



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Lady Cats end season with 4th at GJCAA Softball Tourney

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Mountain Lions win one, drop two in tournament play.

The season finale ended for the YHC Lady Mountain Lions softball team with a 1-2 loss to the eventual finalist, Middle Georgia at the GJCAA Softball Tournament. In day one of the tourney, the Cats had also faced the powerful Warriors of MGA and dropped an 8-0 decision.

The Mountain Lions just a few days earlier had defeated Middle Georgia at E. Rivers Field in Young Harris (1-0, 3-0) to make it into the tournament during their notorious five series in five days battle.

The blistering schedule,

due to rainouts and make-up games, must have taken their toll. The Mountain Lions drew MGA in the first game and fell 8-0, followed in the

later game that day against ABAC and won 2-1.

On the second day of play it was the MGA matchup again that ended the Cats

season in a 2-1 squeaker.

Middle Georgia went on to face Darton College for the championship. Darton 7 Middle Georgia 4.



Jennifer Watford



Savannah Eubanks



Brittany McDade



Chelsea Davidson



Kacie Shields



Brittany Allen

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Young Harris College 2009 softball team

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Mountain Lions season ends at the final four

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Cats ousted by eventual winner Middle Georgia Warriors.

The nationally ranked 4th place Mountain Lions' season



Kenny Swab sends a shot over the fence in the first inning against the MGA Warriors.

came to an end Saturday night as the Cats dropped a 14-4 game to the Warriors of Middle Georgia. In the first game of the final Four GJCAA XVII Tournament, the Cats had previously dropped a game to the same Warriors 17-4. These outings marked the fifth time the Mountain Lions and Warriors had faced each other this season with MGA taking 3-5 of the games.

Although there were bright spots in the final four tourney the Cats returned home greatly disappointed even with 44-12 season and 22-7 conference records. After dropping the first game to the Warriors, the Mountain Lions advanced in the loser's bracket with a 10-8 win over the Truett McConnell Bears. The Cats had to hold off a late rally by the Bears but it moved the Cats into the semi-final bracket only to again face the Warriors. In the Bears game the Cats hammered out fourteen hits and scored ten runs with Austin Schultz leading the way at the plate, going 4-5 with a double, 2-RBIs and scoring two runs himself.

In the final purple game



The Mountain Lions celebrate early but ended season at 44-12 and conference 22-7.

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of the season, Eric Swegman took the loss on the mound in the 14-4. The Cats started well in the first when Kenny Swab nailed a HR to give the Mountain Lions a 2-0 lead. The Warriors came back in the bottom and touched the Cats for three runs, 3-2. Their lead was extended to 7-2 after a four run second inning and it got worse. After three innings of stalemated ball, the Cats got Travis

Echols across, 7-3 but the Warriors hammered the Cats for eight runs in a disastrous bottom half of the sixth inning, 15-3. Both teams added runs to make it a 17-4 final score.

After being forced to play two games, the #4 seeded Middle Georgia Warriors took the championship against the Georgia Perimeter Jaguars to advance towards the JUCO World Series.

Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura



South's top drivers at Tri-County

Twenty of the South's top Sportsman drivers representing four states pulled into Tri-County Race Track Saturday night to race in the Southeastern Sportsman Series 35-lap \$1,200 to win event. After qualifying was over, Stevan Segars and Randy Dillard were sitting on the front row, both with times in the 13's.

With the night starting under clear skies, a full field of cars in all five classes on the program ran their hot laps and heats. As the features were being posted, it started to rain. After a long delay, it became apparent that the track could not be raceable. The Southeastern Sportsman Series race will be rescheduled for this Saturday night. All activity in all classes will resume with features only. Any new cars entered will fall to the back of the main events. Rain checks will be honored.

Tri-County is now running go carts on Friday nights and after last week's races, drivers and fans alike are looking for great things to come at this new endeavor. Entrance for drivers and spectators on Friday is at the pit gate only.

Randy Weaver won the Southern All Star race at Cleveland Speedway just beating the rain that hit about five minutes after he took the \$5,000 first place money. Ray Cook managed a fifth place in the \$40,000 to win Show Me 100, a race he won a few years ago. Jonathan Davenport ran 12th at the Lowes Dirt Track Thursday. Sugar Creek Raceway canceled Friday night as rain was predicted. They are scheduled for this Friday night. Toccoa and Lavonia had the week off.



Hiawasse kart driver Colton Stroud drove to victory Friday night.

Herald's sports quote of the week

"Auto racing, bull fighting, and mountain climbing are the only real sports ... all others are games."

- Earnest Hemingway, novelist

YHC Baseball Coach, Rick Robinson tops 511th wins at YHC

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Late season wins boost coach to milestone.

The YHC Mountain Lions moved their season record to 44-12; the Mountain Lions coach topped the 511 wins mark and the Cats finished the season with a 22-7 conference record.

For Rick Robinson, who came to Young Harris College

in 1999, not only did he reach the 511 peak, he carried the Cats into tournament play as the region #2 seeded team. Since heading up the Cat baseball program, Robinson has posted a 511-133 record. At tournament time the Mountain Lions were National Junior College Athletic Association #4 ranked in the NJCAA Coaches Poll. The Cats will be making application following the season to move to Division II membership since YHC is moving to a four year program.



Rick Robinson gives sideline signals in a M' Lion baseball game that boosted his wins record to at YHC to 511-133.

Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

Corn Hole Tournament on May 30

Towns County High School and the Towns County Lady Indians Basketball Program are holding a car wash and cook out on May 30. A car wash from 10am to 3pm will be \$5 or any donation. A hamburger or hotdog plate (available from 11am to 2pm) will be \$5, which includes slaw, baked beans, dessert and chips. The Corn Hole Tournament

begins at 11am and runs until finished. The cost is \$10 per person and \$20 per team registration. Registration will last until 10am on May 30, but please register ASAP. See a Varsity or JV Lady Indian Basketball Player for your tickets or call Coach Melton at 706-896-4131 (ext 1231) for more details and Corn Hole Registration Forms.