



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Lumpkin Indians defeat the middle school Indians 7-1

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Purple Indians rally in fourth inning for the lead

The visiting middle school Lady Indians from Lumpkin County visited the hill to play a little softball and it almost turned into a pitching duel but the visitors prevailed. Even the Lumpkin coach remarked "this is the toughest pitcher we have faced." Unfortunately for the blue Indians, they touched Andrea Coleman just enough to get shots through the late game porous defense. In the first two innings the Lumpy Indians left runners on second and third. The Tribe meanwhile, plated a run off an RBI single, 1-0. The visitors

knotted the game 1-1 in the third when they scored on a squeeze play at home with two outs on the scoreboard.

After the Indians walked a runner in the fourth, the runner continued as if going to second and when the Indians took the bait, the runner on third took off home for the 2-1 lead. An over throw at first base and an RBI by the visitors plated two more runs, 4-1. In the fifth inning the Lumpkin Indians hit a dink single down the right field line to score another run, 5-1. They would add two more runs to make it a 7-1 game. The final two out single to left field by pitcher, Andrea Coleman was not enough at the plate for the Lady Indians to rally and they fell 7-1 to the Lumpkin County Middle School Indians.



The TCMS catcher waits for the throw as a flying Lumpkin Indian heads home.

Lady Cats fall 4-0 on the road

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Highly ranked Eagles dominate offense

The lady Mountain Lions soccer team took their NJCAA 6th nationally ranked show on the road early but ran into a stone wall in Tennessee. The Cats faced a very strong and highly ranked NCAA Division II Eagles team from Carson-Newman. The Birds lived up to expectations although it took thirty-one minutes for them to get on the boards, 1-0. For the remainder of the half the Cat defense held.

In the final forty-five, the Birds took wing again and iced three additional goals to make it a 4-0 match. In goal was keeper, Kelsey Cunningham

the Forsyth Central grad who took a total of fourteen shots while turning away ten in the 4-0 road loss for the Lady Mountain Lions.



Kelsey Cunningham defended a total of fourteen Eagle shots on goal in 4-0 loss.



Hannah Garrison tries for the tag but the ball pops out of her glove. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Andrea Coleman slides at second but got a friendly call from the official.



Rachael Wilkes attacks the keeper in early season road game at Carson-Newman. Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

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KAHNE GETS SECOND WIN OF YEAR

HAMPTON, Ga. -- Kasey Kahne passed Kevin Harvick with 11 laps to go and pulled away down the backstretch to win the Pep Boys Auto 500 Sunday night at Atlanta Motor Speedway, beating Harvick to the checkered flag by 1.766 seconds.

The ninth and final caution of the race on lap 310 gave Kahne a chance to win. Clint Bowyer spun off Turn 4 on lap 310 of the 325-lap event, giving Kahne the short run he needed to chase down Harvick.

"It feels awesome to win at Atlanta, to win on a night like tonight when the Chase and everything has been so tight for the last two months," Kahne said. "This team has stepped up. The pit stops were awesome all night. The calls from Kenny Francis [crew chief] were perfect. I knew we could go fast for about 15 laps, faster than anybody

"We came into this race just like we came into the last few. It worked. I think we're kind of a veteran group. We've worked together for a long time. We knew each other a lot. We know a lot of things that we're thinking. The way I say something, Kenny understands it. It's great to have that relationship and that communication line."

Rounding out the top-15 spots were Juan Montoya, David Reutimann, Mark Martin, Denny Hamlin, Brian Vickers, Jeff Gordon, Ryan Newman, Greg Biffle, Tony Stewart, Kyle Busch, David Stremme, Paul Menard and Robbie Gordon.

Dale Earnhardt, Jr., was 17th.

Kahne climbed five positions in the Sprint Cup Series championship standings with his victory at Atlanta. He is sixth, 76 points ahead of 12th-place Matt Kenseth entering the Sept. 11 race at Richmond

This race started with some of the drivers a little more nervous than normal for the start of the race. Just two races stood between them and the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup, 10-race playoff for the championship.

The top-12 drivers qualify for The Chase after 26 races, and points are recalibrated amongst the qualifiers to separate them from the rest of the starting fields.

Top-15 Chase leaders with one to go before the 10-race Chase begins: 1. Stewart-3694, 2. J. Gordon-3457, 3. Johnson-3404, 4. Hamlin-3296, 5. Edwards-3162, 6. Kahne-3153, 7. Kurt Busch-3152, 8. Montoya-3145, 9. Newman-3138, 10. Martin-3126, 11. Biffle-3125, 12. Kenseth-3077, 13. Vickers-3057, 14. Kyle Busch-3040, 15. Reutimann-2945

HARVICK DOMINATES ATLANTA NATIONWIDE RACE

Top-10 Nationwide Series leaders after 26 of 35: 1. Kyle Busch-4209, 2. Edwards-3988, 3. Keselowski-3917, 4. Leffler-3532, 5. Allgaier-3010, 6. S. Wallace-2994, 7. Keller-2873, 8. Gaughan-2857, 9. Bliss-2835, 10. McDowell-2796

SKINNER WINS AT IOWA
Mike Skinner picked up his second Camping World Series win of the season, Satur-

day night at Newton, Iowa.

Top-10 Truck leaders after 17 of 25: 1. Hornaday-2753, 2. Crafton-2528, 3. Skinner-2472, 4. Scott-2292, 5. Bodine-2275, 6. Braun-2261, 7. Starr-2195, 8. Crawford-2163, 9. Peters-2156, 10. Cook-2145

Weekend Racing: The Cup and Nationwide teams will be at the .75-mile Richmond International Raceway. This is the last race before the 10-race Chase for the Sprint Cup championship begins. The Camping World Trucks will race at Madison, IL, just across the river from St. Louis, MO.

Fri., Sept. 11, Nationwide Series Richmond 250, race 27 of 35; Starting time: 7

pm (EDT); TV: ESPN2.

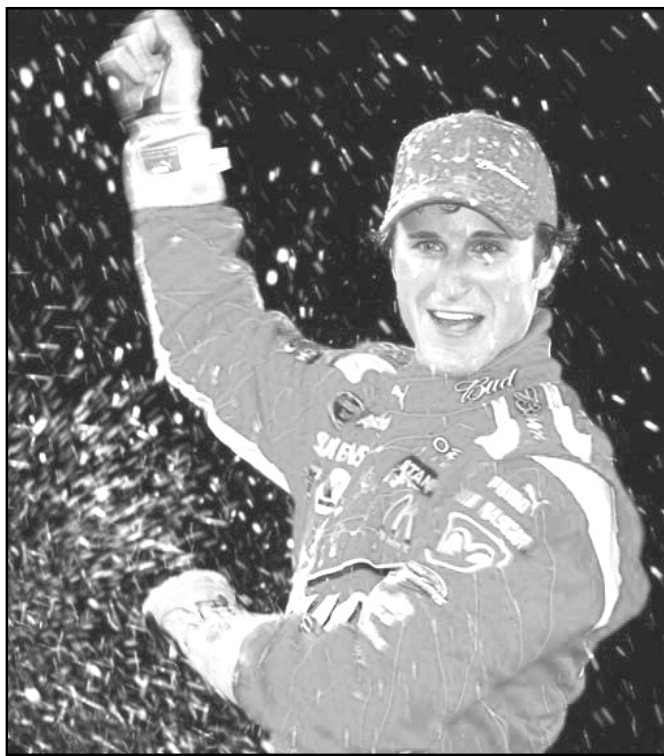
Sat., Sept. 12, Camping World Trucks 200, race 18 of 25; Starting time: 2 pm (EDT); TV: Speed Channel.

Sat., Sept. 12, Sprint Cup Chevy Rock & Roll 400, race 26 of 36; Starting time: 7 pm (EDT); TV: ABC.

Racing Trivia Question: Richard Petty has 200 Cup wins. Who is the number two driver?

Last Week's Question: What is the name of the camp operated by Kyle Petty and his wife for kids with health care needs? Answer: The Victory Junction Camp.

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Kasey Kahne wins at Atlanta

YHC defeats East Central College on soccer tourney final day

Almazan Scores Twice, Walker adds assist and goal to lead Mountain Lions

ST. PETER'S, Mo. - Pedro Almazan scored twice and Sam Walker scored once and handed out an assist to lead No. 15 Young Harris to a 3-1 victory over East Central (Mo.) College in YHC's final match in the Missouri Junior College Invitational in St. Peter's, Mo., Sunday.

The Mountain Lions (4-1 overall) had to play catch-up after East Central scored just

two minutes into the match to go ahead 1-0. The Falcons held Young Harris scoreless in the first half, but Walker scored three minutes into the second half on an assist by Cory Bonar to tie the match.

Walker would then set up Almazan for the first of Almazan's goals in the 70th minute to give YHC a 2-1 lead. Almazan would score again, this time on an assist from Zack Trobaugh, with five minutes remaining to seal the victory.

The Mountain Lions won

for the second straight time in the tournament, and went 2-1 during their trip to Missouri.

Young Harris returns home this Wednesday to host its first Region XVII match against Georgia Military. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m., and admission is free. Following a road match at Gordon College on September 12, the Mountain Lions will play South Georgia on Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. YHC's women's team will also host South Georgia on Sept. 19, with kickoff coming at 12:30.

YHC Men's Tennis to hold open tryout

Young Harris College men's tennis coach Bruce Sibley has announced that he will hold an open tryout for prospective student-athletes at Towns County High School in Hiwassee on Saturday, September 19 at 2 p.m.

Those participating in the tryout must be prospective student-athletes who have already graduated from high school or will graduate from high school this upcoming year. The tryout will consist of drills, match play and a strength-and-conditioning session.

YHC is currently applying for NCAA Division II membership, therefore participants are asked to have started the NCAA clearinghouse application at the following link:

https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/student/index_student.html

Anyone interested in attending the tryout should contact Coach Bruce Sibley at 706-897-4652 or basibley@yhc.edu.

Lady Tigers defeat Indians in five

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Mound domination leads to Cat win

The Lady Indians made the long trip to Commerce this past week but the game didn't last long.

The Lady Tigers dominated on the mound and at the plate, taking the game in a shortened five innings.

The Cat pitcher put down eight batters at the plate while walking only two, then helped the home cause by scoring three runs herself in the 10-2 win.



Chelsey Noblet waits for the pitch as the Tribe took a 10-2 loss against the Lady Tigers. Photo by Jim/Lisa Bryant

Jefferson College shuts out Cats

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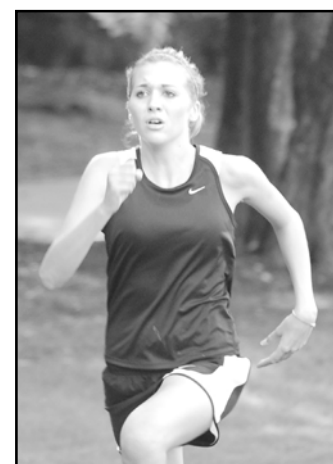
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Missouri Junior College Invitational starts badly

The Missouri Junior College Invitational soccer outing started poorly for the #15th ranked YHC Mountain Lions as they fell 4-0 to #9th ranked

Jefferson College. The Jefferson team scored early in the first two minutes of the match but the purple Cats held on for a 1-0 battle at the break. In the second half, again the Jefferson team scored early then waited until late in the match to put the nail in the coffin with two additional goals to take the 4-0 win.

Pictures of high school cross country meet in Union County



Photos by Lowell Nicholson

