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Towns County 10U softball third at District; baseball district tournaments open this week

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Towns County's 10U softball team placed third at last week's District 7 tournament at the Towns County Recreation Department.

The Lady Indians suffered a pair of losses to Union County, who later dropped two games to eventual District 7

champion Lumpkin County. This week, Towns County's 12U baseball team opened district play at Meeks Park in Blairsville. The Indians kicked off the tournament with a Monday meeting with Lumpkin County.

The 12U Indians will face the winner-loser of White County vs. Union County on Tuesday. The championship game is set for Wednesday

with the 'if necessary' slated for Thursday.

Later in the week, Towns County's 10U baseball team travels to Yahoola Creek Park in Dahlonega for District 7 play. The Indians will face White County at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 9.

The 10U title game is Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m. The 'if necessary' game would be at 7:30 p.m.



Towns County's 12U baseball team saw one final tune-up ahead of district when they participated in last weekend's Mountain Athletic Conference tournament in Blue Ridge. Photo/Todd Forrest

Tri-County Racetrack Memorial Day celebration

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Tri-County Racetrack celebrated Memorial Day with races and fireworks. Each veteran received a free meal at the concession stand as a small way to say "thank you" for their service. Everyone was treated to a wonderful racing program and fireworks show.

Super Late Model: No. 8 David Panye took home the win. No. 19 Gavin Cowan was second. No. 00 Shawn Chastain was third. No. 38 Jamie Oliver was fourth. No. 35 Dillion Daves came in fifth.

602 Limited Qualifier: Charles Devine took home the win. No. 44 Bobby Elkins was

second. No. 56 Colton Ber- rong was third. No. 117 Dylan Beavers was fourth. No. 30 Jonathan Cope placed fifth.

602 Non-Qualifier: No. 73 CB McKinnon was the winner. No. 141 Shane Yarbrough was second. No. 3L Mark Ledford was third. No. 17 Jody Russell was fourth. No. 1 Daniel Helton was fifth.

Street Stock: No. 21 Troy Turner took home the win. No. 24 Clay Bryson was second. No. 14 Charles Divine was third. No. 95 Alex Vance was fourth. No. 192R Robby Lynch was fifth.

FWD: No. J32 Shannon Jones took home the win. No. 32 Jim Exum was second. No. 59 Matt Corden was third. No. 315 Josh Deese was

fourth. No. M06 Michael Raper was fifth.

Limited: No. 7 Jason Deal took home another win. No. 4 Danny Ledford was second. No. 12 Drew Deaver was third. No. 17 Brett Shook was fourth. No. 4H Levi Hicks was fifth.

Pony: No. 15 Ryan Crawford was the winner. No. 01 Cornbread Chinn was second. No. 1B Brandon Lynch was third. No. 11 Ricky Dyer was fourth. No. 1 Jim Exum came in fifth.

OWM: No. 12 Josh Thurmond was the winner. No. 12C Cy Strickland was second. No. 18 Justin Sims placed third. No. 22 Matt Sandefur was fourth. No. 22 Jamie Cross was fifth.

NASCAR 2023

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

"Rowdy" Kyle Holds On For Overtime Win

Kyle Busch survived five different restarts over the last 42 laps, including a green-white-checked overtime finish, to win Sunday's Cup Series race ahead of Denny Hamlin.

After starting from the pole, Busch led the majority of what turned into a very long day of racing. Despite being the shortest race on the Cup Series schedule, Sunday's race was prolonged due to three different red flags -- including one for lightning in the area that lasted over an hour and a half -- and 11 cautions. Despite the start-stop nature of the day, Busch was able to keep the lead late in the going thanks largely to a series of well-executed restarts.

"The restarts kind of went our way," said Busch. "We were able to get through on the outside on that one and push Larson out, then he took bottom of three and four, I was able to carry the momentum around the high side to take the lead. That was really important. I think that was kind of the key moment of us being able to win today. Being able to control the rest of the restarts for the rest of the race."

Busch's win is his third of the season, tying him with William Byron for the most wins in Cup in 2023, and is also his 63rd career win.

Denny Hamlin's runner-up finish was a great morale boost for the team, as they keep searching for their first win this season.

The remaining top 10 finishers: 3. Joey Logano, 4. Kyle Larson, 5. Martin Truex Jr., 6. Ryan Blaney, 7. Daniel Suarez, 8. William Byron, 9. Michael McDowell, 10. Kevin Harvick.

The 242-lap race lasted 3 hours and 28 minutes.

This race was all about red flags and broken brake rotors. The race began with a crash on Lap 3 followed by a nearly two-hour hold for lightning in the area. Once the race got going again, several drivers suffered issues with brake rotors that sent them hard into the outside wall. It was a rough afternoon for 23XI Racing as Tyler Reddick spun in the opening laps of the race, and again towards the end to finish 35th. Teammate Bubba Wallace was five laps away from scoring another top 10 before a brake rotor failed on his No. 23 Toyota, putting a damper on his day.

Top 10 leaders after 15 of 36: 1. Blaney-495, 2. Byron-482, 3. Harvick-473, 4. Truex-472, 5. Chastain-466, 6. Bell-455, 7. Busch-451, 8. Hamlin-451, 9. Larson-411, 10. Reddick-411.

CUSTER WINS FINITY ROAD RACE

Cole Custer took advantage of other drivers bad luck to win Saturday's road race at Portland, Oregon.

He went from fourth to first on the overtime restart when Parker Kligerman, who restarted third, attempted to pass Justin Allgaier, who was leading. Sheldon Creed was on the outside of Allgaier. All three cars made contact entering Turn 1, allowing Custer to slip by. Creed finished seventh. Kligerman placed 14th.

Justin Allgaier was runner-up, followed by Sam Mayer, Josh Berry, Austin Hill, Myatt Snider, Sheldon Creed, Connor Mosack, Chandler Smith, and John Nemechek.

Top 10 leaders after 13 of 33: 1. Nemechek-522, 2. Hill-508, 3. Allgaier-478, 4. Custer-457, 5. Berry-431, 6. C. Smith-402, 7. Creed-396, 8. S. Smith-357, 9. Mayer-353, 10. Herbst-346.

ENFINGER GETS SECOND TRUCK WIN

Grant Enfinger grabbed his second Truck Series victory of the season Saturday at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Illinois.

During a two-lap overtime that took the race two laps past its scheduled distance of 160 laps, Enfinger held off Christian Eckes to claim his second series win and the ninth of his career.

Enfinger also collected a \$50,000 bonus for winning the second event in the Triple Truck



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Challenge. Stewart Friesen, Carson Hocevar, Chase Purdy, Matt DiBenedetto, Ben Rhodes, Nick Sanchez, Jesse Love, and Jake Garcia were the remaining top 10 finishers.

Top 10 leaders after 12 of 23: 1. Heim-425, 2. Majeski-424, 3. Enfinger-416, 4. Z. Smith-406, 5. Rhodes-393, 6. Eckes-389, 7. Hocevar-337, 8. Crafton-332, 9. Friesen-325, 10. DiBenedetto-318.

ELLIOTT DID NOT MAKE SUNDAY'S RACE

Chase Elliott wasn't in this past Sunday's Cup Series race.

Why? The driver of the No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet was hit with a one-race suspension for putting Denny Hamlin into the wall at Charlotte.

"We take this very seriously," Elton Sawyer, NASCAR's senior vice president of competition, said. "The incident that happened off Turn 4, after looking at all the available resources ... it was an intentional act by Chase, in our opinion, after reviewing all the available resources there."

"In the heat of the battle, things happen, but drivers need to understand you have to handle that in a completely different way than hooking someone in the right rear and putting them in harm's way."

It was the seventh race of the season Elliott missed. The 2020 Cup champion suffered a broken left leg in a snowboarding accident in March, sidelining him for six races until his return on April 16 at Martinsville Speedway. Josh Berry filled in for the five oval events Elliott missed, scoring a career-best second-place finish on April 2 at Richmond Raceway. Jordan Taylor made his Cup debut as Elliott's substitute at Circuit of The Americas, where he qualified fourth and finished 24th.

Corey LaJoie drove the No. 9 Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports in this past Sunday's Cup Series race.

NASCAR also hit Stewart-Haas Racing with one of its biggest penalties ever -- including a \$250,000 fine and 120 regular-season points -- after it says it found a counterfeit part in the underwing of the Chase Briscoe car that it took back to its research and development center following the race at Charlotte.

NASCAR docked Briscoe

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association Weekly Play

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association (CSLGA) held their weekly play on Tuesday, May 30. It was a great day for golf, the weather was perfect, and our course is looking good.

The game was "Low Gross/Low Net" for the game of the week. Results for the first flight were first place gross Geni Preece and 1st place net Janean Yankowskas.

Results for the second flight were first place gross Glenda Geddings and 1st place net Alison Taylor.

Results for third flight were first place gross Sandra Snyder and 1st place net Linda

and the team 120 regular-season points and 25 playoff points and also suspended crew chief John Klausmeier for six races. The fine also is issued to Klausmeier, although typically these fines are paid by the team.

Briscoe finished 20th in the race Monday and his car was one of two taken by NASCAR for teardown at its research and development center. NASCAR routinely takes a couple of cars following races to inspect. The cars taken are determined by the series director, who can have a reason or no reason to take the car.

Stewart-Haas Racing chief competition officer Greg Zipadelli said the team mistakenly had the illegal part on the car for the event.

"We had a quality control lapse and a part that never should've been on a car going to the racetrack ended up on the No. 14 car at Charlotte," Zipadelli said in a statement.

"We accept NASCAR's decision and will not appeal."

Racing Joke: Chris had become involved in a financial tangle. In a moment of weakness, he had loaned another racer \$50,000.

One day Chris decided he needed his money back. In desperation, he consulted with his father. The father said, "Oh that's easy son. Write him and say you need the \$100,000 you loaned him."

Chris said, "You mean \$50,000."

"I do not," said the father. You say \$100,000, and he will immediately write back that he owes you only \$50,000. Then you have it in writing."

Weekend Racing: The Cup and Xfinity teams will be at the Sonoma, California road course this weekend. The Trucks have an off week.

Sat., June 10; Xfinity Series race 14 of 33; Starting time: 8:00 pm ET; TV: FoxSports1.

Sun., June 11; Cup Series race 16 of 36; Starting time: 3:30 pm ET; TV: FOX.

Racing Trivia Question: Which Cup Series driver has the most wins at Sonoma Raceway?

Last Week's Question: Who is the defending NASCAR Xfinity Series champion? Answer: Ty Gibbs.

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