



# Towns County Herald's Sporting News



## Indians and UC Panthers hold controlled scrimmage

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The Towns County Indians and Union County Panthers met at the Panther Lyr for a Friday night controlled scrimmage. With no kick-off, each team took the ball from the 35yd line and ran their offense for six minutes, no rushing on field goal attempts and the younger players playing much of the second half. In the second half the coaches were allowed on the field to advise the younger players.

The visiting Indians took the offensive position first and in moments, Taylor Denton burst through a hole in the left side and scampered to the 10yd line. Mat Hogsed and John Swilley alternated at QB the entire night but it was Hogsed in the end zone first with a 10 yd QB keeper. After a pass interception by the Panthers, the Indians were allowed a field goal attempt by Noah Calhoun and it was true for a total of nine points in their six minute offensive possession. When the Panthers took over it was Billy Meier in one of what was to become two of the best tackles in the game as Meier destroyed a Panther pass receiver. After the bone jarring tackle, the Cats came back and broke a TD from mid-field at the 4:40 mark in their offensive stint. Landon Harris puts the helmet to the Cats on a couple of plays but at 3:16 the Panthers broke their

second TD run as Mat Hogsed failed to catch the fleet Cat and it was 12-9. The Cats were on an offensive roll as they rolled in another TD at 1:45, 18-9. John Swilley and Matt Beni tackled on a couple of tackles but again it was Billy Meier whit his second jaw-bursting tackle just prior to the half-time horn. After the horn, the Cats were allowed two field goal attempts and both were good so the teams exited the field, 24-9.

In the second half, Tyler Hoffman took to the backfield during the Indian offensive possession from the 35yd line. Mat Hogsed found Billy Meier for two pass completions as Meier played on both sides of the ball during the game. Zach Stroud hauled in two from QB John Swilley and Devon Henderson snagged a long throw down the right sideline for the Tribe. After a missed attempt to Meier in the end zone, Swilley connected with the other QB, Mat Hogsed in the end zone, 15-24. After the Cats took possession, it was Alan Turpin breaking up a pass from the hot young Cat QB, T. Bentley. The Panthers found daylight in the middle down to the 10yd line before Matt Beni drug him down but on the next play the Cats crossed the line, 30-15. Josh Goodwin led the Indians on the attack and was aided by Nic Rhoades and Bradley Smith. Austin Bradley and John Swilley shopped the Cat runner in his tracks and a

pass interference call was made on Alan Turpin after slapping away a pass near the sideline. After a Cat completion, Matt Beni and Austin Green nailed the runner and was followed by a "T" by Josh Goodwin.

In the final possession of the night, the Tribe in their younger players with another possession before the rains started and the game was completed and John Henry Hobbs took advantage, bringing down a pass reception from Zach Stroud, the third Indian QB of the night. Tyler Sierra also got

the completion. Noah Calhoun made a solo "T" and the game ended with the scoreboard reading 0-0 but those who kept score in their heads knew the score was UC 30, TC 15 in a well played controlled scrimmage. Next week another scrimmage will be held in Rabun County ay 7:30.

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Matt Beni hangs on to drag down a Union County Panther.



## Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura

### Nesmith Crate feature won by Jason Deal by two inches

By two inches, the best race of the season in the Nesmith Crate Late Model class was decided when Copper Hill, TN driver Jason Deal edged out Murphy's Jacob Anderson. Blairsville's Jacob Grizzle was glued to their bumpers as the crossed the finish line. Just a few car lengths behind another trio of cars finished in a battle that saw Terry Ledford, Kevin Sutton and Kevin Bradshaw filling the top six spots.

In a rare appearance, Epworth, GA racer Trigg Parris out raced multi time winner Bobby Panter and Devin Dillbeck to take the Sportsman feature. Jamie Lunsford and Preston Crisp rounded out the top five. In two weeks they will be running in the \$1,200 to win Southeastern Sportsman event visiting the "County".

The Modified Street feature was a real barn burner as 14 highly modified cars took the green flag at the start of the 15-lap main event. Brasstown, NC driver Greg Sudderth made the short tow to the track to add to his points lead with another feature win. Justin Thomas, Nick Sellers, Brad Thomas and Encel Bradley rounded out the top five.

With the biggest field of Street Stocks racing this year, Murphy driver Jeremy Woody held off several challenges to take the checkered flag in front of Steven Sofield, Charles Toomey, Harold Garrett and Jarette Smith.

Sylva driver Justin Woodard and Andrews driver Marty Clark put on another classic crowd pleasing race as they raced side-by-side down to the final turn with Woodard taking the win in Mini Stock as Clark, Adam Creekmore, Lynn Burchfield and Ricky Dyer filled the top five spots.

In their once a month appearance at Tri-County, the exotic highly modified Modified 4 Cylinder cars raced to a conclusion that saw Blue Ridge's Junior Dillinger beat Mitch Cooper and Shannon Jones.

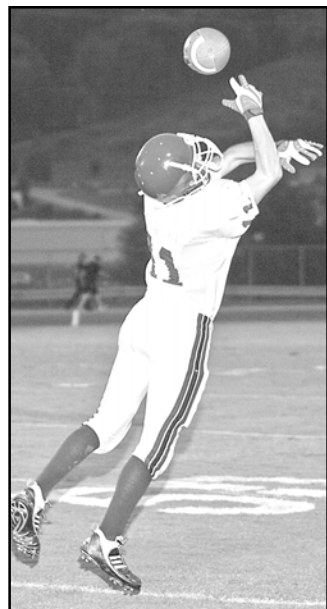
The Georgia Mini Sprint touring series will be on hand this Saturday night with 18 to 20 cars capable of 13 second laps around the third mile oval. Go karts will be racing Friday night.

In other action around the area, Tim McCredie won the \$20,000 up for grabs at Volunteer Speedway Thursday night. On Friday, the Lucas Oil tour raced at Tazewell Speedway and it was Jimmy Owen taking home \$10,000 for his win at the extremely high-banked and super-fast clay oval. Jamie Perry won at Cleveland Speedway and Ricky Williams was victorious at Dixie Speedway. At the big race at Lavonia Speedway Saturday night, Casey Roberts was the winner. Chase Elliott has been having some good runs on the asphalt circuit. Blairsville's Hunter Young and Hiwassee's Colton Stroud were both winners Friday night at the Tri-County go kart track.



The Georgia Mini Sprints will be at Tri-County Saturday night reaching speeds of near 100 miles per hour.

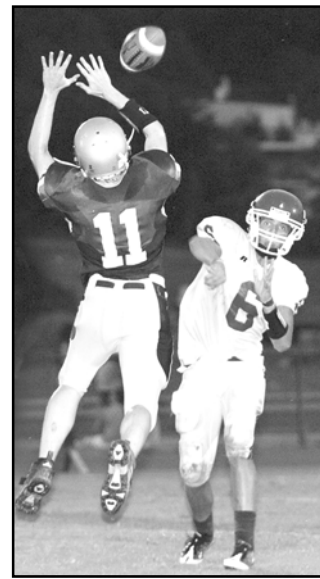
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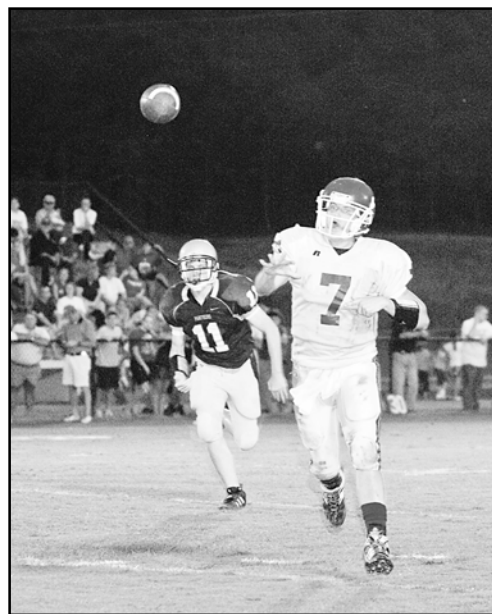
Alan Turpin hauls in a pass completion near the sidelines.



Devin Henderson catches a long gainer near the Indians' sideline.



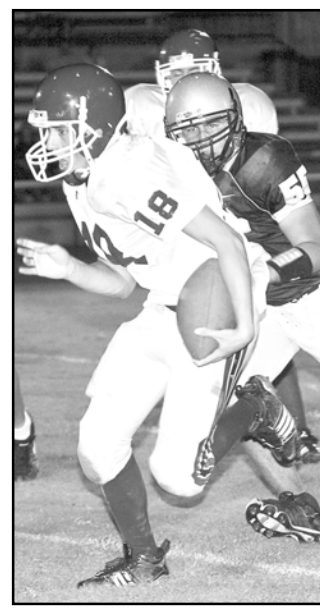
Mat Hogsed lets fly a pass between the arms of a leaping purple Cat.



John Swilley cranks off a pass to Mat Hogsed, the other Indian QB.



Mat Hogsed cuddles a John Swilley pass for his second TD of the night.



Zach Stroud totes the pigskin in scrimmage game against Union County.



Tyler Hoffman takes off behind the block of James Garrett.

## Herald's sports quote of the week

"I didn't know what to expect coming into this year. There were a lot of question marks, and I think that's obvious now. Can we overcome it? Time will tell."

- Brett Favre, NFL quarterback

## Chatuge Shores golf scores

The winning team for Aug 20 is:

Jim Taylor, Leta Garrett, J.T. Garrett, Myron Grizio

-6 Under, Score 66

## Adult Coed Softball League

The Towns County Recreation Department and The Towns County Drug Coalition together will be offering an Adult Coed Softball program. The League will be for men and women 18 & over (You must be 18 before October 1 of current year).

Each team will consist of a minimum of 12 players with at least 3 females on the team's roster. When playing games, teams must have a minimum of 3 females continuously entered in the game.

You may form your team

and register or if you are an individual wishing to participate. The Recreation Department will take your name and then place you on a team.

Registration for the program will begin Aug. 24 and run thru Sept. 5, 2009. To register or for more information you may come by the Recreation Center or call us at 706-896-2600. Please remember deadline to register will be September 5. All games will be played at The Towns County Recreation Ballfields.



John Henry Hobbs stretches out to make the pass reception for the Indians.



Billy Meier is finally hauled down by three Panthers after a good gain.



Taylor Denton had the biggest run from scrimmage that led to an early touchdown.



Alan Turpin and Billy Meier break up a Panther pass attempt.