



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Hebron Lions roar to 8-1 softball win

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Single digit hitting dooms the Indians

The Hebron Christian Academy Lady Lions jumped on Towns County pitching early and plated one run in the top half of the first inning then held the Tribe scoreless in the bottom half. In the third, the Lions roared again to move ahead 3-0 in the top of the inning but a series of pop flies got the Indians out and off the scoreboard. In the fourth, Kayla Roberts finally hot a hit for the Indians with a looped

over second base. With two outs on the scoreboard, the Indians had the tying runs on base but a ground out to third left the diamond loaded.

A long fly to the left fence in the visitor half of the fifth plated another Lion and then the Cats loaded with no outs. A walk-in made it a 5-0 game and on the play to first, the Cats plated another run, 6-0. Back to the long sticks, a long fly again to left netted another run, 7-0. The final run of the game for the Lions came off a shot past short to go up comfortably, 8-0 midway through five innings. Claire Wilson opens the bottom with

a single to left then and RBI single by Haley Ledford plated the only Indian score of the game, 8-1. The Tribe loaded with two outs but the pinch-hitter was called out looking and it remained 8-1 after five full innings.

A singles by Chelsey Noblet and Brittany Ledford in the sixth and a Wilson walk loaded but Kayla Roberts was robbed of a shot when the Cat third baseman went high to haul down the bullet and the Diamond was left full of Indians for the second time in the game. The Lady Lions took the 8-1 back to the academy in Gainesville.



Chelsey Noblet puts the tag on a Cat sliding in at second base.

Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura



Rain pushes Southeaster Sportsman feature to Thursday night

Twenty three of the south's top Sportsman drivers will have to wait until Thursday night to see who will take home \$1200 and the trophy for winning the 35 lap Southeastern Sportsman Series feature event at Tri-County Race Track. After qualifying was over, Hayesville's Charlie Parker dropped into the 13s to sit on the pole with Peachtree's Jamie Oliver also in the 13s on the outside pole.

Trig Parris and Wesley English fill the second row with their 13 second passes around the third mile super fast clay oval. With the rest of the top 10 of David McCoy, Bobby Panter, Danny Ledford, Stephen Segars, Devin Dillbeck and Preston Crisp, the main event Thursday promises to be one of the best of the year at the "County".

Rounding out the field will be Jason Payne, Doug English, Jamie Oliver, Jonathan Cope, Doug Sneed, Chris Hinson, Mack English, Rodney Weeks, David Conley, Randy Dillard, Daniel Wilson, Bradey, and Ronald Wood.

Murphy driver Jeremy Woody won the only feature contested before the rain when he held off the challenges of Kurt Kelly and Steven Sofield in the Street Stock 15 lap feature. Ryan Stillwell and Mike Woody will lead the pack of 12 Modified Street cars when they finish the feature that was on the track at the time rain started falling.

Andrews Marty Clark will pace the pack in the Mini Stock main event. Murphy's Jacob Anderson and Jason Deal will be on the front row in the Nesmith Crate feature.

Gates will open at 4 p.m. with hot laps at 7 p.m. With features only on the program, track officials expect the show to finish by around 10 p.m. Rain checks and arm bands will be honored for this event. New cars entered will start at the back of the pack.

The season for most tracks is drawing to a conclusion, so enjoy the races while you can. Skip Arp won at Cleveland Saturday night. Ricky Williams took top honors at Dixie Speedway in Woodstock. Toccoa was off Saturday but had a special race on Monday and the results will be posted next week as will be the \$10,000 Southern All Star results from Cherokee Speedway which also ran Monday. Word has been released that North Georgia Speedway in Chatsworth will be leased to a new promoter for 2010 and will probably return to Saturday night racing.

Former Union Middle School student Chase Elliott wins PASS race: Going into turn three prior to the final lap of the Over the Mountain 150 at Hickory Motor Speedway, Chase Elliott [son of Bill Elliott] worked his way to the back bumper of the race leader Jeff Choquette and made slight contact. As the two drivers came to the white flag, they were side by side. Choquette tried to work the high side through three and four, but Elliott had the preferred line and won the event. At 13 years old, Elliott becomes the youngest winner in PASS South, and PASS Super Late Model overall, history. NASCAR driver Dave Blaney's son, Ryan, finished sixth in the race



Former Blairsville student Chase Elliot wins big at Hickory Motor Speedway.



Kayla Roberts put the tag to a sliding Lady Lion at home plate.



Heather Hamilton dives back to first base on a pick attempt by the Cats. Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Haley Ledford goes airborne in a slide at second base.

Swallow Creek WMA Hunt
The Georgia Department of Natural Resources will hold an archery hunt on the Swallow Creek Wildlife Management Area, Sept. 12 thru Oct. 16.

Area deer, bear, and hogs are the legal game. Hunter sign-in is required prior to hunting and sign-out of harvested game is required on date of kill. Statewide limit applies on deer and bear. No limit on hogs.

For more info, contact the Gainesville Game Management Office
770-535-5700

Lions spoil season opener for the Indians

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Beni road show highlights the losing cause

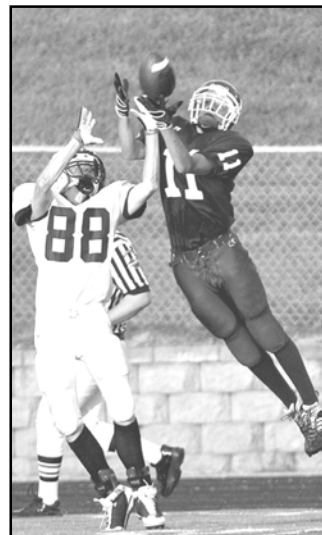
The opening 21-13 loss to the Lakeview Academy Lions capped off a really bad week for the Indians with all their sports on the bottom of the totem pole. From softball to football, from middle school to varsity the results were all the same, their names on the wrong sides of the scoreboards.

The brightest spot of all sports came on the gridiron with the Matt Beni football road show as he amassed over ninety-four yards mid-way of the third quarter in the Friday night game. Beni carried the first three times for the Tribe, rolling up yardage and first downs. An offensive pass interference call put the halt to the drive and John Bleckley kicked the pigskin deep to the Lion 35yd line. Matt Beni led a host of Indians on the "T" but on their second play from scrimmage they bolted down to the 17yd line. Landon Harris and Billy Meier stopped the Cats at the 7yd line but at 6:42 the felines crossed the right pylon, 7-0. Meier then returned the KO to the 33yd line, where Taylor Denton drove for the first down. John Swilley than faked a handoff to Denton and pitched out to Beni for another first down. Beni and Denton were the workhorses in the first quarter. A completed pass to Billy Meier got the Tribe to the 3yd line before the horn.

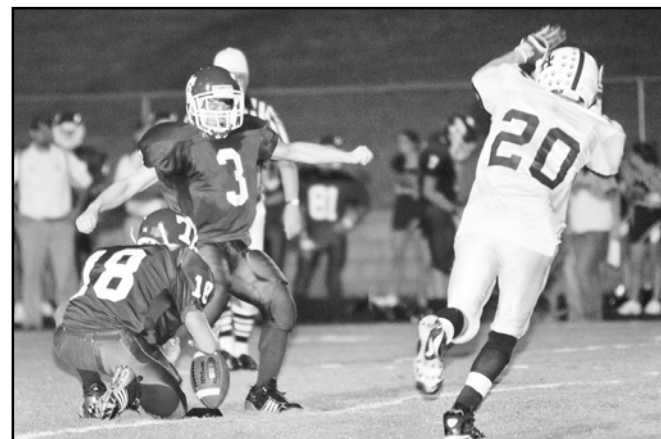
After a disastrous few downs going backwards, Lakeview took over on downs back at the 30yd line. The Lions pushed back the Indian front and moved the ball about 50yds. After a penalty, the Cats fumbled to the Indians and it was Matt Beni again for a couple of first downs. After Mat Hogsed laid out for the pass reception, the Indians were back down at the 2yd line. The Indians capped off the drive to tie the score 7-7 then it took the Tribe kicker, Noah Calhoun to make a TD saving tackle on the ensuing KO. As the Lions again mounted a drive after a host of tacklers stacked a Lion runner, it was Beni in

the backfield for the sack. At the 9yd line it was Billy Meier and Dylen Nelson with the stop. At :46 the Lions ran a reverse that caught the Indians napping and took a 13-7 lead in at the half.

After Josh Goodwin and Dylen Nelson clogged the Lion middle after the KO, a high snap put the Cats in need of a road trip for the first down 30yds away. After a forced punt by the Cats, the Tribe took control at their 41yd line but the drive stalled and it went over to the visitors. Billy Meier and Joseph Hancock made the stop in the center of the line. Taylor Denton and Landon Harris added several tackles but at 2:50 the Cats broke through the Indian defense for another TD, 21-7. It looked like the coffin was nailed shut when another apparent TD was run but the QB but a flag called it back. After the home team got the ball at the 5yd line, a Swilley to Meier pass moved the Indians out to the 27yd line but the Lions leaped up and snagged an interception. It didn't last long as Joseph Hancock came up the ball after a Cat fumble. John Swilley then ran a keeper to the 4yd line where Taylor Denton ran it across at 3:59, at 21-13. After the Lions got a friendly spot on downs to retain possession, the game ended 21-13 for the home opener. Review or purchase game photos at Photorelect.com (type in Jim Bryant).



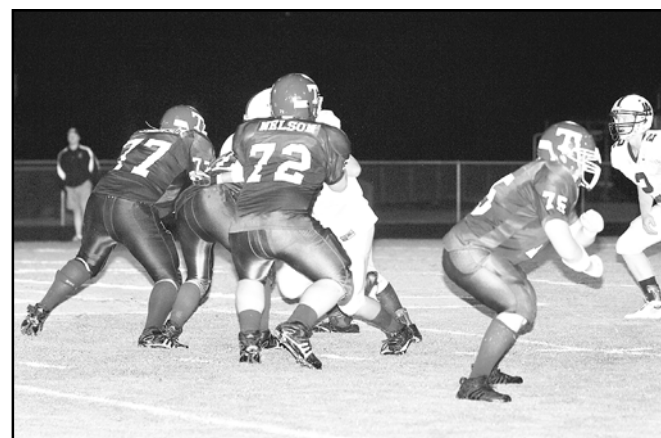
Alan Turpin goes high on a pass attempt from John Swilley.



Noah Calhoun kicks the PAT as Zach Stroud makes the hold.



John Henry Hobbs grabs a Cat and throws him to the ground.



James Garrett, Dylen Nelson and Zach Johnson put up a defensive wall for the Indians.



Matt Beni carries a Lion on his back in huge offensive night in season opener. Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant



Ausrin Bradley, Mat Hogsed and Josh Goodwin combine to take down a Lion runner.



Marine Corps League's 13th annual golf tournament

Unicoi Detachment 783, Marine Corps League is holding its 13th annual golf tournament at Chatuge Shores Golf Course on Thursday, Oct. 8. Our tournament benefits local children, elderly, families and individuals as well as charities in our area.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or a player, or want more information about our tournament, please contact Sal Laratta, Tournament Chairman at 706-781-8900 or Walt Scott, Commandant at 706-897-9610.

