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Softball: Late surge pushes Lady Indians past Fannin, 7-3

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The Towns County Lady Indians raced ahead of Fannin County with five runs in the final two innings to take a 7-3 win.

With stormy weather producing washouts across north Georgia, the Lady Indians managed to get in one contest last week - a Tuesday meeting with Class AA Fannin County in Hiwassee.

Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the fifth, Towns County took advantage of a leadoff walk, sparking a two-run inning and regaining the lead at 4-3.

After Remington Parker drew the base on balls, Lele Moss bunted her into scoring position. A Rylie Livingston double put runners on second and third, allowing Jayce Young to even the score with an RBI single.

A walk to Abby Mauldin loaded the bases, then another free pass to Kenzie Livingston put the Lady Indians on top.

Natalie Smith retired the Lady Rebels 1-2-3 in the sixth, allowing Towns County to put the game out of reach with a three-spot in the bottom half of the frame.

Four consecutive walks made it a 5-3 margin when Young took ball four with the bags loaded.

With two down later in the inning, Fannin was on the verge of escaping without further damage but Abby Mauldin had other plans. A first-pitch single to left brought home two runs, blowing things open at 7-3.

Mauldin finished 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs and a double. Meanwhile, Smith tossed her first career complete game, fanning



The Lady Indians cut down a would-be Fannin County base stealer at third. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

five and walking one.

She would work around a two-out single in the first and the Towns County offense provided her an early 2-0 lead on an RBI ground out by Young and a run-scoring double from Mauldin.

The Lady Rebels stormed ahead with three in the third, ignited by consecutive base hits to begin the frame.

Trailing 2-1 with one out, Fannin County delivered consecutive RBI singles for a 3-2 advantage.

Smith finally escaped when she froze a Lady Rebel batter looking at strike three.

Rylie Livingston was stranded in the Towns County half of the third following a one-out walk. A two-out double by Laura Mauldin went to waste in the fourth.

Smith held Fannin at bay

in the top of the fifth, pitching around a leadoff double.

Parker finished 1-for-2 with two runs. Moss walked, scored and drove in a run. Rylie Livingston was 2-for-3 with three runs and Young added an RBI during a 1-for-4 performance at the dish.

Kenzie Livingston brought in a run; Laura Mauldin scored and went 1-for-2. Freshman Halie Arrowood finished 1-for-3.

Up next: Consecutive road trips are on deck before region play opens at home Saturday.

Towns will visit Lake Oconee Academy at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. On Thursday, they travel to Rabun County for a 5:55 p.m. first pitch.

Region 8-A Public opens Saturday when Washington Wilkes comes to town for a high-noon doubleheader.

VFW Golf League news

The Veterans Golf League plays every Thursday morning at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. The league is open to all veterans who are members of the VFW or American Legion and their auxiliaries regardless of post affiliation. The course is in great condition and the August 13 winner was the team lead by Ken Cross. Team members contributing to the victory were Paul Yellena, David MacBride and Jim Risenberg. Together they shot a blistering score of 63 which is 9 strokes under par. Congratulations!

The week of August 20 winner was the team led by Mel Halfon. Team members contributing to the victory were Gary Lindblum, Jim Boone and Albert Polese. Together they shot a blistering score of 59 which is 13 strokes under par. Congratulations!



Natalie Smith went the distance for her first career complete game during last week's win over Fannin County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Register now for Rec Department Youth Basketball

Towns County Recreation Department Basketball Registration: August 1st - October 11th - \$60. Late Registration: October 12th - October 25th - \$75.

The Towns County Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in our annual Basketball season with GRPA. There will be evaluations held the second week of October. If you are interested in coaching, please fill out a coaching application at the Towns County Recreation Department & complete a MANDATORY background check ONLY after you have been selected as a coach.

Divisions: 6u Co-Ed: Ages 5-6 Born September 2nd, 2013 to September 1st, 2015. 8u: Ages 7-8 Born September 2nd, 2011 to September 1st, 2013. 10u: Ages 9-10 Born September 2nd, 2009 to September 1st, 2011. 12u: Ages 11-12 Born September 2nd, 2007 to September 1st, 2009.

Please register online at www.TownsCountyRec.com or register in person at the Towns



County Recreation Department.

Towns County Recreation Department will be providing jerseys and shorts that players will be able to keep at the end of the season.

If you have any questions please contact Matthew Youngblood or Tyler Garrett at (706) 896-2600 or by email at TCRecreation2600@gmail.com.

In the event basketball is cancelled before the season begins, FULL refunds will be issued. Partial refunds will be available at Towns County Recreation Department staff's discretion if season is cancelled after uniforms are ordered.

The 4s Have It at Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association Tuesday league game was "4s Have It". Meaning that only the par fours score would count in this game.

And the winners are: Flight A Gross: 1st Place Martha Zimmer, 2nd Place Glenda Geddings. Net: 1st Place Bonnie Shore, 2nd Place. Barbara Boswell.

Flight B Gross: 1st Place Charlotte Maddox, 2nd Place Martha Barker. Net: 1st Place Carol Millward, 2nd Place Cathy Clement. Low Putts Bonnie Shore.

Chip in and Birdie lady goes to Charlotte Maddox.

Congratulations to all the ladies! T(Aug26,F3)SH



Charlotte Maddox was a big winner. Having a chip in and birdie on Hole # 18. She was chipping up to green from below the hill on fairway. This was a blind shot and all members heard the ball hit the flag pole. Yep and it was in the cup. Great going Charlotte!

Mountain Harbour Ladies Golfers are in a Shambles

Twenty-four golfing gals enjoyed a casual, fun day playing a Shambles game. Each player hits their drive, the best drive is chosen, and each player plays their own ball in from that point through the hole, then choosing two best net balls for the team score. Before play we welcomed new members Maggie Sacks and Jennie Kulzer and our special guest BJ Swilley.

Following our rounds, a pre-ordered lunch was delivered by a volunteer from The Pick-a-Nick Basket Deli on NC Hwy. 175. While Curtis Phillips, Director of Golf tallied the results for the winners and whiners!

1st Place with 114 and \$6 each to Linda Davenport, Cynthia Moorehead, Jennie Kulzer, and Kay Kirkland.

2nd place with a 114 and playoff hole #8 and \$5 each went to Nancy Outlaw, Linda Miles, Mary Ann Strider, and Vicki Hough.

3rd place with a 118 and



L-R are Karen Whittaker, BJ Swilley, and Carol Millward. Following this group was our Closest to the pin winner, Diana Azor who nailed her drive to within 3'10"! Congratulations and enjoy your \$5 prize!

\$4 each went to Diana Azor, Claudia Mahaffie, Jean Sullivan, and Maggie Sacks.

4th place with a 127 and \$3 each went to the team of Linda Robinson, Ann Parsons, Gloria White, and Connie Dockery.

Recently a tree company was hired to remove the big ole, dead oak tree limb from the oak tree behind these

ladies, thus making the even more beautiful view and access to the par 3 green.

Claudia Mahaffie took her own ball all the way through the hole to score a natural birdie on par 5 #14!

Nancy Hamilton was the sole chipper inner today with TWO chip-ins taking home a whopping \$11.50! T(Aug26,H1)SH

YHC thanks supporters of the 2020 Clay Dotson Open

On Monday, Aug. 10, Young Harris College hosted the 16th annual Clay Dotson Open golf tournament at Brasstown Valley Resort to raise money for student scholarships. Approximately 80 golfers played in the tournament, which raised more than \$65,000.

"Many thanks to everyone who sponsored, participated in and supported the 2020 Clay Dotson Open," said Vice President of Advancement Mark Dotson, '88. "Because of your generosity, deserving students will receive scholarships and the opportunity to pursue an education at YHC."

The Clay Dotson Open included two flights. The following teams walked away with first-place honors across the two flights: (Flight A) Wade Patterson, '69, Debra Patterson, '76, Michael Willard and Chase Brinson; and (Flight B) Brian Mundy, Matt Gutierrez, Ray Gutierrez and Lawrence McNabb.

Teams with three or more YHC alumni qualified for the Tom Forkner, Sr. Alumni Challenge. The winning team included Jay Burks, Andy Burks, '94, Jackson Burks, '19, and Ryan Burks, '13.

Michael Willard won the Longest Drive competition, and Wesley Rogers won the Closest to the Pin competition.

"In addition to the golfers, we're fortunate to have the generous support of businesses and families who believe in the mission of Young Harris College and contribute to the Clay Dotson Open to support student scholarships."



Winners of the 2020 Clay Dotson Open Alumni Challenge: Jay Burks, Andy Burks, '94, Jackson Burks, '19, and Ryan Burks, '13.

Atlanta, Georgia Power, Jim Ellison, '88, and Beth Ellison, Kurt Momand, '77, Heather Momand Brunone, '08, Lamin-X Protective Films, and Montag & Caldwell, LLC.

Along with several business and individual Hole Sponsors, Jacky Jones Chevrolet was our Hole-in-One Sponsor. This tournament wouldn't succeed without the help of our sponsors. We're very grateful for their support. NT(Aug26,Z13)CA

Trout stocking sites week of August 17-21, 2020

Fannin: Rock Creek and Toccoa River Tailwaters (Below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)

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(Aug26,Z16)CA