Basketball: Union County wraps up summer ball with FCA camp

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Union County basketball's summer camp season concluded with last week's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp on June 17-18.

The Lady Panthers took part in the morning session under the direction of assistant coach Mandy Hunter.

Meanwhile, the Union County men began getting acquainted with new head coach Corey Garrett.

After leading the Lady Panthers for the last two seasons, Garrett moves over to the guys' squad in place of Casey

Since taking over in 2013-14, Jones won 91 games in his six seasons at the helm and will leave Garrett with a pair of All-Region selections in point guard Pierson Allison and forward Sawyer Drake.

Rising-senior Cayden Rich rounds out the three returning starters along with last year's sixth man Sawyer Brey, who wasn't at camp but is expected to rejoin the team.

The 2019-20 Panthers will also benefit from the addition of 6-foot, 6-inch Kyle Morlock and the 6-foot, 5-inch Kaston Hemphill, who are both stars on the gridiron but should help out on the hardwood following the graduation of starting center Britt Waller.

The Lady Panthers, meanwhile, are awaiting the arrival of their new head coach Crystal Beach.

When she arrives, Beach will find a squad that returns four starters off last season's team that just missed the State



Rising-senior Pierson Allison vs Towns County. Photo/Todd Forrest

in Region 8-AA. In their final since their sophomore camgo-round at UCHS, this year's senior class will be hungry for a taste of the postseason after watching seven consecutive state tournament appearances come to an end as freshmen.

As sophomores, they were bounced by Dawson County in the first round of region; as juniors they were eliminated by Monticello in the region's opening round.

three senior starters is Kait Mc-Carter, who has started in the low post since her freshman

Alongside McCarter is have battled through the trials, as well -- tough-as-nails point guard Brooke Dockrey and the versatile, do-everything forward Andelin Hill. Both

paigns after seeing significant minutes as freshmen.

Rounding out the four returning starters is reigning Class AA Freshman of the Year Ava Hunter. Hunter, a 6-foot tall post,

led the team in scoring last season but hopes to expand her offensive repertoire as a sophomore. Other contributors from

Leading Union County's last season that saw action at the FCA camp are sophomores Riley Allison and Ansley Collins and senior Adelia Pyle, among others.

Other teams participatanother pair of seniors that ing at last week's FCA camp were Towns, Fannin Lumpkin, Gilmer, Pickens and Rabun

Murphy, Hayesville, Hiwassee Dam and Highlands Tournament after falling to fifth Dockrey and Hill have started North Carolina also took part.



Rising-senior Andelin Hill blocks a Hayesville shot attempt at last week's camp. Photo/Todd Forrest



 ${\bf Rising\hbox{-}sophomore\ Ansley\ Collins\ drives\ to\ the\ hoop\ for\ two.\ Photo/Todd\ Forrest}$



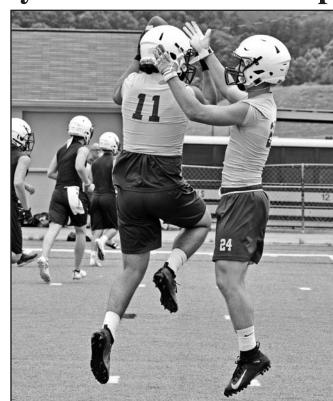
Football: Union hosts Fannin, White and Murphy at FCA 7-on-7 camp

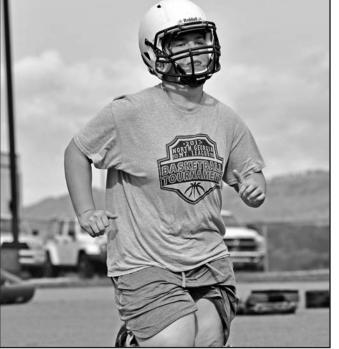


Despite being held by the shoulder, Sawyer Drake beats a White County defender for a touchdown. Photo/Todd Forrest



Rising-senior safety/wide receiver John Mancuso goes up high to snag a pass at last week's FCA 7-on-7 camp. Photo/Todd Forrest

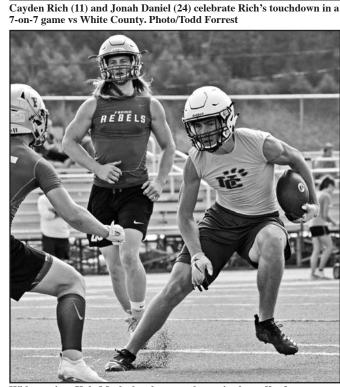




The Union County offensive line was busy doing the hard work at practice while the skill position guys played 7-on-7. Photo/Todd Forrest



515 FCA hosted a devotional prior to last week's camp. No scores were kept but Union (unofficially) won three of five. Photo/Todd Forrest



Wide receiver Kyle Morlock, who recently received an offer from Shorter University, tries to shake a Fannin defender. Photo/Todd Forrest