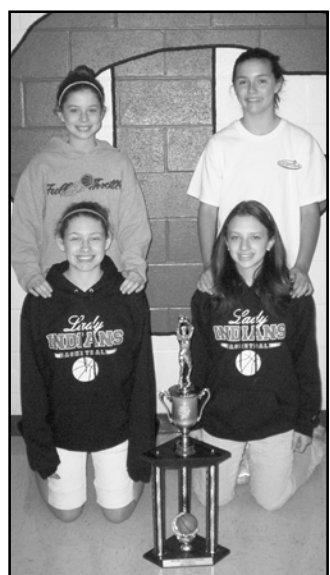


Bryson Smith tries to tag out a GPC runner in a play at third base but loses the ball.



Scoop Pharr makes the play at second against a Georgia Perimeter Jaguar. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

## Girls place 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tournament



Pictured: Front, Misty Lindemuth and Karlie Albach. Back, Stephanie Patton and Madison Johnson.

Local Towns County Middle School Students place second in the YBOA Southeast Regional Basketball Tournament at the Centennial High School in Atlanta, Georgia on April 26.

The girls competed against 17 other 11-and-under basketball teams. By placing 2<sup>nd</sup> the girls qualified for National this July in Florida.

The girls are coached by Frank Johnson and Steve Patton. We wish the girls the best of luck.



Kenny Swab tries to tag a Jag in a cloud of dust in a play at home.

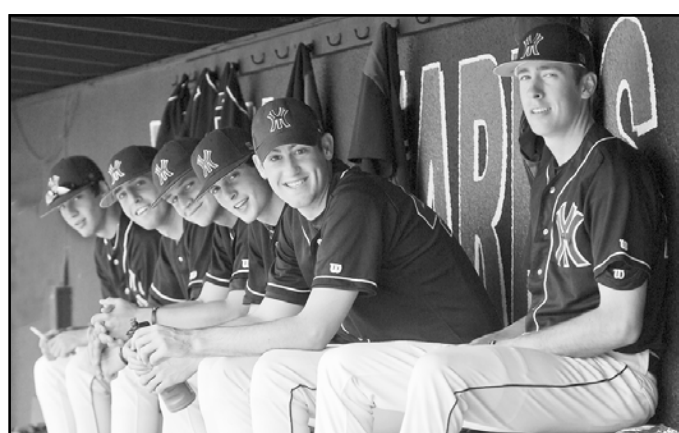
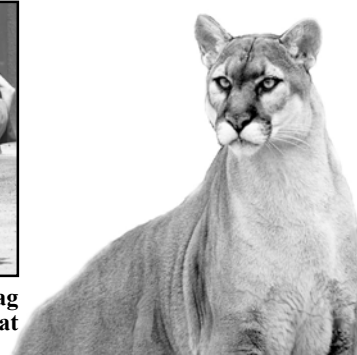
## Benefit bass tournament for Karla

There will be a Benefit Bass Tournament for 12-year-old cancer patient Karla Allred on May 9 from 7am to 4pm at the Gibson Cove Boat Access on Lake Chatuge. The tournament fee is \$80 per boat, which includes big fish. Limit two people per boat and five bass per boat. All standard tournament rules apply. Registration starts at 5am with the rules

meeting at 6:45 am. Half and half drawing after weigh-in

Guaranteed first place \$1,000; second place \$500; third place \$350, first big fish \$250; and second big fish \$150. Prize money donated by Jackson County Emergency Services.

For more info, call Steven McClure 828-507-3751, Shane Melton 828-507-8983, Bruce Parris 828-506-0358



Pitchers Justin Crosby, Eric Swegman, Kurt Frisbee, Ben Watson, Bryan Cole and Sean Kelly are all smiles in the dugout.

## WILD FACTS: inside the shell

Turtles may crawl out of their shells in cartoons, but not in real life. A turtle's backbone is built into the top of its shell, which is called the carapace.

When threatened, a turtle often pulls in its head, tail and legs for protection. In some species, the bottom part of the shell (called the plastron) is hinged, forming an extremely tight closure.

This adaptation helps many turtles to live 50 years or more in the wild. In captivity, turtles can live even longer, with some reaching more than 100 years old!



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

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