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Indians end twenty-six year football drought with 48-12 win

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Jacket fumbles in the first quarter spell doom for the Stingers

You knew things were going to go down the tube for the Hayesville Yellow Jackets when they coughed up the football four times in the first quarter. With QB John Swilley going 12-14 in the air for 162yds, Matt Beni pounding out 102yds and 2 TDs and Mat Hogsed hauling in four catches for 86yds and 3 TDs it didn't get any better for the visitors. With the stands and fences lined with spectators, the home fans saw a twenty-six year old losing streak to Hayesville and a controversial call by an official that led to a loss on the Jacket home field last year vindicated beyond a doubt. After the game, the fans poured on to the field and when this reporter left, they still had not cleared as they celebrated the end of a twenty-six year drought.

The Tribe kicked to H'ville to open the game and a botched reception was downed in the end zone. On the second play of the game a fumble recovery at the Jacket 22yd line put the Indians in scoring position early. Dylon Nelson and James Garrett opened a big hole and Matt Beni darted 8yds on his first carry. A keeper by John Swilley and a 4yd dive by Beni put the Indians up 7-0. On the second KO the Stingers got back to the 33yd line but again on their second play from scrimmage they coughed up the ball and the Indians found it lying on the ground. A Swilley long pass to Mat Hogsed moved the ball all the way down to the 7yd line. At 5:49, a fake to Taylor Denton and hand-off to Beni lit up the scoreboard again, 14-0. A third Hayesville fumble was recovered in the end zone for another Tribe TD at 5:35 for a 20-0 lead. On the Noah Calhoun KO, Hayesville bobbled it again and the Tribe tackled the Jacket inside the 10yd line. Would you believe, the Jackets again fumbled on their second play from scrimmage and Mat Hogsed picked it up for the distance and at 4:35 still in the first quarter, it was 27-0. With four KOs and four x-point attempts, Noah Calhoun had become the busiest player on the field. For the fourth time in the game H'ville put the pigskin on the ground and the Indians took control at the 30yd line at 2:05 in the first quarter. A long pass reception by John Bleckley and a Jacket flag for late hit OB gave the Indians another scoring opportunity at the 25yd line. A



Billy Meier puts the finishing touch on an Indian TD in 48-12 romp over H'ville.

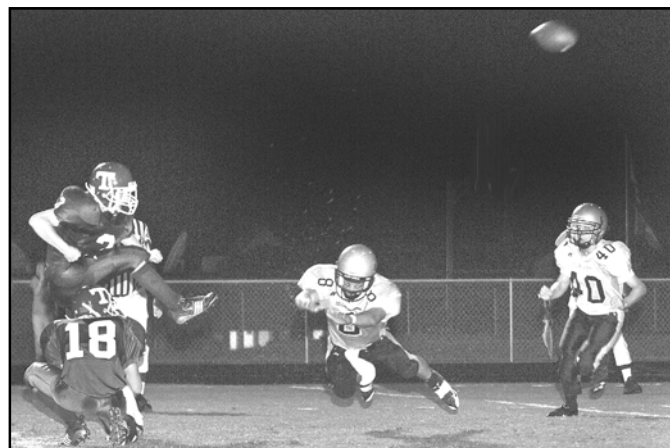
double reverse from Matt Beni to Mat Hogsed moved the ball to the 10yd line. After one quarter it was a 27-0 zip ball game.

At 11:05 in the second, a pass to Hogsed led to another Indians TD to make it 34-0 early in the second quarter. Taylor Denton and Billy Meier led the Trine defense and Landon Harris put a solo "T" on a Jacket runner as the one-runner H'ville offense sent their big hunky fullback in the line on 95% of their offensive all night. Finally, at 6:36 a QB keeper completely fooled the Indians and after a second x-point attempt was shanked to the right, it was a 34-6 game. Alan Turpin returned the KO to the 40yd line and a first down pass to John Bleckley opened the door for a 30yd pass from John Swilley to Billy Meier at 3:26 and it was 41-6. The Jackets ran the same QB keeper but Mat Hogsed made a TD saving "T" this time at the 38yd line. The stripes then stopped the game so both coaches could talk to their teams about football playing too rough. Nobody said it would be powder puff flag football. A Billy Meier tackle at the 19yd line only delayed a fullback TD at 1:12

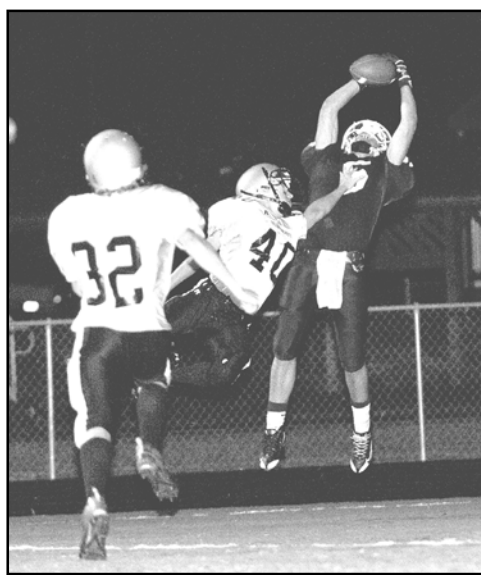
to make it a 41-12 game. After a Meier KO return to the 34yd line, a Swilley long bomb to Hogsed in the end zone made it 48-12 with:35 in the half. Alan Turpin, Joseph Hancock and Austin Bradley stopped the jackets on the KO to end the quarter.

With no pass offense, the Jackets were forced to rely on their big fullback in the second half and the clock became the ally of the Indians. The Jackets pounded their way down the field to the 18yd line where Matt Beni and Billy Meier joined forces for the stop. At the 3yd line the jackets

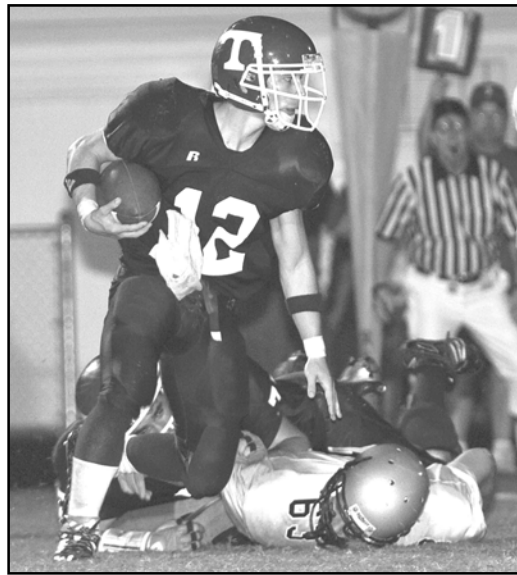
gambled on fourth down but the Indian defense stiffened and took over on downs. The only other time the Indians touched the ball in the third quarter was on the KO as the Jacket fullback toted the pigskin around the field in the 48-12 game after three. Another Indian TD was nullified via flag and the score remained the same. In the final quarter, Coach Langford cleared the bench giving young players an opportunity to shine. Zach Stroud took over QB duties at 6:27 and showed his speed on numerous keepers. The game ended at 48-12 for the Indian victory.



Noah Calhoun wore his leg out kicking x-points and KOs then played a little tailback. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Mat Hogsed goes up for the reception to score one of his three TDs in the game.



Matt Beni had a stellar night carrying the pigskin for the Indians.



by Jim Bryant

Collegiate NJCAA Rankings

YHC Women's Cross Country 17th
YHC Men's Cross Country 22nd
YHC Women's Soccer 11th
YHC Men's Soccer 15th

Prep Football

Towns County 48	Hayesville, NC 12
Union County 27	East Jackson 56
Fannin County 24	Dawson County 0
Rabun County 14	Banks County 18
White County 36	West Hall 7
Gilmer County 26	East Hall 12
Pickens County 0	Johnston 10
North Hall 12	Gainesville 55
West Forsyth 14	Creekview 28
Chestatee 12	Flowery Branch 41
Social Circle 18	North Paulding 33
Rome 27	Cass 20
Apalachee 21	Clarke central 7
Darlington 22	Murphy, NC 20
Jefferson 54	Oglethorpe County 14
North Oconee 17	Riverside Academy 0
Dade County 7	Rockmart 6
Prince Avenue 3	Jackson County 13
Athens Christian 49	Glascok County 13
Georgia Military 0	Aquinas 14
South Forsyth 22	Chattahoochee 45
Habersham Central 31	Loganville 27
Ashville School, NC 27	Rosman, NC 6
Andrews, NC 26	North Stokes, NC 38
Cherokee, NC 47	Highlands, NC 13

Prep Softball

Towns County 0	Social Circle 2
Flowery Branch 4	Archer 1
White County 7	Chestatee 0

Men's Collegiate Soccer

YHC 3	Gordon 0
YHC 3	South Georgia 2
Andrew 0	Middle Georgia 2
Georgia Perimeter 5	South Georgia 0
Georgia Perimeter 5	Spartanburg Methodist 0
Georgia Perimeter 9	Georgia Military 0
Georgia Perimeter 2	Darton 1
Middle Georgia 4	South Georgia 0
Cape Fear 1	Spartanburg Methodist 0
Tri-County Tech 2	Wake Tech 4
Tri-County Tech 1	USC Sumter 0

Women's Collegiate Soccer

YHC 0	Darton 3
YHC 4	Georgia Perimeter 1
YHC 5	South Georgia 1
ABAC 4	Georgia Military 0
ABAC 3	Gordon 0
Georgia Military 1	Gordon 1 (OT)
Georgia Military 0	ABAC 4
Middle Georgia 8	South Georgia 0
Darton 6	Gordon 0
Spartanburg Meth 0	Emory Oxford 4

Mountain Lions run in the Berry Invitational

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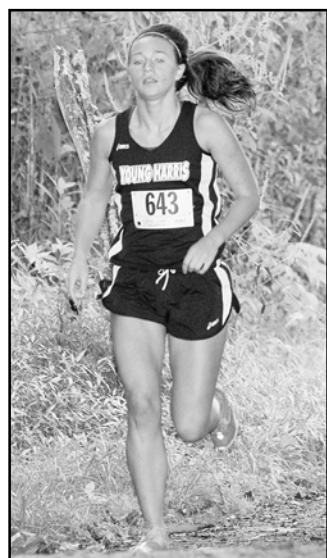
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Cats compete against NCAA & NAIA schools

It was tough competition for the purple Cats as they ran cross country in the Berry College Invitational against twenty teams. The huge field was represented almost entirely of larger NCAA & NAIA Division schools that had junior and senior runners. In the men's division, Bryan College took top team honors although a runner from Columbus State took individual honors with a time of 24:33. Berry College took the team championship in the women's race but again the top individual runner came from another college, nearby Shorter College in a time of 18:31.

The YHC men finished 10th overall with the women finishing 11th in the twenty team fields. Top thin clad for the Cats was Zach Tyler with a time of 27:22 for the 8K race. Parker Childree placed 67th with a time of 28:42. Tyler Gunnin finished 90th in 29:50; Hunter Fuhr finished 115th in 31:16; Darian Quigg ran the course in 32:07 and Chase Alford in 35:44.

The top three finishers for the Lady Mountain Lions were former TCHS Indian, Ellie Parton in 55th place in 21:41 for the 5K, followed by Rebecca Westbrook in 57th in 21:46 and Grier Fricks in 58th in 21:50. Katie Barnes finished 78th in 22:49; Allanta Guffin 92nd in 22:39; Maryanne Schramke 102nd in 24:19; Haley Lane in 113th in 24:43 in the field of 172 women runners.



Ellie Parton finished 55th in a field of 172 runners at the top Cat in the race.



Zach Tyler finished 11th overall in a field of twenty teams. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant

Lady Cats win soccer 4-1 Cat fight at the lyre

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Eleventh ranked Cats win battle of the felines

It was a miserable day for photography with the drizzle unable to make up it's mind to rain or not to rain but the Mountain Lions were much more decisive. Playing against the Jaguars from Georgia Perimeter, the usual cat fight turned into a runaway for the purple Cats in a 4-1 soccer win. The Mountain Lions mounted two offensive challenges on net in each half for their conference win. It Jags kept their net clean until very late in the first half before Mica Lopes shot wide and Lauren Martin retrieved the shot and netted the

ball at the 36th minute, 1-0. A long feed from Emily Villas to Autumn Gronborg netted the second and final goal of the half, 2-0.

It was deja' vu in the second half as neither team could locate the website until late in the match. The third Cat goal came when Lauren Martin spotted Linda Lehmann in the box and a shot under the diving Jag keeper put the Mountain Lions up 3-0. The Jaguars responded moments later when a PK got the visitors on the scoreboard, 3-1. The final score in the match came when Jolie Khan-Foss took a loose ball in the box and rifled it past the Jag keeper, 4-1. Helping the Mountain to the important conference win was Kelsey Cunningham in goal who made four saves on the day.



Emily Villas heads the ball in the box.



Alyxandra Hogg goes for the tackle in 4-1 win over Georgia Perimeter.



Kelsey Cunningham goes high for one of her four saves in the match. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Lauren Martin heads the ball as a Jaguar also tries for control.