

# Towns County Sports

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## Towns Co. offense explodes for 14 runs at West Hall scrimmage

### Class AAA Murray County pulls away during home opener

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The Towns County Lady Indians opened the season with a scrimmage contest at West Hall on Aug. 6 before welcoming Murray County on Aug. 8.

Towns was originally slated to host West Hall for a Tuesday, Aug. 4 scrimmage but afternoon showers forced a cancellation.

Thursday's opener at West Hall was modified to a scrimmage when the Lady Spartans announced they would not play a varsity schedule this fall.

And during last week's tune-up contest, the Lady Indians overpowered the hosts with 14 runs before rain brought on another shutout in the fourth inning. Prior to the shower, Remington Parker sparked the Towns County lineup with a 2-for-4 performance, including a walk and an RBI.

In the circle, Natalie Smith worked three strong innings, surrendering one earned run with six strikeouts. Abby Mauldin tossed one shutout inning with a pair of Ks in relief.

At the dish, Mauldin was 1-for-1 with two RBIs and three walks.

Rylie Livingston added an RBI during a 1-for-2 day; Kenzie Livingston walked and drove in a run while finishing 1-for-2 at the plate.

"It doesn't go down as a win since we didn't finish five innings, but we didn't really care because we were treating it like a scrimmage, looking at kids in different spots," Towns County head coach Clay Liv-



The Towns County Lady Indians' lineup combined for 17 runs in their two games last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

On Saturday, Towns County hosted Class AAA Murray County, eventually falling 12-3.

Laura Mauldin turned in a 2-for-2 outing with two RBIs and a pair of walks. Parker finished 1-for-3 with a walk and a RBI.

Smith allowed five earned over four innings and Abby Mauldin gave up three runs in two innings.

Towns County is scheduled to open region play on Tuesday when they host Commerce at 5 p.m.

## Towns County High School updated 2020 football schedule

Towns County High School 2020 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September 4	Armuchee	Home	7:30pm
September 11	Bethlehem Christian Academy	Home	7:30pm
September 18	Our Lady of Mercy	Home	7:30pm
September 25	Mt. Zion, Carroll	Home (Homecoming)	7:30pm
October 2	Lakeview Academy	Away	7:30pm
October 16	*Lincoln County	Home	7:30pm
October 23	*Commerce	Away	8:00pm
October 30	REGION BYE WEEK		
November 6	*Greene County	Away	7:30pm
November 13	*Social Circle	Home (Sr. Night)	7:30pm
November 20	*Washington-Wilkes	Away	7:30pm

The GHSA recently canceled all scrimmage contests but the Indians still have six home games in 2020.

## NASCAR 2020

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

### "Happy" Harvick Sweeps Michigan Doubleheader

BROOKLYN, MI -- Kevin Harvick had a perfect weekend. He won both NASCAR Cup Series races this past Saturday and Sunday for his fifth and sixth wins of the season. His car was so dominant in both events that the other drivers could only hope for a runner-up finish.

He led 90 laps of Sunday's 158 lap race. The race's last caution came during lap 137. On the restart Harvick, Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr., and Kyle Busch were out front. Harvick immediately put his No. 4 Ford into the lead and remained there until the checkered flag was given.

"There at the end we were tight in turns three and four," said Harvick. "It was a real challenge to hold off the 11 car (Denny Hamlin). We're proud of what we accomplished this weekend. It's a great achievement for anyone."

The win was the 55th of his Cup Series career, tying him with Rusty Wallace on the series' all-time win list.

Runner-up Denny Hamlin led one time for six laps. During the closing laps Hamlin was able to reach Harvick's rear bumper, but that was all he could manage. He was never able to attempt a pass for the lead, and was .093-seconds behind when the race ended.

"I knew we had something better, but I couldn't get into position to make a final run on him," said Hamlin. "We just got a little tight and we couldn't make the move we needed to."

Martin Truex Jr. did not lead any laps but finished third.

"Our car was good, but we weren't able to do a couple things we needed," said Truex.

Kyle Busch was fourth, followed by Joey Logano, Aric Almirola, Matt DiBenedetto, Austin Dillon, Chase Elliott, and Kurt Busch.

Clint Bowyer won Stage 1, while Harvick claimed Stage 2.

Ryan Blaney was leading the race on lap 95. His teammate Brad Keselowski lost control of his car, drifted off the track into Blaney's car, sending both of them into the outside wall, and out of the race.

Blaney finished 38th and Keselowski was 39th.

"It was my fault," said Keselowski. "The back end got loose and started to come around. I just lost it and got into Ryan. I really hate it, because he didn't deserve what happened."

The victory also sealed the Michigan Heritage Trophy for Ford. The award is given to the top-performing automaker in the two annual Cup Series races at MIS.

Top-10 leaders: 1. Harvick-916, 2. Keselowski-779, 3. Hamlin-776, 4. Blaney-741, 5. Elliott-721, 6. Logano-717, 7. Truex-716, 8. Almirola-669, 9. Kyle Busch-651, 10. Kurt Busch-648.

#### "HAPPY" HARVICK GETS FIFTH CUP WIN

Kevin Harvick held off a hard charging Brad Keselowski in overtime to win Saturday's Cup Series race at Michigan.

"The restarts were obviously a handful but our (car) was really fast today and we held on for the long run and would really go on the short run and did everything we needed it to do," Harvick said. "We are a week-to-week team. We talked about this years ago. We want to go to the track and worry about one week at a time. We want to be competitive and win as many races as we can and see where it falls in the end. These guys are awesome. A car like that is unbelievable."

Martin Truex Jr., Ryan Blaney, Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin, Chase Elliott, Joey Logano, Bubba Wallace, and Kurt Busch were the remaining top-10 finishers.

Top-10 finishers of Saturday's Xfinity Series race held at Elkhart Lake, Wis.: 1. Austin Cindric, 2. AJ Allmendinger, 3. Chase



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Briscoe, 4. Kaz Grala, 5. Andy Lally, 6. Noah Gragson, 7. Ross Chastain, 8. Preston Pardus, 9. Ryan Sieg, 10. Michael Annett.

Top-10 points leaders: 1. Cindric-771, 2. Briscoe-760, 3. Chastain-708, 4. Gragson-697, 5. Haley-636, 6. H. Burton-608, 7. Allgaier-598, 8. Annett-543, 9. B. Jones-523, 10. Sieg-436.

Top-10 finishers of Friday's Truck Series race at Michigan: 1. Zane Smith, 2. Christian Eckes, 3. Tanner Gray, 4. Tyler Ankrum, 5. Todd Gilliland, 6. Brett Moffitt, 7. Raphael Lassard, 8. Derek Kraus, 9. Parker Kligerman, 10. David Gravel.

Top-10 points leaders: 1. Hill-428, 2. Smith-386, 3. Rhodes-385, 4. Eckes-379, 5. Moffitt-375, 6. Crafton-342, 7. Creed-340, 8. Engfinger-336, 9. Kraus-330, 10. Gilliland-329.

#### NEWMAN IS READY TO GO BACK TO DAYTONA

Instead of reflecting on the bad wreck at Daytona which left him sidelined for three races, Ryan Newman is focusing on other possibilities.

A two-month hiatus of the 2020 season due to the Covid-19 pandemic allowed Newman time to heal and return to his No. 6 Roush Fenway Racing Ford. The battle back into contention for wins has proved even more challenging.

"No doubt I've thought about it, but the reality is it's not the truth, it's not what happened, it's the 'what could have been' and everybody has that in their season," Newman said. "We have to do our job to go back and kind of replay those events and make corrections to whatever mistakes or whatever differences we can to try to be victorious."

"That doesn't go just for Daytona; that goes for every race track. The season no doubt has been a challenge in so many ways for so many people and our team. I feel like we've struggled a little bit, but I feel like we have the things that we need to make the corrections to be better and be stronger and be successful."

NASCAR has given him a medical waiver which would allow him to use a win during the regular season to gain entry to the 16-driver playoff field despite not starting all the races.

"I guess after February I'm pretty emotional every day," he continued. "I'm just thankful for the opportunity to continue on. I get to hit the reset button in a roundabout

## Mountain Harbour Ladies Golf news

Everyone had to sharpen their brains and pencils in this individual format game where players selected their 3 best net par 3's, 3 best net par 4's and 3 best net par 5's. Let's just say that there was smoke streaming out of some of our players ears!

Several ties resulted in combining those winners weekly payouts & sharing the payola! Tie at 1st place with 32 pts. and each taking home \$13.50 was Connie Dockery and Gloria White. Tie at 3rd place with 34 pts and pocketing \$9 each was Kay McLeod and Linda Miles. Tie at 4th place with 35 pts and \$2 each was Alison Taylor and Kay Kirkland.

In this week's proximity game, Claudia Mahaffie won closest to the pin on #5 by drilling her shot with her favorite sand wedge from 85 yds. and brought home \$5!

BIG bucks winner was Linda Miles with the sole chip in today! For her effort she took home an additional \$7 to add to her \$9 winnings!

Scoring seemed to be unusually high for 14 of our players on Thursday with only two players breaking 100.

Kudos to Linda Davenport for her 90, and by the grace

of the golf gods, Beckie Suverkrup snuck in with a 99.

NEXT week's game is "Sucka in da Bucket" game description is on the homepage of our website www.mhlg.com

Questions and membership information directed to Beckie Suverkrup at bekieup@gmail.com. T(Aug12,F)SH



### Trout stocking sites week of August 3-7, 2020

Fannin: Rock Creek and Toccoa River  
Lumpkin: Etowah River and Niblewill Creek  
Union: Cooper Creek

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. Stay up-to-date with stocking and events through Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. N(Aug12,Z12)CA

## T.U.F. Athletes news update

Hello from the T.U.F. Athletes, We want to thank everyone for your continued support of our wonderful group of athletes. We cannot begin to name each individual and business for fear of leaving someone out. Your support has been overwhelming to our athletes. They are in awe at the outpouring of love and willingness to help.

On a sad note, the 2020 Dream Ride Experience Rally has been canceled due to the COVID-19 Virus. If you are

not familiar with Special Needs Individuals most have underlying health issues that can make them compromised and in a high risk group. The Dream Ride and Hometown Foundation decided that it would be irresponsible to risk exposing these individuals to this virus. The Athletes are their number 1 priority.

The plan for now is to attend the 2021 Rally which will take place in August of 2021. In the words of CEO of Dream Ride, Michael Bozzuto, "Next year will be bigger and better".

We were half way to reaching our goal for 2020, unfortunately due to COVID-19 we had to cease our fundraising efforts. We still have 12 months to continue raising the funds for 2021. If you would like to contribute to this amazing trip, please contact one of the following: Carla Persaud, 770-596-3397; Terri Post, 706-400-9839; Paulette Dyer, 706-897-9938.

Again thank you for your wonderful support of T.U.F. Athletes!