



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Cougars hang on by one claw for football win

JIM BRYANT

Sports Writer

Kicking game falters in 7-6 squeaker

It was a game of inches, flags, miss opportunities and unusual kicking results but in the end, the Copper Basin Cougars held on by a claw to take the 7-6 win back to Tennessee. A missed extra point, field goal and of all things, a 70yd punt that went into the end zone spelled the one point difference. The opening squib KO was returned to the 30yd line by John Bleckley then he tucked a John Swilley pass for a first down. Swilley then took the ball off right guard for another first across mid-field. After a no-call jersey grab on Mat Hogsed, he then ran a button hook reception for the first down to the Cat 34yd line. The Indians switched QBs and Mat Hogsed ran a keeper to the 15yd line. The Tribe stalled at the 10yd line and a missed opportunity on a field goal try gave the Cougars the ball at the 20yd line. Despite the missed FG, the Indians controlled the ball ten minutes of the first twelve to keep the potent Cougar offense off the field. A pass attempt by the Cats was picked by Matt Beni but at the end of the quarter it was 0-0 as the tribe was forced to punt.

After the punt, Billy Meier, Taylor Denton and Landon Harris blew through the line for a huge 10 yd Cat loss. Josh Goodwin and Nic Rhoades tacked on another good "T" forcing a punt. Luck went sour again and the Cats picked an Indian pass to get the ball back. After a missed tackle, the Indians hauled the Cat runner down 20yds further down the field for their biggest gain of the night. After a 12yd sack on the previous play, at 5:31 the Cougars QB threw a wobbler to a wide open Cat scampering to the end zone and it was a 7-0 game. Devin Henderson took the kickoff back to the 30yd line but suddenly go backwards with flags and missed receptions and are forced to kick. Unfortunately in this case, the 70yd punt

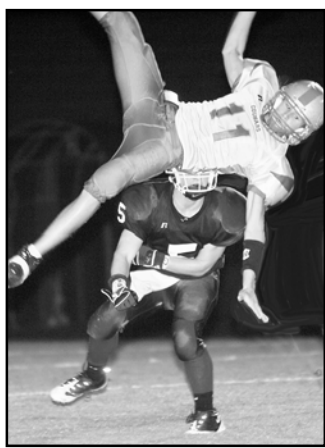
rolled into the end zone ahead of the chasing Indians and the Cats got the ball back at the 20yd line. With sixteen seconds on the clock the Tribe got the ball and was forced to kick but a high snap sent John Bleckley running for his life to get out of bounds. With four seconds on the clock, the stripes called three penalties back and forth but the clock finally ended the yellow laundry flurry.

The second half would turn out to be much as the first, a defensive struggle with Joseph Hancock and Taylor Denton carrying much of the load in back and Landon Harris' Dylon Nelson and Josh Goodwin in the trenches. With the Cats moving up field it was Denton and Harris combining for a 9yd sack. During the last half, the stripes seemed predominately enamored with sideline rules rather than action on the field, flagging both teams with infringements. Landon Harris was a force on defense all night long and eventually had two sacks and eleven tackles in the game. On offense, a keeper by John Swilley and a pass completion to Billy Meier got firsts for the Indians. After a long first down run by Mat Hogsed was called back on a flag, Mat Beni, who had 75 yards on the night, charged for the first down at the 31yd line. After a stall-out, the Cougars got the ball back but a 9yd sack by Billy Meier and friends set them back momentarily. A personal foul gave the Cats a first down at the 45yd line. The Tribe got a huge break when Devin Henderson split the seam to block a Cougar punt at the 22yd line.

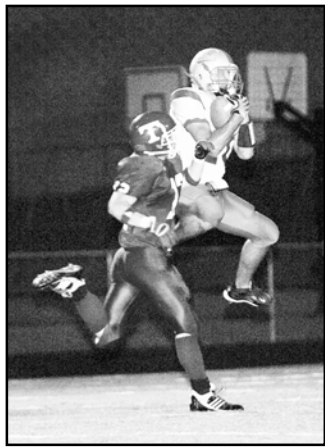
Matt Beni then hauled the pigskin to the 4yd line at the end of three innings.

At 11:07, Matt Beni broke left for the score but the x-point sailed array and it was 7-6. After much yellow laundry and re-kicks, the Cats got the ball up at the 42yd line. Austin Bradley answered with a solo "T" in the center of the line to force the punt. The Indians went back to the Beni road show then followed with a pass completion to Mat

Hogsed. The Tribe took it across the goal for the lead but



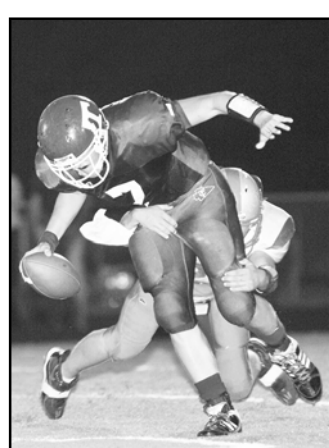
Billy Meier sends a Cougar skyward as he completes his pass route.



Matt Beni tries in vain to break up a Cougar pass play on the sideline.

again yellow on the dew covered field nullified the TD attempt. A fourth down gamble by the Indians failed and the Cats took over with three minutes on the clock. The Cats then ran several first downs and ran out the clock to take the 7-6 win back to the basin.

The TCHS football team will be supporting the Towns County Food Bank by sponsoring a fund raiser at the TCHS vs Hayesville game Friday night. The cost of admission will be \$6 with \$1 going to the Food Bank or the cost is \$5 with two cans of food. Coach Kyle Langford and the football Indians appreciate your support.



John Swilley is brought down by the Cats as he tucks in the ball and ran for the first.



Landon Harris had two sacks and eleven tackles.



Mat Hogsed carries the ball and a backpack full of Cats in 7-6 loss.



Joseph Hancock get an arm on the Cat runner as he drives through the line. Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant

Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Masters

The skies were overcast and the breeze was light for Tri-County Junior Golf Association's first tournament of the 2009 Mountain Falls Junior Tour. The first tournament, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Masters, was played at Chatuge Shores in Hayesville, NC. Brett Beazley, vice president of the TCJGA, welcomed the nearly 90 junior players to the tournament. For over 30 of the junior players, this was their first tournament with the TCJGA and they were anxious to get started. Erik Brinke, Economic Development Director for the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC reminded the players to have fun and take the time to get to know each other while playing. Blue Ridge Mountain EMC has been a stable supporter of junior golf in the area and the TCJGA appreciates their continuing support.

The highlight of the day was the round of golf shot by White County junior golfer Eli

Crumley who blistered the course by shooting an even par 36 over the back nine. Eli playing in the boys 15-17 age division bested the entire field of 11 junior players from the four county area. Fellow White County junior golfer Alex Hood placed second shooting a 43 and Gage Killian from Cherokee County, NC, rounded out the top three carding a 45. In the 13-17 age division for the junior girls, Morgan Bentley from Union County carded a 46 to take first place honors and was followed by Amanda Thompson from Clay County and Miranda Carballo from Cherokee County, NC.

The other seven age divisions had a variety of scores as they competed for honors in their respective age groups. The 9 and under girls division, ages had ten girls competing for top place. Ellie Martin from Cherokee County, NC placed first with a score of 23 on four holes. Union County junior

golfers Ally Horinek and Megan Rowe both shot 24 with Ally edging Megan out for second place with a score card play off. Fourth place went to Kennedy Henson of Towns County. The youngest boys division saw ten boys competing while playing four holes as well. The top two finishers both shot a 24 with a score card play off resulting in Carter Wright from Towns County taking first place and Beck Burnette from Union County taking second. Matthew Shirah from Fannin County placed third and Blake Hancock from Clay County took fourth.

The next two divisions had a combined total of 29 junior players. The girl's 10-12 age division had six juniors placing: Kenzi Jenkins shot 24 on the five holes of play to take top honors. Following her were Maddie Horinek from Union County, Mia Manto from Towns County, Jordan Ledford from Clay County, Stephanie

Patton from Towns County and Elise Schoeffler from Union County. The boys 9 & 10 age division had 14 players. Clay Rhinehardt shot a 22 on five holes to take first place, a score card play off was required for the next four positions. Nicholas McConnell of Towns County placed second followed by Colin Williams from Cherokee County, NC at third. Fourth was Will Shirah from Fannin County and fifth was Isaac Mock of Cherokee County, NC.

The boys 11 & 12 division and 13 & 14 age divisions have a total of 24 players and each play nine holes of competition. In the 11 & 12 division, Zach Cottrell from Clay County placed first followed by DJ Mock and Harrison Duncan, both of Cherokee, NC. The 13 & 14 division saw Jacob Wallace from Clay County take first, Kyle Wade of Union County place second and Dallas Manus of Towns County place third.



All junior golf players with Brett Beazley and Erik Brinke



by Jim Bryant

Men's Collegiate Soccer

YHC 3 East Central, MO 1
YHC 6 Georgia Military 0
Georgia Perimeter 2 Gordon 0
Georgia Perimeter 5 South Georgia 0
South Georgia 8 Faulkner State JV 0
Middle Georgia 2 Meridian 1
Andrew 1 USC Sumpter 0
Darton 1 South Georgia 1 (OT)
Gordon 1 Emory Oxford 1 (OT)

Women's Collegiate Soccer

YHC 12 Hiwassee 0
Darton 0 Tyler, TX 1
Darton 3 South Georgia 0
Gordon 0 Meridian 12
Gordon 1 Georgia Military 1
Middle Georgia 4 Meridian 2
Spartanburg Meth 0 Polk State CC 13
Spartanburg Meth 2 USC Salkehatchie 0
Georgia Perimeter 12 Gordon 0

Rock Ranch Cross Country Invitational Men

1st Darton; 2nd YHC; 3rd Clark Atlanta;
4th Chattahoochee Tech; 5th Gordon;
6th Brewton-Parker

Women

1st Darton; 2nd YHC; 3rd Clark Atlanta;
4th Speilman; 5th LaGrange; 6th Wesleyan

Prep Football

TCMS 30	Lakeview 12
Towns County 6	Copper Basin 7
Union County 30	North Oconee 31(2OT)
Rabun County 6	Riverside Academy 20
Commerce 14	Franklin 21
Gilmer County 35	West Hall 18
Lumpkin County 21	East Hall 7
Lakeview Academy 7	Hebron Academy 31
Banks County 32	Dawson County 21
White County 20	Gainesville 42
Jefferson 42	Fannin County 27
Hart County 24	Thomson 6
Pickens County 0	West Forsyth 28
Social Circle 14	Washington-Wilkes 29
Athens Academy 48	Walker 7
Athens Christian 33	Georgia Military 13
Prince Avenue 38	Glascok County 24
Dade County 7	Armuchee 34
Oglethorpe County 14	East Jackson 28
GAC 42	Baylor, TN 60
Wesleyan 28	Holy Innocents 2
Habersham Central 7	Clarke Central 23
Buford 21	Lovett 28
Flowery Branch 35	Creekview 38
Chestatee 22	Johnson 12
South Forsyth 7	North Gwinnett 42
Cedar Shoals 39	Winder-Barrow 13
Andrews, NC 13	Ashville School, NC 18
Cherokee, NC 8	Choctaw Central, NC 7
Swain, NC 6	Franklin, NC 10
Hayesville, NC 13	Madison, NC 26
Rosman 0	Henderson, NC 48
Robbinsville, NC 8	Mtn. Heritage 31
Murphy, NC 62	Smoky Mountain, NC 7

Softball

White County 12	Johnson 2
White County 2	West Hall 3
Lumpkin County 2	North Hall 9
Jefferson 0	Walnut Grove 6
Jefferson 1	Fannin County 5
Flowery Branch 5	Chestatee 0
Buford 15	Avondale 0
Buford 4	Kell 0
Buford 7	GAC 1
North Hall 0	Creekview 3

Chatuge Shores golf scores

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association held the second round of their two week club championship under sunny skies and light breezes. Perfect weather for great golf and good fellowship. Opal Rose reclaimed her role as Club Champion with the lowest gross score; Jeanne Odom had the low net score.

Flight A winners: Barbara Boswell, a tie between Betty Friedhoff and Claudia Rinaldo, and Vicky Donaldson.

Flight B winners: Susan Palmich, Glenda Geddings, Nancy Steck, and Jackie Rossi.

Flight C winners: Betty Long, Mary Anderson, Anne Rakestraw, and Sandy

Navarre. Flight D winners: Kay Watts, a tie between Anita Flood and Hilde Hulén, and Judy Wright.

The ladies will meet on Sept. 22nd at Moschetto's Restaurant for their annual Awards Luncheon and will install their new officers for 2010-2011: President, Betty Friedhoff; Vice-President, Janet Woodruff; Treasurer, Jackie Rossi; Secretary, Sandy Jersey; Tournament Chair, Sandy Navarre.

Due to the aeration of the greens at the end of the month, there will be play off campus. Members should see the bulletin board for information.

VFW golf scores

We had our end of season tournament the following are the results:

1st Place 66 Jim Taylor, Myron Grizio, Glen Greenwald, Jay Still
2nd Place 66 George Darden, JC Berrong, Robert Lyle, Jan Still

Both teams tied with tie breaker going to the 5th handicap hole

3rd Place 68 Bill Kiser, Tom Moyher, Gene Hinson

4th Place 75 Frank Geddings, Ray Ward, Russ Schoetken
5th Place 75 MacKyle, Glenda Geddings, Charlie Logan, Oleta Taylor

Both teams tied with tie breaker going to the 4th handicap hole