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Towns Youth Football splits a pair in Fannin

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The tough week continued for the Towns County Indians football programs. The 5-6 year old class Termites was extinguished 41-0 in the early game at Fannin. This improved later in the day as the 10-year old class squared off with hosting Fannin County Rebels.

With a scoreless first quarter in the books, Ledford took an errant pass (behind the line of scrimmage) deemed a lateral eighty yards to pay dirt breaking the scoreless drought six to none at 6:59 in the second quarter.

The ensuing onside kick-off was recovered by the Indians, leading up to a 10-yard ramble by Davenport putting the Indians up 13 zip with 3:19 to go in the half. The Indians once again recovered another onside kick but were content to go in the locker room at the half with a thirteen point lead.

There was no let up or letdown for the Indians coming out for the second half. Ledford picked up where leaving off taking the Rebel kickoff all the way to the house taking a commanding 19-0 lead early in the third quarter.

The Rebels were able to manage a scoring drive with 6:20 left in the game closing the scoring at 19-6. With the game in hand, and time ticking the Indians possessed the ball inside the ten yard line with under a minute to go in the



The Termites bring down a Fannin County runner on Saturday.



It was a familiar scene on Saturday as the Termites chased the Rebels all day.

game. After a hard fought game by the young Rebel team, the Rebel coaching staff decided to stack the middle and charge the Indians Quarterback after the Towns coaches opted to take a knee and run out the clock. An Indian player was hurt on the play in a decided contest.

"That's shows a lack of class by the Rebel coaches." Towns County Youth Football Coordinator Jimmy Smith uttered.

In better news, the Indian 5-6 year old age group went to 3-0 on the year in Dawsonville over the Dawson County Tigers with a 19-6 victory Saturday. The Indian 7-year old age group dropped a tough one at Union County 27-13.

The "Mighty" Termites and the rest of the Recreation Dept. Youth League will be in action starting at 9 a.m. at Frank McClure Stadium.

Project Blue to the Rescue

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Once again Corry Strange is showing his Towns County Indian pride by donating 10 percent of sales on September 14, 2010 to the Towns Coun-

ty Youth Football Program. Jimmy Smith, director of the Towns County youth gridiron program would like to thank the owner of Zaxby's of Hiawassee, Corry Strange, parents and the community for taking time to stop in supporting the youth

football program. The youth football program is a great way to keep our children involved and motivated for their future. The program is open to boys or girls to participate. At the moment there are two girls in the program.



Youth Football Coordinator Jimmy Smith and the youthful Indians celebrate Project Blue last week at Zaxby's Restaurant.

YHC Men place fifth at Mercer Runfit Invitational

The Young Harris men's cross country team took fifth Saturday at the Ninth Annual Mercer Runfit Sports Invitational at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.

The Mountain Lions garnered 180 points, while host Mercer won the event with 15 points. Georgia College & State University was second with 53, followed by Darton College (78) and Montevallo (156). Valdosta State (180), Georgia Southern Running Club (321), Edward Waters College (323), Armstrong Atlantic State (335), Reinhardt College (340), Gor-

don College (356), LaGrange College (389) and Paine College (444) rounded out the 13-team field.

Brandon Banks was the first Young Harris runner to cross the line in the 8K race, coming in 26th in 29:22. Tyler Gunnin placed 35th in 30:25.4, while Terry Miller (31:06.5) and Trent Jones (31:07.5) came in 44th and 45th, respectively. Tim Montgomery took 49th in 31:20 and Will Clements rounded out the individual running for the Mountain Lions by taking 69th in 33:10.4.

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Mercer won the meet, coming in 27:02.3.

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YHC Women take seventh at Mercer Runfit Invitational

The Young Harris women's cross country team took seventh Saturday at the Ninth Annual Mercer Runfit Sports Invitational at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.

The Mountain Lions recorded 190 points, while host Mercer took the 5K race with 21 points. Montevallo was second with 65, followed by Georgia College & State University (74), Valdosta State (117), Clark Atlanta (139) and Darton College (160). Paine College had 250 points, followed by Wesleyan College (299), Gordon College (354), Edward Waters College (368) and LaGrange College rounded out the 12-team field with 420 points.

Ellie Parton and Christell Veraba were the first Young Harris runners to finish the race, coming in 23rd and 24th, respectively in 21:29.8 and 21:31.9. Erica Brooks was 28th in 21:55.4. Maryanne Schramke and Robyn Finley were 62nd and 63rd by coming across the line in 24:26.4 and 24:33.7. Lindsey Coleman rounded out the Mountain Lion runners by taking 98th in 33:16.2.

Mercer's Kacie Niemann won the event, coming in 19:20.3.

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NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter



Clint Bowyer, winner of Sunday's New Hampshire Cup race

BOWYER OUTLASTS STEWART AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Loudon, NH—The first of this year's 10-race Chase for the Sprint Cup championship is history, with Clint Bowyer beating Denny Hamlin for the win in Sunday's Sylvania 300.

But Tony Stewart was the big loser. Stewart, who had pitted earlier than either Bowyer or Hamlin for fuel, rolled the dice and came up two laps short of the finish line on fuel.

Bowyer, who was running second, assumed the lead from the gasless Stewart, and finished the 300-lap race about six-car-lengths ahead of Hamlin.

"I don't know what happened to my carburetor," said Bowyer. "I couldn't get going on the restarts, but that may actually have helped me save enough fuel to finish on."

"I didn't know what was going on with Tony, I was just trying to keep up with him, but things worked out for us."

"I had a funny feeling going into this race that this might be our day." Bowyer moved all the way up from 12th to second in Chase points.

Hamlin's runner-up position made him the new Chase leader.

"We came in and got fuel while those guys stayed out," said Hamlin. "We had plenty of fuel. We made a charge there at the end, but what can I say, we just came up short. But it was a good run, and we've put ourselves in a good position for the Chase."

Jamie McMurray, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick, Jeff Gordon, David Reutimann, Ryan Newman, Kyle Busch, and Sam Hornish were the remaining top-10 finishers.

Jeff Burton, another Chase driver was running third, when he ran out of fuel, three laps from the finish. He coasted to a 15th place finish.

Polesitter Brad Keselowski finished 18th.

Tony Stewart's fuel gamble proved costly. His 24th place finish dropped him from sixth to 11th in points.

"I'm certainly not happy about what happened today,"

said Stewart. "It's hard to lose one like that when you have the fastest car. It's a tough way to start the Chase."

Jimmie Johnson got caught up in a wreck on lap 224, which damaged the front-end of his car. He finished 25th.

Top-10 Chase leaders with nine races left: 1. Hamlin-5230, 2. Bowyer-5195, 3. Harvick-5185, 4. Kyle Busch-5168, 5. Jeff Gordon-5155, 6. Kurt Busch-5144, 7. Johnson-5138, 8. Edwards-5135, 9. Biffle-5122, 10. Burton-5118, 11. Stewart-5106, 12. Kenseth-5094

BUSCH WINS NEW HAMPSHIRE TRUCK RACE

Loudon, NH — Kyle Busch raced to his fifth victory this season in the Camping World Truck Series, passing James Buescher on the final restart Saturday at New Hampshire Speedway.

Top-10 finishers: Busch, Buescher, Kevin Harvick, Matt Crafton, Austin Dillon, Timothy Peters, Johnny Sauter, Aric Almirola, Todd Bodine, and Bobby Hamilton Jr.

With just six races left before the 2010 truck championship is decided, Todd Bodine has a 257 point lead over Aric Almirola.

Top-10 leaders: 1. Bodine-3036, 2. Almirola-2779, 3. Sauter-2726, 4. Peters-2683, 5. Crafton-2618, 6. Dillon-2613, 7. Hornaday-2552, 8. Skinner-2458, 9. Starr-2372, 10. White-2254

LITTLE DOGS OUT, BIG DOGS IN DANGER

The underdog is gone in NASCAR, and if sponsorship continues to dry up, some of the big dogs might be on the way out as well.

For those of you who haven't noticed, Mark Martin's No. 5 Hendrick Motor Sports Cup car has been running with Hendrickcars.com painted on the side.

Jeff Gordon, another Hendrick team driver is losing DuPont, his major sponsor of 20 years. Gordon recently saw a potential deal with Walmart fall through.

"The Walmart thing was a little disappointing because I feel like everyone wanted to see that company in this sport," he said.

When Hendrick has problems getting big corporate sponsors, what chance do the little teams have?

And it takes millions and millions of dollars to run a full Cup schedule.

Years ago, you could believe that a small underfunded team could win a big NASCAR race.

Today that would be an illusion.

In the past there was the belief that anything could happen, a driver could win a first race, and a veteran could win

his last.

Now that feeling is gone. The sleeping underdogs just lie-dormant, perhaps dreaming of better times, days when there was at least the illusion of a big win.

Races today are too predictable, not because of the new car, or even the racing itself—that's pretty much the same. There's just no real hope anymore that this week's winner might be Joe Nemechek, Kenny Wallace, or Tony Raines.

Those days are past. Now, if the winner doesn't come from one of the Big Three, he'll come from close by, or from a heavily funded factory team. He won't come from the independent ranks, or those of the underfunded. The underdog is gone in NASCAR.

Kyle Busch recently built a large racing facility to house three Camping World truck teams and one Nationwide team.

He lost funding for two teams and has cut back to one truck team and one car team.

"It's not an advantage to own a race team right now," said Busch. "We've seen two major sponsors leave because of the economy. Without the right sponsor, it's going to be hard for us to stay in business. The people that have the money to do it, either can't or don't want to do it. The guys that want to do it don't have the money to do it."

"We just won't be able to put teams together like we have in the past."

Busch said he now has about 50 employees on his payroll, and expects to layoff a big majority of them as soon as the season is over.

Weekend Racing: The Cup and Nationwide teams are at the Dover Monster Mile. This will be the second of ten Chase races for the Cup teams. The Camping World Trucks are at the 1.5-mile Las Vegas track.

Sat., Sept. 25, Nationwide Series Dover 200, race 28 of 35; Starting time: 3 p.m. ET; TV: ESPN.

Sat., Sept. 25, Camping World Smith's 350, race 20 of 25; Starting time: 9 p.m. ET; TV: Speed.

Sun., Sept. 26, Sprint Cup AAA 400, race 28 of 36; Starting time: 1 p.m. ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: When was the 10-race Chase for the championship instituted?

Last Week's Question: Which Cup team will Kevin Harvick drive for next season? Answer: He will continue to drive the No. 29 Richard Childress Chevrolet.

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Young Harris battles back to earn tie with Tennessee Wesleyan

YOUNG HARRIS — The Young Harris men's soccer team battled back from a late first-half goal to earn a 1-1 tie against Tennessee Wesleyan Tuesday night at YHC Soccer Field.

The Mountain Lions (0-2-3) dominated the game throughout, but struggled to find the back of the net. Young Harris out-shot the Bulldogs, 34-11, in a very physical game, which saw eight yellow cards, one ejection and 46 total fouls. The Mountain Lions also had the advantage on corner kicks, 13-2.

Tennessee Wesleyan (0-3-1) broke a scoreless tie in the 44th minute as John Carrier's pass on a free kick found the head of Hector Jaramillo as his shot went over Young Harris goalkeeper Wesley Barnard's head to give the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead.

The Mountain Lions continued to put pressure on the Bulldogs defense and finally

broke loose with a goal in the 59th minute on a set piece. Andreas Pechmann's corner kick found the head of Sam Walker as his shot went near post for the equalizer.

Young Harris found itself in good fortune in the 63rd minute as Luke Winter was given his second yellow card and was sent off. However, the Mountain Lions couldn't capitalize on playing with a man advantage.

Barnard had three saves on the night, while Josh Leader recorded 13 saves for Tennessee Wesleyan.

Young Harris hits the road for three straight contests, starting 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 against Anderson University. The Mountain Lions then travel 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22 to Marietta, Ga., to take on Southern Polytechnic State University, before concluding the road trip 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25 against Coker College.

Mountain Lions battle to draw against Tennessee Wesleyan

YOUNG HARRIS — The Young Harris College women's soccer team dominated Tennessee Wesleyan Tuesday afternoon, but couldn't get the ball into the back of the net as the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

Allie Matulia recorded six saves for the Mountain Lions (2-2-1), while Chealsey Baxter had 11 for the Lady Bulldogs (3-2-1).

Young Harris out-shot Tennessee Wesleyan, 20-10, and had a 6-3 advantage on corner kicks.

Both teams had opportunities to score, but the Mountain Lions nearly went in front 1-0 in the 85th minute as Mica Lopes' header was punched away and Emily Villas' attempt on the header was stopped by Baxter to keep the game scoreless.

Baxter continued to keep the game scoreless by making two stops on shots by Kelley Lyness and Lopes in the final two minutes of the second overtime.

Young Harris takes about a week off before its next match as the Mountain Lions play host at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21 against Brevard College at the YHC Soccer Field.

YHC improves opening day results at SCAD-Atlanta Invitational

The Young Harris College men's tennis team improved from the opening day by bouncing back and playing strong during the second day of the SCAD-Atlanta Invitational on Saturday.

"Things went better today," Mountain Lions coach Jacob Turner said. "All of the women fought hard and Mary Beth (Maxwell) was unlucky to come out on the losing side in a tough match. I am proud of both teams for showing fight today and trying their hardest."

In the Men's A Flight Singles Consolation Final, Harach defeated Akeen Bryon, 6-1, 6-4. Taylor Hamala fell to Ali Vazin Hamedani in the Men's B Flight Singles Semi-Final Main Draw, 6-1, 6-2 and dropped the third-place match to David Paull, 6-2, 6-2. In the Men's B Flight Consolation Final, Green beat Nathan Singleton, 7-5, 6-2.

In doubles play, the team of Harach and Gottenbos fell to Konte and Bryon, 8-5, in the Semifinal Main Draw. They also dropped an 8-4 decision in the third-place match to Anton and Dwyer. In the semifinal consolation match, Scarborough and Green had a walk-over against Singleton and Belling.

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In the Women's A Flight Singles Consolation Final, Sara Rodgers lost to Salma Dahbi, 6-3, 6-0. In the Women's B Flight Singles Semifinals (Main Draw), Victoria Herndon fell to Maria Casseres, 6-1, 6-0. Maxwell dropped a 6-3, 2-6, 10-4 decision to Maggie Russell in the Women's B Flight Singles Consolation Final.

In doubles action, the team of Rodgers and Herndon fell to Vukadinovic and Plavsic, 8-1 in the Semifinal Main Draw. In the third place main draw, Rodgers and Herndon dropped an 8-2 decision to Dahbi and Casseres.

Play concludes Sunday with matches at the SCAD-Atlanta Invitational.

Men's A flight Singles Final (Consolation): Martin Harach (GPC) vs. Akeen Bryon (GPC) 6-1; 6-4.

Men's B flight Singles Semi-Final (Main Draw): Taylor Hamala (YHC) vs. Ali Vazin Hamedani (GPC) 1-6; 2-6.

Men's B flight Singles Third Place (Main Draw): Taylor Hamala (YHC) vs.

David Paull (SCAD-Atlanta) 2-6; 2-6.

Men's B flight Final (Consolation): Jacob Greene (YHC) vs. Nathan Singleton (GPC) 7-5; 6-2.

Men's Doubles Semi-Final (Main Draw): Harach/Gottenbos (YHC) vs. Konte/Byron (GPC) 5-8.

Men's Doubles Third Place (Main Draw): Harach/Gottenbos (YHC) vs. Anton/Dwyer (SCAD-Atlanta) 4-8.

Men's Doubles Semi-Final (Consolation): Scarborough/Greene (YHC) vs. Singleton/Belling (GPC) walk-over.

Men's Doubles Final (Main Draw): Scarborough/Greene (YHC) vs. Midkiff/Hamala (YHC) 3-8.

Women's A flight Singles Final (Consolation): Sara Rodgers (YHC) vs. Salma Dahbi (GPC) 3-6; 0-6.

Women's B flight Singles Semi-Final (Main Draw): Victoria Herndon (YHC) vs. Maria Casseres (GPC) 1-6; 0-6.

Women's B flight Singles Final (Consolation): Mary Beth Maxwell (YHC) vs. Maggie Russell (SCAD-Atlanta) 3-6; 6-2; 4-10.

Women's Doubles Semi-Final (Main Draw): Rodgers/Herndon (YHC) vs. Vukadinovic/Plavsic (SCAD-Atlanta) 1-8.

Women's Doubles Third Place (Main Draw): Rodgers/Herndon (YHC) vs. Dahbi/Casseres 2-8