

# Soccer: Panthers tie at Pickens; fall 4-0 at Lumpkin County

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The Panthers were unable to hang on to a 1-0 second-half lead at Pickens County on Tuesday, allowing a Dragon goal with 23:37 remaining to finish in a 1-1 tie.

Later in the week, Union County (2-6-1, 0-4) would travel to Lumpkin County where the Indians used three goals in a seven-minute span to take a 3-0 advantage into halftime before cruising to a 4-0 victory.

This week, the Panthers host North Hall on Tuesday and fifth-ranked Greater Atlanta Christian on Friday. Both contests will follow the Lady Panthers, who begin at 5:30 p.m.

**JASPER - Panthers 1, Pickens County 1:** Following a scoreless first half and 11-plus scoreless minutes in the second half, Sean Dobbins got Union County on the board with 29:38 to play off an assist from Al Rodriguez.

It wouldn't take Pickens County long to answer, however, as they evened the score at the 23:37 mark.

The Dragons were unable to score again on Panther goalkeeper Aaron Helton, who



Left: Senior Sean Dobbins with a throw-in at Pickens County. Right: Al Rodriguez splits the Pickens County defense during the first half of Tuesday's 1-1 tie. Photos/Todd Forrest

stopped a Pickens County shot with 8:25 remaining, then watched as the Dragons sailed a shot wide left at the 2:49 mark.

Meanwhile, the Panthers were unable to convert a free kick as the clock approached two minutes.

The first scoring opportunity of the game also belonged to Union County as Rodriguez

missed wide left in the 16th minute.

Later, Pickens missed wide right in the 27th and 28th minutes of the game. Helton would deny the Dragons on a free kick in the 34th minute and on a corner kick during the 35th minute.

**DAHLONEGA - Panthers 0, Lumpkin 4:** The Indians wasted little time put-



ting Union County away in a Region 7-AAA contest that had playoff implications for the home team.

During the 13th minute, Lumpkin County converted the first of three goals scored in under seven minutes.

The second goal was in the 16th minute and the third in the 20th minute.

The game wouldn't see

any more scoring until the final minutes when the Indians tacked on another goal with 4:32 to play.

Although, Lumpkin County just missed a score with under 23 minutes to play when consecutive shots went off the post.

Looking ahead - North Hall will come to Blairsville on Tuesday with a 2-8 record

that includes a 3-2 win over Dawson County, a 1-0 loss to Fannin County, and a 3-2 loss to Lumpkin County.

The Trojans also own a 2-1 non-region victory over East Jackson.

No. 5 GAC visits Union County on Friday, looking to remain unbeaten in region play following a 3-0 win over Dawson County.

## Track and Field: Union Co. sets three school records at Mt. Yonah Invitational on Friday

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**CLEVELAND** - Katelynn Hodges, Evelyn McBride, and Courtney Moose returned home Friday night as school record holders in their respective event.

Hodges' mark of 13-7 in the long jump set a new UCHS school record. McBride's record came in the high jump with a height of 4-8, while Moose's shot put record came on a throw of 30-2.

As for the event results, Moose would place first in the discus with a throw of 88-2; and Zoe Sanchez was first in the 1600-meter with a time of 5:58.02. Sanchez also



L-R: Katelynn Hodges in the long jump, Evelyn McBride prepares for her high jump, and Courtney Moose competing in the shot put. UCHS Track and Field photos are courtesy of Jenni Oakley.

placed second in the 3200 with a time of 12:50.27.

Sawyer Drake placed second in the high jump at 5-10 and Lance Underwood finished second in the 1600,

clocking in at 4:59.31, he also took home third in the 3200 at 10:52.48.

## Golf: Union County girls win at Innsbruck



Union County Lady Panthers from earlier in the season.

**HELEN** - The Union County girls golf team edged Gainesville High and White County at Innsbruck Golf Club last week.

Union County shot a 135. Gainesville placed second with a 139 and White County was third at 140.

## Tri-County Race Track results from Friday's opening day

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**BRASSTOWN** - Tri-County Racetrack hosted its opening day Friday, March 16.

They had the full racing program and special guests United CC Modified Lite Series and the \$3,000 to win Schaefer's Oil Southern Bonus Series Super Late Models.

The final results are as follows:

**Street Stocks** - first place was No. 43 Micheal Harper, second place was No. 192 Jay Lynch, third place was No. 05 Ronnie Gill, fourth place was No. 01 Jacob Lynch, and fifth place was No. 191 Troy Turner.

**Modified Street** - first-place No. 6 Mark Wilbanks, second place was No. 34 Greg Sudderth, third place was No. 15 Kenny Taylor, fourth place was No. 50 Charles Devin Jr, and fifth place was No. 45 Brandon Elliott.

**Front Wheel Drive** - first place was No. J3 Josh Deese, second place was No. 05 Hunter Hughes, third place was No. 32 Logan Exum, fourth place was No. 10 Sandi Klaucke and fifth place was No. 55 Eric Lecory.



Jacob Lynch - No. 01



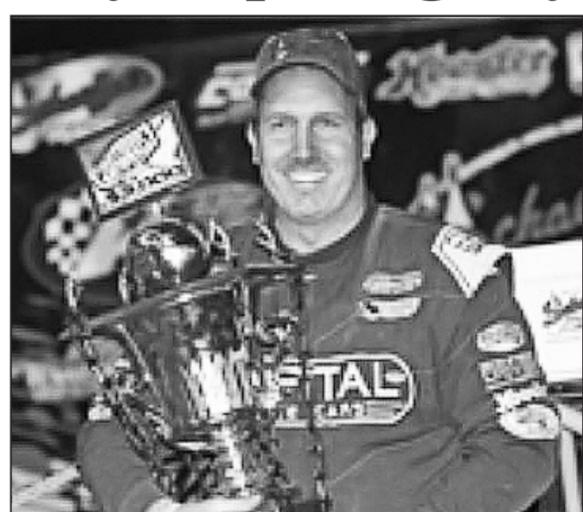
Jay Lynch - No. 192

**Super Late Models** - first-place No. 25 Shane Clanton lead the race from start to finish, second place was No. 7 Ricky Weiss, third place was

No. 101 Casey Roberts, fourth place was No. x15 Shawn Chastain, and fifth place was No. 38 Jamie Oliver.

**Pony** - first place was

No. 4 Marty King, second place No. 43 Tain Ross, third place was No. 32 Franklin Burk, and fourth place No. 88 Bryel Moody.



Shane Clanton

## Trout stocking sites week of March 12-16, 2018

Fannin: Rock Creek and Toccoa River Tailwaters of Lake Blue Ridge.

Union: Canada Creek, Suches Creek, Toccoa River, Wildhog and Winfield Scott Lake.

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](http://www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh). The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NTMar21Z14/CA

## 2018 Pickleball Youth Clinic

On behalf of the Blairsville Pickleball Club we are proud to announce our first Pickleball Youth Clinic ages 12 - 14.

The game of Pickleball is a new and growing sport becoming popular all across the nation. There

are several local Pickleball Clubs in the north Georgia area and surrounding counties. Union County currently has a large membership of more than 170 members.

Pickleball is a wonderful sport that can be fun, healthy, and enjoyed

by players of all ages. We are excited to offer this free Clinic to the youth of Union County.

The clinic will be held at Meek's Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts on June 4th, 5th, and 6th from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Application packets are available at the Union County Recreation Dept., 310 Wellborn Street, Blairsville, GA.

Space will be limited to first 16 participants only. Participants will receive a letter notifying you of acceptance in the clinic. Deadline for registration is May 1, 2018. NTMar21Z13/CA

## "Old Folks" Bass Tournament

The "Old Folks" Bass Tournament starts Thursday, April 5, 7:30 a.m. at Deaver Town Ramp on Lake Nottley. Everyone welcome! NTMar21Z10/CA

## 5K Run/Walk to benefit the March of Dimes

The second annual Duncan Dash 5K run/walk and fun run will be held March 24th at 8:30 AM at Meeks Park in Blairsville to benefit the March of Dimes.

"The March of Dimes fights for the health of all moms and babies. We're advocating for policies to protect them. We're working to radically improve the healthcare they receive. We're pioneering research to find solutions. We're empowering families with the knowledge and tools to have healthier pregnancies. By uniting communities, we're building a brighter future for us all," says Melissa Cox, senior development manager for the March of Dimes in Atlanta.

Nationally, more than three million people in over 500 communities participate in events to support the March of Dimes. The Duncan Dash is put on by the family of Duncan Lawrence, a brave 10-year-old whose fight for life has inspired many. "Our son was

born 4 months premature," says his mother, "and without the March of Dimes, he never would have made it. We want to give back. Last year's Duncan Dash raised \$10,000 to save babies' lives, and we're hoping to do that again."

All proceeds from the Duncan Dash will support the March of Dimes' work to prevent premature births, save babies' lives, and provide quality healthcare for mothers. Many area businesses and organizations have already stepped up as sponsors for the event, including United Community Bank, North Georgia Family Medicine, Leon's Floors, Genesis Therapeutics, Mercier Orchards, Carl Patterson Flooring, Brother's at Willow Ranch, the Lighthouse Church, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Kiddos' Clubhouse, Blairsville Martial Arts Academy, Sammie's Sub Shop, Arne's Auto Parts, Ageless Smiles, Aviator Café, Harris Family Dentistry, Sage Wax Boutique, Hillcrest Clinic, Proflame Gas,

Spry Family Dry Cleaners, and Black Tie & Tails Doggie Day Spa. "This is truly a community event, and we're so grateful for everyone's support," says Duncan's father.

Those who wish to sign up to run or walk in the Duncan Dash can do so through [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or at registration the day of the event. Donations to Team Duncan's fundraising efforts on behalf of the March of Dimes can be made at [www.marchforbabies.org/supportduncan](http://www.marchforbabies.org/supportduncan). About March of Dimes: The March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies through lifesaving research, community-based programs, and advocacy. For more than 75 years, moms and their babies have benefited from the March of Dimes research, education, vaccines, and breakthroughs. To find out more about the March of Dimes and how to raise funds and awareness to prevent premature birth and birth defects visit [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org). NTMar21A3/SH

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