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# **NASCAR 2016**

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter Sam Hornish gets Xfinity Victory

NEWTON, IA--Sam Hornish, who was filling in for an injured Matt Tifft won Sunday's Xfinity Series race. Hornish, who was making his first NASCAR start of the season led 183 laps of the 250 lap race in the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Toyota.

The win was his fourth career series victory and first since 2014. He raced full-time in the Sprint Cup Series for Richard Petty Motorsports last year.

He has been working as a substitute teacher in Ohio. He got a call on Monday to race for Gibbs as a replacement driver, and jumped at the opportunity. Gibbs planned to use Matt Tifft in the No. 18 car but doctors recommended he not race due to a disc condition

in his back. "It's unbelievable," said Hornish. "First, the unexpected phone call asking me to drive for Matt, and then this win. The team had done a great job preparing the car. I've couldn't have asked for anything better.' When asked if he might consider getting back into NA-SCAR racing, he replied, "I'd love to get another phone call."



Sam Hornish

of 23: 1. Crafton-219, 2. Byron-208, 3. Peters-198, 4. Hemric-186, 5. Reddick-182, 6. Nemechek-175, 7. Sauter-174, 8. Kennedy-168, 9. Gallagher-165, 10. Hayley-158.

#### **EARNHARDT HOPING** TO BREAK SLUMP

Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his fiance, Amy Reimann flew son and his No. 42 Sprint Cup to Germany, for a few days, during the off weekend for Sprint Cup drivers. Earnhardt is hopeful the break in the action will allow him to return refreshed, because he needs a win. He won a Daytona Exhibition race in February, but after 15 regular season races, he has no wins and no poles.

be too upset about it later. It's frustrating right now because we had a good car and I was happy with the way the car drove. We had good speed, we just needed to continue to work on getting our track position and we were doing that. We won't get a chance to get the finish I think we could have got today."

While he is still 11th in points, he is winless and slipping. He's only two points ahead of 12th-place Austin Dillon and three ahead of 13th Denny Hamlin. Unless he wins, he must finish in the top-16 to make the Chase for the

Sprint Cup. Meanwhile Kyle Larteam hopes to bounce back

## **11th annual Clay Dotson Open Golf Tournament**

The 11th annual Clay Dotson Open golf tournament was recently held on May 16 at Brasstown Valley Resort. All of the proceeds from the tournament benefit student scholar-ships at Young Harris College. Players enjoyed morning and afternoon flights followed by an awards ceremony. Prizes for the tournament were awarded as follows

Morning Flight: Flight 1 Winner: Matt Stearsman, Daniel Morris, Adam Cohen, David Cochran. Flight 2 Winner: Matthew Hamby, Michael Caverzasi, Chris Bontrager, Jeremy Payne. Flight 1 Second Place: David Bartschy, Kevin Macey, Steve Conrad, Casey Conrad. Flight 2 Second Place: Barrett Elkins, Richard Oats, Randy Dunn. Flight 1 Third Place: Morgan Arp, Chad Kerscher, Matthew Watkins, Jason Karnes. Flight 2 Third Place: Greg Delany, Wesley Reed, Ken Deere, Drew Plousis.

Afternoon Flight: Flight 1 Winner: Richard Oats, Barrett Elkins, Michael Kimsey, Matt Stearsman. Flight 2 Winner: Jo Greco, Jackson Kane, Justin Bramlett, Jason Smith. Flight 1 Second Place: Scott Rich, Andy Burks, Rick Davenport, Matthew Masburn. Flight 2 Second Place: Chet Roach, Laura Cosenzo, Eric Bram, Melissa Campbell, Joe Collums. Flight 1 Third Place: Cody Ching, Dan Davenport, Shawn Kight, Jimmy Nichols. Flight 2 Third Place: Marvin McArthur, David Oakland, Noah Oakland.

Alumni Team Challenge Winners: Scott Rich, Andy Burks, Rick Davenport, Matthew Mashburn.

"I am beyond thankful for the scholarships that have allowed me the opportunity to thrive and fulfill my career goals. I am so proud to call myself a Mountain Lion now, and forever," junior biology major Cierra Alston said. The students, faculty, staff and administration of Young Harris College extend thanks to the generous sponsors of the 2016 Clay Dotson Open:

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For more information about the Clay Dotson Open, contact Director of Development and Corporate Relations Mark Dotson, '88, at (706) 379-5355 or mcdotson@vhc.edu.



Morning Flight 1 winners with Cathy Cox, center.



Cathy Cox, left, with Morning Flight 2 winners.





Cathy Cox, left, with Afternoon Flight 2 winners.

# Youth football signups

Football signups will continue at football players after the camp on the Rec Center on June 25, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

July 9 will be the Annual camp. Youth Football Camp at the High School Practice Field, starting at 8 a.m. until noon that Saturday. Football camp will be free of charge, and will feature drills put on by all the youth football coaches, the new Towns County Indians Head Football Coach John Cornett, as well as the Towns County players themselves

Towns County Youth Smith will be signing up youth July 9, and signups will continue for two weeks after the football

> Required at time of signup will be \$90 to play for the season,

> > Also, kids new to youth

which covers the game jersey,

insurance and a trophy at the end

football will need to bring a

copy - not the original - of their

birth certificates. If youth athletes

played last year, they will not

of the season.



Ty Dillon finished second 1.443-seconds back.

Rounding out the top-10 were Brad Keselowski, Daniel Suarez, Alex Bowman, Elliott Sadler, Justin Allgaier, Brennan Poole, Darrell Wallace Jr., and Ben Kennedy.

Top-10 leaders after 14 of 33: 1. Suarez-490, 2. Sadler-469, 3. A. Dillon-455, 4. Allgaier-422, 5. B. Jones-417, 6. Gaughan-412, 7. E. Jones-411, 8. Poole-407, 9. Wallace-373, 10. Reed-331.

#### **BYRON CLAIMS** THIRD TRUCK WIN

William Byron moved from fourth to first in a late race restart to win Saturday night's Truck Series race at Iowa, for his third win of the season.

Byron, gained the lead from Cole Custer on a restart with nine laps remaining, but a caution three laps later saw him have to fight off the rest of the field.

In the ensuing shootout, the 18-year-old Byron held off challengers Custer and Cameron Hayley for a serieshigh third win in just his ninth Truck Series start.

'My gosh, it's awesome just to be a part of Kyle Busch Motorsports and to have the group of guys I do," said By-ron. "It's amazing. I'm so fortunate to be in this position.

"We had a couple setbacks there. I stalled it on pit road and I had a few setbacks on some restarts, but we kept after it until that last restart. It's awesome.'

Custer finished second, followed by Hayley, Ben Rhodes, Tyler Reddick, Daniel Suarez, Ben Kennedy, Matt Crafton, Christopher Bell, and Johnny Sauter.

Top-10 leaders after 8

He vented his frustration, beginning at Dover on May 15.

In audio posted as part of his weekly web channel show, Earnhardt didn't hide his frustration.

"We have a problem, Houston," he said. "It's time to start understanding how severe this situation is and really get to owning it.

"I'm clearly disappointed. All of the guys on the team are in the same boat, and all the guys on the team are also very positive. You have to be for us to be able to get better -- we all have got to work together. We know we can do it. I believe in all my guys. I believe in Greg and they believe in me. And we'll figure it out. We've been down before.

"But it's time to own it. It's time to get after it. We've been working hard. But we've got to look ourselves in the mirror and really get to it and figure out what's going on."

At Charlotte the next week, he finished 14th.

A week later at Pocono, he had a strong runner-up finish, and it looked like the team might have found something.

Then came Michigan. After being involved in a wreck, which did not allow him to finish, he came in 39th. So naturally, Earnhardt's

frustration continued. "We were in the middle there and the No. 34 (Buescher) ran into the left-rear quarter panel and knocked us in the fence," Earnhardt said. "He must have just lost the nose of his car. I hate it, but you try to take care of each other out there. We all try to race hard and I wish he would have taken better care of us. It happens, though.

from a NASCAR penalty after the Michigan race.

Larson dropped from 19th to 21st in points after NASCAR penalized his team 15 points for a rules violation after his car failed a post-race inspection at Michigan last weekend.

The car was unable to successfully pass a laser inspection at Michigan that gauges the compliance of bodywork.

This was the second week in a row the No. 42 team had been penalized. One week earlier, crew chief Chad Johnston was suspended for one race because of a lug nut violation.

Interim crew chief Philip Surgen was also fined \$25.000.

Surgen, a team engineer was a replacement crew chief for Chad Johnston.

The Sprint Cup teams had Father's Day off. Their next race will be at Sonoma on June 26.

Top-10 Sprint Cup leaders after 15 of 36: 1. Harvick-526, 2. Kurt Busch-496, 3. Keselowski-480, 4. Edwards-472, 5. Logano-455, 6. Elliott-453, 7. Johnson-441, 8. Truex-433, 9. Kyle Busch-417, 10. Kenseth-409.

Weekend Racing: The Truck Series will be at Gateway Motorsports Park, just across the river from St. Louis, Missouri. The Cup teams travel to the 1.99 mile, 12 turn Sonoma, California road course. The Xfinity Series has an off week.

Sat., June 25; Truck Series race 9 of 23; Starting time: 8:30 p.m. ET; TV: Foxsports1.

Sun., June 26; Sprint Cup race 16 of 36; Starting time: 3 p.m. ET; TV: Foxsports1

**Racing Trivia Ques**tion: Which team did Kevin Harvick race for before moving to Stewart-Haas Racing?

Last Week's Question? What year did the Iowa Speedway open? Answer. It opened in 2006.

You may contact the Racing Reporter by e-mail at: "I'm angry, but I won't hodges@race500.com<sub>N(Jun22,Z9)gg</sub>

Mountain High Hikers schedule two hikes every Tuesday, one long and one shorter, as well as occasional specialty hikes. Weekly trail maintenance trips are sched-

uled every Thursday. Come enjoy the beautiful mountains and waterfalls we have here. Check the website www.mountainhighhikers. org for schedule and contact numbers. NT(Jun22,Z1)CA

**National Trails** Day was June 4th

TVA partnered with Union County, GA, Saturday, June 4th, to lead a guided tour on Nottely Hiking and Biking Trail. Fourteen people attended for a walk of leisure along the mountain top ridges and along Nottely Reservoir. The Nottely trail provides access to this beautiful area, as well as a safe, fun way for people to connect with nature.

Stewardship projects and partnerships like this one are a key part to TVA's mis-

Golf League

Last week's event at Chatuge Shores golf course was won by Mel Halfon, John Harkins, Darrell Boltz and Nathan Proper. They returned to the clubhouse with a score of 64 which is 8 strokes under par. Congratulations! T(Jun22,G1)SH

## **MUSA Fall** registration

Fall soccer registration is open for age groups U6-U16 Register online at www. mountainsoccer.org

Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed to P. O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514.

Deadline to register is July 17, 2016.

For additional information please check out our website at www.mountainsoccer.org or email us at musa.soccer@gmail. com

need to bring a copy of their birth TCYFL Director Jimmy certificates.

#### **Rec Department Summer Day Camp**

This summer The Recreation Department will offer day camp for 3 sessions, each session being two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sessions will be as follows: Session II June 20th thru July 1st; Session III July 11th thru July 22nd.

Day Camp offers children sports game activities, social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more. You may send you child to any or all of the sessions. Campers will be provided free breakfast at drop off (Monday- Thursday, Friday drop off at Towns County Beach-no

day's activities, campers need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen, sack lunch, and flotation device (if needed). The Recreation Department will furnish ice water for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at the middle/high school entrance of Towns County Schools. The fee for the two week session is \$120 or \$60 per week (additional discounts for more than one child in immediate family). The fee is payable to Towns County Recreation Department.

For more information please call the Recreation Departbreakfast served). Based on the ment at 706-896-2600. T(Jun22,F1)SH

#### **CSLGA** plays through the heat

Brutal! That was the unanimous description of the heat and humidity on Tuesday. Nevertheless, the intrepid golfers of the CSLGA played their game.

This week's game was an individual one. Winners were determined by discarding the worst hole on the front nine and replacing it with a par; the back nine was the same – discard the worst hole and replace it with a par. That certainly improved a lot of players' scores!

The net winners for the flights were as follows:

Flight A: 1st place, Loretta Hughes; 2nd place, Kathy Stewart.

Flight B: 1st place, Nancy Outlaw; 2nd place, Opal Rose.

Flight C: 1st place, Mary Anderson; 2nd place, Lorene Avery.

Flight D: 1st place, Desna Jarrett; 2nd place, Carol Baxter.

Low putt honors for this week went to Opal Rose. Last week's low putts were earned by Judy Schmitt with Nancy Steck garnering a chip in. Congrats to



Mary Anderson sharpens her skills on the putting green.

all!

Special kudos to Nancy Outlaw for an Eagle on #4. Way to go Nancy!

As always, the CSLGA welcomes new players. New members are coming on board every week. Please contact President Barbara Boswell (828-389-0919) for further information.

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