

U-14/13 and U-10 Girls proceed to nationals



It was an awesome soccer tournament! Things couldn't have gone any better for the all girl tournament teams. They brought home first place in two age divisions: the girls U-14/13 and U-10. It was a struggle in the 95 degree heat, but the girls kept their heads cool and in the game. They have been practicing

hard, and it shows. No mercy was shown to the South Carolina rec. and select teams. By winning this tournament they qualify for nationals which is in Orlando in July. The girls next tournament is in Chattanooga, TN, where they hope to bring victory home again. **GREAT JOB GIRLS!**

right: Kaila Reece, Mary Murphy, Faith Robinson, Vanessa Eller, Quincey Nicholson, Maddy Murdock, Taylor Underwood, Makayla Underwood, Taylor Vardeman.

Little girls from left to right: Alssya Hunter, Brooke Barrett, Laney Baenninger, Hannah Whitehead. NT(Jul7,X2)SH

First annual Mobility-Impaired Bass Tournament

Hey all you bass fishermen and women, do you know someone that loves to bass fish but has a physical challenge that is keeping them from enjoying the sport? Well, here is

the chance to get out there and enjoy bass fishing at its finest. For the first time, several local bass fishing groups are donating their time and boats to take disabled men and women fish-

ing.

That's right, on August 14th, on Lake Chatuge the first annual mobility impaired bass tournament will take place. You may ask, what constitutes being mobility impaired? Okay, if you or someone you know who loves to bass fish uses a wheelchair, cane braces, etc. to ambulate, then this tournament is just for them. We will be pairing up a disabled fishing partner with a boat partner to fish as a team, and that team will compete against the rest of the field for top honors. Based on a full field of teams, which is limited to 20 teams, the winners are guaranteed a 100% payout, plus we will be paying for the biggest bass, also. Okay, if you are ready to have a great day on the lake, plus, put some greenbacks in your pocket, you need to sign up for this event. The deadline to sign up, that is August 1st, but I wouldn't wait that long because when the 20 teams have signed up, that's all that can fish this tournament.

The entry fee is \$60 per team, that's only \$30 per team member. Dinner will be served at the Senior Center in Hiawassee on the 13th, the night before the tournament. I heard a rumor it's BBQ. Lunch will be provided to each team fishing the tournament. Here's how to get your applications: you can either call (706)379-1990 and speak to Rodney Anderson or email him at quadzilla@windstream.net and he will see to it that you are taken care of. So, folks, let's get out there and catch them bass; they are waiting. See you on the water! NT(Jul7,X1)SH

Yard sale for 3V3 Soccer Nationals

Yard Sale: On July 17th @ Eller's Garage parking lot. A team of six Towns County U14 Girls Soccer Players qualified for the National 3v3 Soccer Tournament at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, FL, July 29-Aug 1. Many of the girls have participated in various fund-raising efforts to pay their fees and expenses. The yard sale will have household items, clothing for the whole family, baked goods, art, tools, toys, books and a variety of other cool stuff.

At the yard sale, to help give back to our community, we will also collect non-perishable food items for the Towns County Food Pantry. Come on out! T(Jul7,J1)SH

Free clogging classes

Blairsville School of Dance will be offering its free 3-week clogging clinic beginning on Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. The remaining classes will be held on Thursday, August 5 and Thursday, August 12, also at 7 p.m.

There is no cost to attend the workshop or obligation to enroll in classes, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so pre-registration is highly encouraged.

To RSVP, or if you have any questions, please call (706) 835-1415. NT(Jul7,F1)SH

VFW Golf League news

The format for Thursday, July 1st was the "A" Scramble. The weather was hot and so was the winning team. The members are Jim Taylor, Jan Still, J.C. Berrong and Richard Brinkmann with a score of 65, -7 under par.

Our new member Richard Brinkmann had a sizzling beginning today, welcome Richard. T(Jul7,F1)SH

YHC Basketball Camp

Coach Pete Herrmann and Coach Brenda Paul will be holding their first basketball camp together this July. Boys & girls ages - 8-15 years old - July 19th-July 23rd. Contact 706-247-5779 for information on camp registration. Cost \$135 for the week. NT(Jul7,A1)SH

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter



Kevin Harvick

HARVICK WINS DAYTONA DEMOLITION RACE

Daytona Beach, FL - Kevin Harvick won the wild CokeZero 400 Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway, by managing to dodge wrecked cars that left more than half the field beat-up or out of the race.

"You're going to have that (wrecks) on green-white-checked finishes," said Harvick. "I think the only car that didn't have (fresh) tires tonight was the 33 (of Bowyer). Some of them had two, and four tires is the way to go. So you have a mixture of that stuff. So you have cars that are able to take pushes a little bit better and be able to keep the throttle down wide open getting into the corners."

The stage for a green-white-checked finish was set with one lap to go when Sam Hornish, lost control of his Dodge and clipped Kurt Busch, damaging both cars.

Harvick's teammate, Clint Bowyer, was leading on the restart but got tangled up down the backstretch and spun out of contention. It was a tough break for Bowyer, who appeared to be heading for his first Daytona victory.

"It was every man for himself at that point," continued Harvick. "You know the guys behind you are going to push you as hard as they can. So if I'd slowed down to let him in or something like that, it would have just given the other line more momentum. At that point you just hope your line goes faster than the other line."

"Tonight we were in the right line, on the bottom, and it wound up working out."

Kasey Kahne finished second and Jeff Gordon. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., was fourth after running poorly most of the night. Jeff Burton was fifth after being involved in a multi-car crash that red-flagged the race for nearly 20 minutes.

More than 20 cars were involved in this accident, which had debris scattered for more than half-a-mile on the track. In fact, many of the frontrunners in the race were eliminated, including Juan Montoya, Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson, Brad Keselowski, Ryan Newman and others.

Carl Edwards finished sixth, followed by Kurt Busch, whose Dodge looked like a candidate for the junkyard.

Rounding out the top-10 were Reed Sorenson, Mike Bliss and Scott Speed.

Top-12 Chase contenders with 8 races before the Chase begins: 1. Harvick-2684, 2. J. Gordon-2472, 3. Johnson-2459, 4. Kurt Busch-2439, 5. Hamlin-2400, 6. Kyle Busch-2376, 7. Kenseth-2322, 8. Burton-2319, 9. Stewart-2251, 10. Biffle-2234, 11. Earnhardt-2177, 12. Edwards-2170

Dale Jr gets emotional win

Driving the No. 3 Wrangler Chevrolet in honor of his late father, Dale Earnhardt Jr. broke a NASCAR Nationwide Series drought of almost four years in winning Friday night's Subway Jalapeno 250 NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Daytona International Speedway.

Earnhardt's emotional win was the result of a collaboration between owner Richard Childress, Teresa Earnhardt, JR Motorsports and Hendrick Motorsports, which supplied the engine for the No. 3 car.

The victory, the 23rd of Earnhardt's career, was his first in the series since Aug. 19, 2006, when he took the checkered flag at Michigan. It was his first points win in any of NASCAR's top three series since June 15, 2008, when Earnhardt captured the Life-lock 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup race, again at Michigan.

"I was so worried that I wasn't going to win, 'cause nothing but a win would get it—for everybody," Earnhardt said after getting hugs from Childress, crew chief Tony Eury Jr. and a multitude of others in victory lane. "If we didn't win, what a waste of time..."

"I worked hard to try to win, not only for daddy—I'm proud of him going to the Hall of Fame, and he would be proud of this, I'm sure—but just all these fans. I hope they enjoyed this. This is it—no more '3' for me. That's it."

"It's emotional. I'm proud of myself. I'm proud to have done what I did with this group."

Top-10 points leaders after 17 of 35: 1. Keselowski-2806, 2. Edwards-2529, 3. Allgaier-2318, 4. Kyle Busch-2291, 5. Harvick-2163, 6. Menard-2077, 7. Logano-1933, 8. S. Wallace-1922, 9. Gaughan-1895, 10. Lefler-1839

2011 HOF nominees announced

The list of 25 nominees for the 2011 NASCAR Hall of Fame has been announced. The 2011 inductee class will be announced in October and honored next year at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, N.C.

Following are the 25 nominees:

Bobby Allison, 1983 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

champion and winner of 84 races; Buck Baker, first driver to win consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup championships; Red Byron, first NASCAR Sprint Cup champion, in 1949; Richard Childress, 11-time car owner champion in NASCAR's three national series; Jerry Cook, six-time NASCAR Modified champion; Richie Evans, nine-time NASCAR Modified champion; Tim Flock, two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion; Rick Hendrick, 12-time car owner champion in NASCAR's three national series; Jack Ingram, two-time NASCAR Nationwide Series champion; Dale Inman, eight-time NASCAR Sprint Cup championship crew chief; Ned Jarrett, two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion; Fred Lorenzen, 26 wins and winner of the Daytona 500 and World 600; Bud Moore, 63 wins and two NASCAR Sprint Cup titles as a car owner; Raymond Parks, NASCAR's first champion car owner; Benny Parsons, 1973 NASCAR Sprint Cup champion; David Pearson, 105 victories and three NASCAR Sprint Cup championships; Lee Petty, winner of first Daytona 500 and first three-time series champion; Fireball Roberts, won 33 NASCAR Sprint Cup races, including the 1962 Daytona 500; T. Wayne Roberts, helped raise NASCAR popularity as R.J. Reynolds Senior VP; Herb Thomas, first two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion, 1951 and '53; Curtis Turner, early personality, called the "Babe Ruth of stock car racing"; Darrell Waltrip, winner of 84 races and three NASCAR Sprint Cup championships; Joe Weatherly, two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion; Glen Wood, as driver, laid foundation for Wood Brothers' future team success; Cale Yarborough, winner of three consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup titles, 1976-78.

Of the 25 nominees, only five will be selected.

Weekend Racing: The Cup and Nationwide teams are at the 1.5-mile Chicagoland Speedway, while the Camping World Trucks race for the first time at Iowa Speedway, a .875-mile track in Newton, IA.

Fri., July 9, Nationwide Series Dollar General 300, race 18 of 35; Starting time: 7:30 p.m. ET; TV: ESPN.

Sat., July 10, Sprint Cup Lifelock.com 400, race 19 of 36; Starting time: 7:30 p.m. ET; TV: TNT.

Sun., July 11, Camping World 200, race 10 of 25; Starting time: 1 p.m. ET; TV: Speed Channel.

Racing Trivia Question: Who is the defending Camping World Truck Series champion?

Last Week's Question: Where is Joey Logano's home state? Answer: He is from Connecticut.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesesnews@earthlink.net NT(Jul7,G6)gg

Fall soccer registration form

Mountain United Soccer Association
FALL 2010 PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM
GEORGIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Last Name: _____
First Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Email: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
Male: ___ Female: ___ Shirt Size: YS ___ YM ___ YL ___ AS ___
AM ___ AL ___ AXL ___
PLAYER AGE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010 IS _____

I hereby give approval for the participation of my child in any and all GSSA and affiliated Associations or league activities and I assume all risk and hazards incident to such participation, including transportation to and from said activities, waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the GSSA and affiliated association league, the organizers, supervisors, officers, directors, participants, and persons or parents supervising or transporting participants to or from such activities from any claims arising out of injury to my child. I understand that a player who registers with an affiliated league is bound to that league for the entire seasonal year, unless a transfer is requested for extenuating circumstances.

By Signing this form I agree to adhere to the Policies and Procedures set forth by the league. I further understand that dismissal may result from league activities for failure to adhere to such Policies and Procedures.

FORM MUST BE SIGNED

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date: _____

NOTE: PLAYING AGE IS PLAYER'S AGE ON AUGUST 1, 2010

Additional Information
Seasons Played: ___ Coach Preference: _____
Additional comments: _____
Physical Problems we should know about: _____

Parent-Guardian Information

Father: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Occupation: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Mother: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Occupation: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Willing to Help
Please let us know in what way: _____

Registration Fee
(MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM)

ALL PLAYERS \$70
\$10 Late Fee after 8-31-10

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO BE A TEAM SPONSOR (Under 6-8 \$100, U10-12 \$150)

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SPONSOR SIGN AT THE FIELDS (\$125)

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE GENERAL DONATION OF \$ _____

Method of Payment: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: Mountain United Soccer Association
Mail to: P.O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514-1862

Phone: 706-745-7865

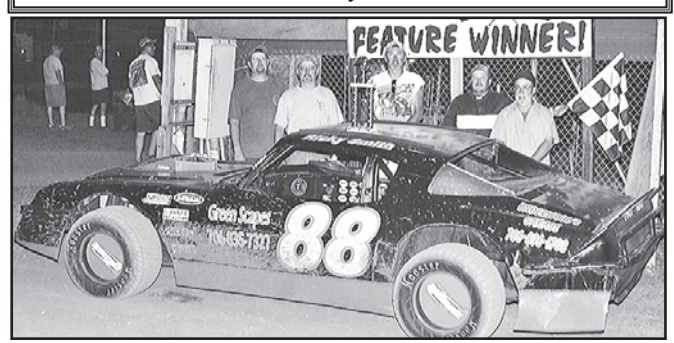
League Use Only

___ Transfer ___ Dual ___ New ___ Re-Registration ___ Change/Correction AGE DIV. _____ County of Res. _____

Date Registration Received: _____ Check # _____

Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura



Since returning to racing after a couple years away, Ricky Smith has been winning a lot this year.

Rodney Peters earns \$1,500 for Southeastern Sportsman Series victory

Social Circle GA driver Rodney Peters took his outside pole setting Monte Carlo to victory Saturday night at Tri-County. Peachtree's Jamie Oliver set fast time with a lap of 14.144 to Peters 14.156. After two attempts to take the green flag, on the third, Peters took the lead with Oliver stuck to his bumper like glue. The two raced that way for all 35 laps with Oliver dropping to the inside, up to the front fender, lap after lap but could not get past Peters. While that was going on, Danny Ledford, Kenny Collins and Parker Herring were battling for third through ever turn on the super fast clay oval. Per Southeastern Sportsman Series rules, the top three cars must go over the scales and then pull to a designated area for post inspection by series officials. Series president, Randy McCoy said Oliver did not stop for inspection as stated in the rules and dropped him from second to the last car on the lead lap. That moved every body up one position. The finish order was posted as,

Rodney Peters, Danny Ledford, Kenny Collins, Parker Herring, Bobby Panter, Wesley English, Charlie Parker, Preston Crisp, David Conner, Jamie Oliver, Mack English, Bubba Russell and Daniel Wilson.

Morgantown driver Kevin Sutton blasted around the track with Copperhills's Jason Deal rubbing bumpers all night. As the checkers fell, it was Sutton, Deal, Kevin Bradshaw, Tony Ledford and Trevor Parker in the top five.

It was another big field going for the win in the Cornwell Tools Modified Street feature, as no one could keep Brasstown's Greg Sudderth from taking another victory. Mike Bryson, Charles Devine, Heather Taylor and Floyd Self rounded out the top five positions.

The Street Stock feature saw Hiawassee's Ricky Smith hold on to his points lead with victory in his Camaro in front of Harold Garrett, Josh Roberts, Charles Toomey and 70 year old Clark Molster.

At the finish of the Mini Stock feature, scoring showed Blairsville's Shannon Jones

leading Marty Clark, Doug Thompson and Josh Stapler across the finish line.

A large crowd enjoyed the annual fireworks show that lit up the sky as patriotic music played over the speaker system.

Ray Cook is having his best year ever and that is quite a feat after the year he had last year. Driving the Masterbuilt Ford Fusion, Cook this week on the Lucas Oil Series during the Fourth of July three race bout won \$10,000 Thursday night at Berkeley Speedway in West Virginia as he held off the challenge of Jimmy Owens.

On Friday, an off day of the Lucas tour, he won the \$10,000 Jim Dunn Memorial at Midway Speedway in Ohio. Returning to the Lucas tour on Saturday, Cook led the first 45 laps of the 50 lap race at Muskingum Speedway in Ohio before Earl Pearson JR got around him for the win. He raced Sunday night at Portsmouth Raceway in Ohio, but the results will not be released before press time.

Benji Cole was the winner Saturday night at Toccoa Speedway. Frank Ingram raced his way to victory at Dixie Speedway. Hall of Fame driver Ronnie Johnson won \$2,000 at North Georgia Speedway. Blairsville driver Jamie Lunsford raced to a ninth place finish in the Limited feature.

Former Union County student Chase Elliot inherited the Miller Lite 100 win at Mobile International Speedway last week when Augie Grill was disqualified when a post-race inspection turned up illegal cylinder heads on Grill's car.

Blairsville driver Brian Kinnersley had his motor that was protested last week at Cleveland Speedway declared legal this week. T(Jul7,G2)SH