

Soccer: Union splits at East Hall and Rabun; Monticello postponed until Apr. 12

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The Union County Lady Panthers won both of its games last week, going on the road to knock off East Hall and Rabun County by a combined score of 17-3.

Senior Madison Yost tallied eight goals and six assists during the two wins as Union County improves to 2-0 in Region 8-AA and 4-1 overall.

The Lady Panthers have won four-straight games since dropping the season opener to Lumpkin County -- the 6th ranked team in Class AAA.

Meanwhile, the Union County men dropped a 5-4 overtime heartbreaker at Rabun County after rallying from a 3-1 halftime deficit to force the extra session.

Less than 24 hours removed from its first region loss, the Panthers visited Class AAA's 2nd ranked East Hall Vikings and dropped a 3-1 decision in Rabun County on Wednesday.

Kobi Robbins accounted for the only Panther goal on a penalty kick in the 62nd minute.

At Rabun County, Kobi Robbins got the Panthers off to a hot start when he fed Brian Smith for a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute.

Despite surrendering three goals, sophomore keeper



Madison Yost (left) is greeted by UCHS head coach Tim Hunter (center) as Maddie Sutton (right) waits to re-enter the game. Photo/Todd Forrest

Aaron Helton kept his team in contention by stopping a Rabun penalty kick in the first half to keep Union within two at the intermission.

Trailing 3-1 in the second half, Kyler Robbins assisted Smith's second goal in the 52nd minute. Five minutes later, Smith picked up the hat trick off a pass from Kobi Robbins to even the score at 3-3.

The Wildcats regained the lead in the 72nd minute but it was short-lived as an unassisted goal from Kobi Robbins tied the game in the 77th minute.

Rabun County would score the only points of overtime, coming with approximately four minutes to play.

The loss halts Union County's five-game winning streak over the Wildcats -- dating back to 2014.

The overtime loss came on the heels of a dominating performance by the Lady Panthers, who dismantled Rabun County, 12-2 behind six goals and four assists from Yost.

"We exploded on them for four goals in the first 15 minutes, and after that, we kind of went into cruise control," Lady Panther head coach Tim Hunter said. "We played extremely well for that early time and really put the game away, but then the cold and playing two games in two days kind of set in on our team."

The onslaught began in

the 4th minute when Yost scored an unassisted goal. Rabun tied things up momentarily until junior Mattison Ruff scored off an assist from Yost in the 11th minute.

Yost made it a 3-1 game in the 12th minute with her second unassisted goal of the half. In the 20th minute, she recorded the hat trick -- all unassisted.

Yost fed sophomore Isabella Nottage for a goal in the 26th minute. The final goal of the half was Yost's fourth unassisted score, coming in the 32nd minute.

Senior Anzly Sherman got involved in the scoring off a dual assist from Nottage and Sadie Underwood during the

52nd minute.

"Sadie Underwood played really well in the field for us," Hunter said. "She got some time out there since it was a non-region game."

Sherman picked up an assist when she hooked up with Yost in the 55th minute. Yost fed Nottage in the 57th minute then Ruff assisted Yost in the 59th minute for Union's 10th goal.

Junior Desaray Patterson made it an 11-2 game before Nottage ended the game, via the mercy rule, off a pass from Yost in the 73rd minute.

At East Hall, Yost scored two goals and added two helpers as the Lady Panthers had little trouble in a 5-1 victory.

Yost opened the scoring in the 7th minute off a dish from Sherman. She struck again off a Ruff assist in the 9th minute before setting up senior Maddie Sutton, 35 seconds later.

Sherman recorded the final goal of the half when Yost returned the favor with her second assist of the match.

Senior Ellie Garrison and Patterson hooked up for the only goal of the second half when Patterson scored in the 54th minute.

Friday's Region 8-AA meeting with Monticello was postponed until April 12 and is currently scheduled as Senior Night.

The Lady Panthers visit Hayesville, NC on Tuesday at 5 p.m. while the guys host Dawson County. The Panther JV will kick off at 5 p.m. Tuesday with the varsity to follow.

Union County will host Putnam County on Friday as the Lady Panthers look to remain unbeaten in Region 8-AA.

The Panthers, meanwhile, will have their hands full with the defending State Runner-Up and 2nd ranked War Eagles. After last week's OT loss at Rabun, Union County needs this game if they wish to keep hope alive for the No. 1 seed in Region 8-AA.

A loss all but eliminates the Panthers from one of the top two spots and home field advantage in the first round of State.

MGC competes in Athens, Buford and Cumming

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Blairsville's Mountain Gymnastics Center has remained busy with three competitions in three weeks, beginning with the Made in the USA meet in Athens on Feb. 15-17.

Nine-year old Emma Schuette recorded a first place all-around score of 36.375 in the USA Gold level. Schuette recorded first place scores on the vault and the beam and second on the bars.

Shaylyne Davis also placed first in Athens with an all-around score of 35.725 in AAU Level 2 competition. Davis was first on the beam, second on the bars and third on the floor.

Samantha Blackwell was second in AAU Silver with a 35.7 all-around score. She was second on the bars and third on the floor and vault. Also in AAU Silver, Carly Barnett placed third with a 35.3 all-around total after coming in third on the bars and the beam.

Neveah Leopold was fifth all-around in AAU Silver and Madelyn Earley placed fourth in AAU Level 1.

Reagan Gwynn and Keeley Shook recorded sixth place



USA Gold Level 6 placed second at the Sterling Classic in Buford

all-around performances in AAU Level 2 while Shy'Ann Beasley and Addison Harkins each came in eighth and Lindsey Hammond was 18th.

Rounding out the USA Gold performances were Mia McCombs' fourth place all-around finish, Lola Patton in seventh, Erin Raper in eighth and Reese Chambers in 10th.

Annalyse Kiernan and

Josie Poston each posted a seventh place score on the vault while Jacey Lee was seventh on the beam.

In AAU Level 1, Savannah Ryan placed eighth all-around. Raegan Albritton was ninth and Maieli Ravelo came in 10th.

At the Super Cate Jumpstart to State meet in Cumming on Feb. 23, Ryan placed second

all-around with a first place score on the bars. Earley was third all-around, Albritton came in fourth and Ravelo was fifth with a first place performance on the vault.

In AAU Level 2, Beasley turned in a 36.80 all-around score to take home first. She placed first on the vault, beam and floor.

Davis came in second all-around thanks to first place scores on the vault and the bars. Harkins and Hammond each placed fourth while Gwynn was fifth.

Blackwell highlighted MGC's AAU Silver competition with a second place all-around score of 35.925. Kara Lodge came in seventh after a first place score on the bars.

March got underway with the Sterling Classic in Buford and the USA Gold Level 6 team placed second behind four top six finishes.

Patton came in second, Lee was fourth, Kiernan took fifth and Poston placed sixth.

Chambers was fourth in USA Gold competition with a high score on the beam. Schuette was fifth with second place scores on the vault and beam.

In Level 7 competition, McCombs came in eighth and Raper took ninth.

Union County Recreation Department

2019 Spring Regular Aerobics
Ages: 50 and over

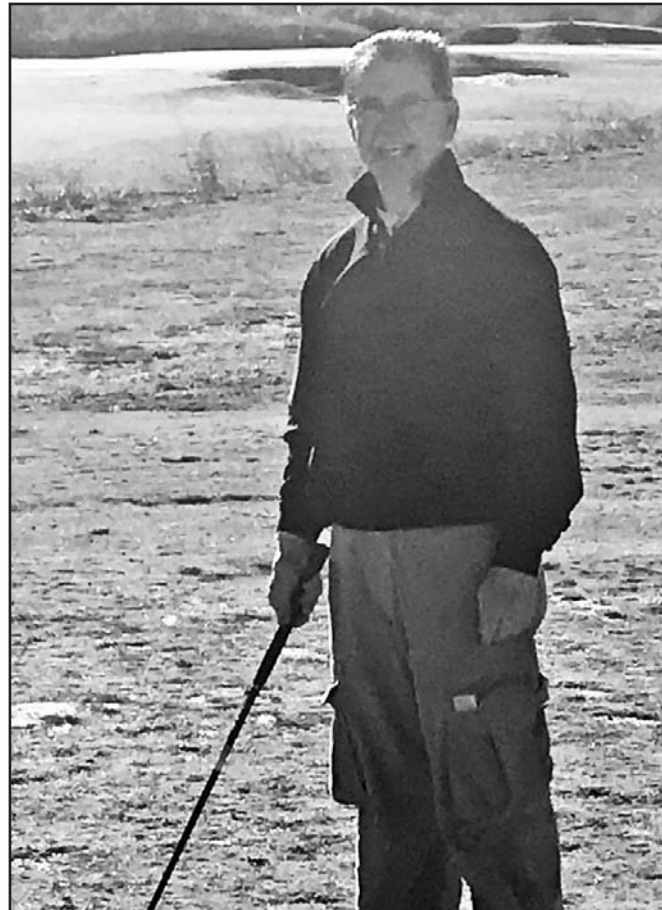
Union County Recreation Department is going to continue to offer Regular Aerobics for the Spring session! This class is in high demand, so don't wait to sign up and miss out on the fun! If you are looking for an indoor exercise program to fit your specific needs, then come on down and sign up for our Spring session of Regular Aerobics. Classes will be in session two times a week for approximately 45 minutes each class. This is a great time to socialize and exercise with a fun group for a very low cost of \$10 for two months!

**Regular Aerobics Registration begins on March 5, 2019 and ends March 29, 2019 (or until class is full) at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street).

Registration must be done in person due to class size limits. If you have any questions, please call our office at (706) 439-6074.



Hole in One at Old Union GC



Carl Seeger recorded an ace on the second hole at Blairsville's Old Union Golf Course on Jan. 17th



MGC's AAU Silver gymnasts



MGC's AAU Level 1 gymnasts

Union County 8, West Hall 7

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	4	2	2	0	1	0
Alec Scott	2	0	0	0	1	1
Damien Chitwood	1	1	1	1	1	0
John Mancuso	4	1	2	2	1	0
Coleson Daniel	3	1	0	0	1	0
Cayden Rich	2	2	1	1	1	0
Hunter Kelley	3	0	1	1	0	0
Austin Garrison	3	0	1	3	0	0
Ean Harkins	2	1	0	0	1	2
Zeke Swartz	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mason McCombs	3	0	0	0	1	1
Kaston Hemphill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	28	8	9	8	8	4

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Kaston Hemphill	5.0	76	.645	3	2	2	4	2	0
Coleson Daniel	1.0	27	.481	4	5	2	1	2	0
Cayden Rich	1.0	14	.643	0	0	0	2	1	0
Totals	7.0	117	.607	7	7	4	7	5	0

Pitching
HBP: Coleson Daniel, Kaston Hemphill 2

Union County 0, Social Circle 2

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	3	0	2	0	0	1
Alec Scott	3	0	2	0	0	1
Cayden Rich	3	0	0	0	0	3
Zeke Swartz	3	0	1	0	0	2
Austin Garrison	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hunter Kelley	3	0	0	0	0	0
Coleson Daniel	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ean Harkins	1	0	0	0	0	1
Alec Youngblood	3	0	1	0	0	0
Jonathan Everett	2	0	0	0	1	2
Mason McCombs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	0	7	0	1	12

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Isaak Mullinack	6.0	89	.618	5	2	1	4	2	0
Totals	6.0	89	.618	5	2	1	4	2	0

Pitching
L: Isaak Mullinack
HBP: Isaak Mullinack

Union County 1, Social Circle 2

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Isaak Mullinack	2	0	0	0	1	1
Alec Scott	3	0	0	0	0	3
Zeke Swartz	3	0	1	1	0	0
Hunter Kelley	3	0	0	0	0	2
Austin Garrison	2	0	0	0	0	1
Alec Youngblood	3	0	0	0	0	1
Cayden Rich	3	0	0	0	0	2
Ean Harkins	3	0	0	0	0	3
Payton Ivester	2	1	1	0	0	1
Mason McCombs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	2	1	1	14

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Zeke Swartz	6.0	82	.732	3	2	1	9	0	0
Totals	6.0	82	.732	3	2	1	9	0	0

Pitching
L: Zeke Swartz
HBP: Zeke Swartz