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YHC Lady M'Lions open with big soccer win

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Seventh ranked Cats hold Tigers shotless

You could tell during the warm-ups that the visiting Hiwassee College Tigers didn't belong on the same field with the YHC Lady Mountain Lions. It took only minutes to prove that theory as the purple Cats netted five goals in the first twenty-three minutes of the match. Adding to the Tiger pains were a couple of nets by Lauren Lipsel in the first half. The Mountain Lion defense

kept the Tigers from crossing the center line during the half so the Cat keepers traded out pacing around the empty defensive end of the field.

Kelsey Battle, Rachel Wilkes and Jolie Khan-Foss also contributed to the website. The Mountain Lions were led by Lauren Martin and Emily Villas with three goals each in the final forty-five minutes of the 12-0 rout. With much of the scoring coming in the first ten minutes of the second half, the Cats sent Linda Lechman to the net for the final score of the 12-0 mismatch. The Cats had twenty-one shots on goal, connecting on twelve.



Rachel Wilkes controls the ball in the box in 12-0 opening win.



Jolie Kahn-Foss kicks for one of the twelve goals.



Autumn Gronborg gets ready to feed the ball into the box in offensive attack. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



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Top of Georgia Softball Tournament

Towns County 7	Paideia 1
Towns County 4	Athens Christian 6 (8)
Towns County 2	Pickens County 10 (5)
Towns County 6	Athens Christian 7 (9)
Fannin County 8	Athens Christian 0
Fannin County 8	Commerce 0
Commerce 7	Athens Christian 0
Rabun County 8	Paideia 1
Pickens County 7	Rabun County 0
Rabun County 6 (3 rd Place)	Commerce 4
Pickens 3 (Championship)	Fannin 2 (9)

Mountain Lions second in cross country Invitational

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Both Cat teams run second at Rock Ranch

This past Saturday the men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Yatesville, GA for the Rock Ranch Cross Country Invitational. Both teams came in second behind two strong Darton Cavalier teams (see SPORTSWATCH for complete summary).

In the men's 8K race, Zach Tyler finished 4th over-

all with a time of 27:42 to lead the Mountain Lions. Cats following were, Parker Childree 6th (28:17); Tyler Gunning 14th (29:53); Hunter Fuhr 19th (30:30) and Chase Alford 26th (31:29).

In the women's 5K race it was Rebecca Westbrooks finishing 7th over-all I a time of 21:32.49; Grier Fricks 11th (22:11); Katie Barnes 15th (22:40); Allana Guffin 18th (23:22); Carolyn Hoffman 22nd (23:38); Maryanne Schramke 23rd and Hayley Lane 24th for the Lady Mountain Lions.

Dragons burn the Indians in TOG Softball Tournament

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Lizards overcome deficit to win 10-2 in five innings

If you like sports, Saturday was utopia. The youth soccer teams were on the rec fields, youth football on the high school field, Top of Georgia Softball Tournament at the TCHS field and YHC field and YHC baseball on the diamond. If you are not into local sports, you'd best just stay off the roads. Playing in the first TOP Tournament were Towns County, Paideia, Fannin County, Pickens County, Rabun County, Commerce and Athens Christian.

The TCHS Lady Indians took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning against the Lady Dragons of Pickens County but faltered to lose in five innings 10-2. The Lizards came back

in the second, 2-1 and knotted the game in the top of the third, 2-2. Pickens took a commanding lead in the third with a couple of long fly balls and a bunt to move to 5-2 before Claire Wilson scurried back and hauled down a foul behind home plate. He Dragons held in the bottom but in the fourth, a line shot to Kayla Roberts at third ended the inning, then she singled to open the bottom of the inning. Emily Anderson followed with a single in the gap but failed to plate a run. A mishap in right between two Indians led to a dropped ball in the fifth and a Dragon blast to center field made it 7-2. Once the Lizards found the fence, they send balls flying to that area, 9-2. After loading for the second time in the game, a passed ball at home plated another Dragon and the game was called in five innings, 10-2.



Claire Wilson goes high for a throw at home but the Dragon goes low for the score.



Rebecca Westbrooks finished 7th over-all at the Rock Ranch CC Invitational.



Zach Tyler led the Mountain Lions to second place, finishing 4th over-all. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Emily Anderson rifles a throw to first base in TOP Softball Tournament action.



Heather Hamilton puts the glove to a Pickens Dragon in play at second base. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

YHC women's golf opens season with 4th-place finish at Sewanee

SEWANEE, Tenn. — Kelsey McEntyre shot a 179 over 36 holes to lead Young Harris College's women's golf team to a fourth-place finish at the Sewanee Fall Invitational hosted by the University of the South this weekend in Sewanee, Tenn. The event was the season-opener for the Mountain Lions.

McEntyre shot 93 in the first round a team-best score of 86 in the second to post the Mountain Lions' best score and finish seventh overall. Birmingham-Southern's Ashley Lovell won the individual medal by shooting 79-80-159.

Carol Raterman finished five strokes behind McEntyre,

shooting 93-91-184, while Courtney Moore was right on Raterman's heels at 95-91-186. Katie Bludworth (97-92-189) and Sarah Pinson (113-108-221) rounded out YHC's scores.

BSC won the tournament with a team score of 658, 42 strokes better than second-place Piedmont.

Huntingdon was third at 727, followed by Young Harris at 738. YHC finished ahead of Sewanee (937) and Oglethorpe (no score; failed to turn in all scorecards).

Young Harris is scheduled to return to action September 21-22 at the Piedmont College Fall Invitational.

Darton defeats Young Harris in battle of nationally-ranked foes

ALBANY, Ga. — The Young Harris College women's soccer team's grueling early-season schedule continued Saturday with a 3-0 loss at Darton College in a battle of two of the nation's top-ranked teams.

The Mountain Lions (1-3 overall, 0-1 GJCAA), ranked seventh in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll, opened the 2009 season with a pair of road matches against NCAA Division II opponents before returning home this

past Thursday to defeat Hiwassee (Tenn.) College. They then went on the road Saturday for the match against No. 8 Darton.

"Our team is a bit down right now," said YHC head coach Kathy Brown after Saturday's match. "However, it is a very determined group of young women with plenty of time to develop."

The Mountain Lions return home September 18 to host Georgia Perimeter in the first of three consecutive home matches. Admission is free.

Marine Corps 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.

Herald's sports quote of the week

"Printing has destroyed education... The essence of education is the education of the body... What I admire in the order to which you belong is that they do live in the air; that they excel in athletic sports; that they can only speak one language; and that they never read. This is not a complete education, but it is the highest education since the Greek."

- Benjamin Disraeli, British Prime Minister

YHC men's tennis completes first tournament of the fall

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — Mitchell Midkiff's appearance in the Flight C championship match and Matt Howard's Flight C consolation crown highlighted Young Harris College's appearance at the Georgia College and State University Men's Fall Tennis Championships in Milledgeville this past weekend.

The Mountain Lions had three of the four semifinalists in Flight C, with Midkiff defeating teammate Koen Gottenbos 7-5, 6-1 in one semifinal. Midkiff was finally brought down in the championship match against GCSU's Bobby Angelucci 6-1, 6-3. Angelucci defeated YHC's Jordan Brannon 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinals.

In the consolation bracket of the same flight, Mountain Lions teammates Howard and Cole Crawford faced off for the consolation championship, with Howard taking home the crown with a 6-0, 6-3 victory. Howard defeated another teammate Jordan Johnson 6-1, 6-1 in the consolation semifinals.

YHC's Laurenz Schraepen reached the semifinals in Flight B, picking up wins over Jan Labas (7-6, 7-6) and Rafael Milhathi (2-6, 6-4, 6-4), both of Augusta State, before falling to eventual champion Leo Bernardes of GCSU 6-0, 6-3. Jamie Childree also participated in Flight B, dropping his first match 6-2, 6-1 to Wu Ferraz of Augusta State and falling in a tiebreaker Gabor Szabo of Lees-McRae 4-6, 6-2, 10-5.

Childree and Midkiff teamed to give the Mountain Lions their top doubles result, reaching the semifinals of Flight B. The tandem picked up wins over Oxford-Emory's Ben Freedman and Ethan Protas by an 8-6 score and then defeated Andrew Bates and Corbett Smith of Lees-McRae 8-2 in the semifinals. Augusta State's Ferraz and Lipe Ramos finally ended the YHC team's run with an 8-2 victory over Childree and Midkiff in the semifinals.

The Mountain Lions are scheduled to return to action September 17 at North Georgia.

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