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Black Knights invade the reservation on Senior Night

Six football players bid goodbye to their home field

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It was the annual game that brought both bitter and sweet feelings to Frank McClure Field as the Indian faithful acknowledged and honored six football seniors and bid them farewell. Prior

down but Devin Henderson made the "T" at the 22yd line, followed by a solo by Landon Harris in the middle. Joseph Foster was in on several stops then he and Billy Meier combined to stop the fourth down pass receiver short and bring the first quarter to its

"T" on the sideline allowed a Knight to stretch the ball over the pylon, 21-0 after the 2-pt PAT. After a failed Indians series, the Knights got the ball inside the 10yd line when a shoe-string tackle by Matt Beni saved the TD. At :38 the Knights dashed in a 4yd TD to lead 29-0 at the break.

Joseph Foster made a desperate attempt to stop the Knights to start the second half but at the 4yd line, it was a short dash to paydirt but an unsportsmanlike flag for jaw-jacking pushed the visitors back around the 17yd line. Billy Meier crashed the line and sacked the runner to force the fourth down at the 8yd line to take over on downs. The Tribe could not get their offense cranked up and John Bleckley again had to toe the pigskin. In the second half, the Black Knights suffered penalties just as the Indians in the first half. Again, it was Meier camping out in the visitor backfield. Landon Harris joined the fun and mugged the QB during a passing attempt to force a punt from inside their 10yd line. The joy was short lived as the Knights picked a John Swilley pass and emailed it back to the red zone as the score held at 29-0 after three quarters.

On the first play of the final stanza the Knights jitterbugged in to make it 36-0. On the KO, Devin Henderson was greeted at the 35yd line. The Indians were now playing under the mercy rule (non-stop clock)



Devin Henderson tangles with a Knight along the sidelines.

to the game, a total of twenty-two seniors braved the Halloween activities on the square to be honored from athletes, cheerleaders and band members.

Against the always powerful Robbinsville, NC Black Knights, it was like trying to roller skate in a buffalo herd. In the first quarter, someone forgot to tell the Indians as they matched up toe to toe with the visitors 0-0 after one quarter. After a series of runs Matt Beni gained a first down at the 47yd line. A fumble by the tribe was saved when Mat Hogsed pounced on the ball but a motion flag forced their first punt. On the first running play from scrimmage for the Knights, they made a first

0-0 stand-off score.

John Swilley opened the second with a QB keeper to the 40yd line but the wheel came off then wagon when a high snap sailed over Swilley's head and the Knights were on the ball like ants at a picnic at the 27yd line. Robbinsville then completed a pass, slipped a tackle and took a 7-0 lead. Joseph Foster and a host of Indians swarmed the runner at the 1yd line but at 8:07 a quickie in the middle made it 13-0 after a missed PAT. After Devin Henderson ran back the KO, the Tribe got tagged with three consecutive flags to thwart any offensive attempt. At 5:21, after Landon Harris and Billy Meier joined for a tackle but a following missed



Matt Beni tackles a runner in senior night loss to the Knights.

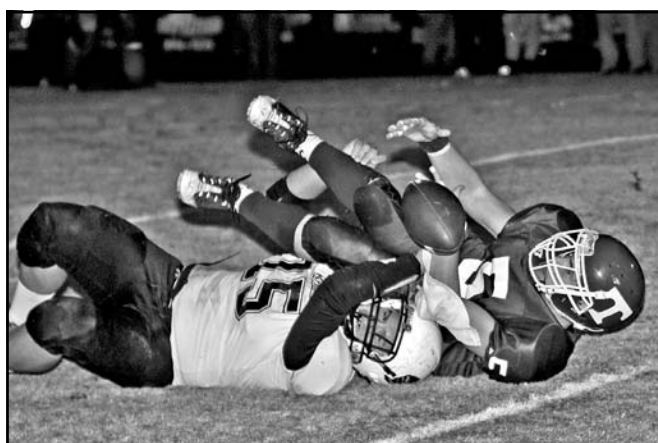
as Swilley completed a shot to Zach Stroud. After a sack, the Tribe was forced to punt the skin back to Robbinsville. Unfortunately the Knights got a paw on the ball and blocked the attempt and again were sitting in the cat bird seat. The Indians were too legit to quit and caused a fumble then Devin Henderson scooped and flew down the field to the 30yd line. The Tribe could not get their offense going and after several exchanges the continuous clock brought the game to an end. Billy Meier was named Player of the Game. The Tribe will travel to Glascock County next week for their final game of the 2009 season.



Mat Hogsed makes a tackle on a Knight runner.



John Henry Hobbs, Landon Harris, Billy Meier and Joseph Foster gang tackle a Black Knight.



Billy Meier breaks up a Black Knight pass attempt.



John Bleckley is brought down after a pass reception from John Swilley.

Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant

Mountain Lions sweep a pair from Toccoa Falls College

By Charles Duncan
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD

The Young Harris College Mountain Lions won a pair from Toccoa Falls last week at Zell B. Miller Field during Fall League baseball action.

It will be the first game of the double-header that folks will be remembering for awhile, a come-from-behind 9-6 thriller.

It's not often that the Mountain Lions dig themselves into a deep hole. However, the

Early Bird game was definitely an exception. The Lions' Ben Watson pitched stellar ball but the defense behind him left something to be desired.

It wouldn't be long before Watson found himself down 2-1 and later, 6-1 thanks to some less than inspired glove work in the field.

The Lions had seen better days defensively. Watson pitched great, Mitchell Knox was solid, and Cole Outz did what we asked him to do. For a while there, it didn't seem like

we could do anything right.

"They got a little anxious there early," Lions' Head Coach Rick Robinson said. "They had the bases loaded a couple of times and they got a couple of ground balls that should have been outs.

"There again, the last three innings, we had the bases loaded and we were going to try to hit the ball on the back side to right field a little bit more," he said. "The guys stayed back and waited on the ball and they did a good job."

Eventually, the defense settled down, the pitching remained solid and finally, the bats got going.

It wasn't instantaneous however. The Lions chipped away at the lead, narrowing the gap with a run scored on a fielder's choice.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Lions sent eight men to the plate and scored two more runs to make it 6-4. Chris Holloway drove in a run on a bases-loaded single. Two hitters later, Brett Armour drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

In the top of the eighth, freshman reliever Adam Camara came on and worked himself into a bit of trouble, but nothing the youngster couldn't handle.

In the bottom half, second baseman Ethan Herron got things going with a single and stole second. Matt Lowery followed with a single and Robinson held Herron at third. Designated Hitter Ezekiel Gribble walked to load the bases.

Holloway came through in the clutch again with another bases-loaded single. The next hitter, Antonio Burke cleared

the bases with a three-run double. Armour followed with a single to drive in Burke.

The comeback was almost complete.

Camara coaxed a fly out and fanned the final two hitters he faced for the win.

"That's the best he's pitched all fall," Robinson said. "That's what we expect out of him every time he goes out."



YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

YHC men's soccer defeats South Georgia 2-0

Young Harris College's men's soccer team scored two second-half goals to defeat South Georgia College 2-0 in the first round of the NJCAA Region XVII tournament Wednesday in Young Harris, GA.

After a scoreless first half, the Mountain Lions (13-4 overall) got on the scoreboard in the 50th minute, when Andreas Pechman delivered a corner kick to Juan Manuel Leon, who put the ball in the net for what turned out to be the game-winner.

Pechman would pick up his second assist of the match 22 minutes later, when he made a long pass from the left side to Adrian Klammer, who darted through the middle of the field and behind the Tigers' defense and found himself one-on-one against South Georgia goalkeeper Josh Brooks, who wandered 25 yards out of the goal in an attempt to beat Klammer to the ball. Klammer pushed the ball to his left, slipped past Brooks and

rolled the ball into the net for the score.

Klammer, who earlier in the afternoon was honored by the National Junior College Athletic Association as its national Player of the Week, tallied his 11th goal of the season in just 10 matches since returning from an injury earlier this season.

Young Harris goalkeeper Wesley Barnard played all 90 minutes to record the clean sheet. He made five saves, including a pair of back-to-back shots in the 42nd minute by South Georgia's Jonathan Watters and Nuno Gourgel. Barnard preserved the shutout in the final minute with a diving stop on a shot by Felipe Nascimento, who was only about a yard from Barnard when he fired.

The victory puts the Mountain Lions in the tournament semifinals in Albany, where they will play Middle Georgia Saturday at 8:30 p.m. The winner of the match will play for the championship Sunday at 3 p.m.



Young Harris College's Ben Watson strikes out Toccoa Falls' Ryan Kirby early in Fall League baseball action. The Mountain Lions failed to come from behind to win the first game of the two-night double header, 9-6. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Luke Parker
Offensive



Billy Meier
Defensive

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