

# Union County High School swimmers are State bound

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Christmas break has been a very successful time for the Union County High School Swim Team.

Five members of the swim team recently punched their ticket to the state meet by beating the required qualifying times.

On Dec. 16 at the University of Georgia Aquatic Center, senior Aidan Francis qualified for the State Swim Meet by swimming his 50-yard freestyle in 23.36 seconds - the qualifying time was 23.5.

Last Tuesday at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center in Clarksville, four more swimmers advanced when the boys relay team of freshman Luke Gambrell, sophomore Brian Williams, junior Grayson Blocker and Francis qualified in the 200-yard Freestyle, clocking in at 1:39.17. The time to beat was 1:40.



The UCHS Boys Relay team after qualifying for state.

The State Swim Meet will be held at the Georgia Institute of Technology - the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics - on February 2-3. The Union County High School Swim Team is coached by Kathy Mancuso, Emily Stafford

and Barry Gay. (Kathy Mancuso contributed to this article.)



Aidan Francis with coaches Kathy Mancuso (L) and Emily Stafford (R).

# Wrestling: Panthers finish third at the Union Invitational

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Six Union County wrestlers placed as the Panthers turned in a third place performance at the Panther Invitational earlier this month at The Pit.

Issac Tritt took home first place in the 145-pound weight class and Logan Tritt joined him with a first place finish in the 152-pound division.

Union County also picked up three third place finishes with Tyree Mackey taking third at 138 pounds, Cristian Martinez placing third at 170 pounds and Brian Nelson finishing in third place at 182 pounds.

In fourth place was freshman JJ Littles at 126 pounds.

The Panthers have been busy over the Christmas break with duals at Swain County, NC last weekend. This weekend, Union County travels to Dawson County for the Amicalola Classic.

Area Duals will take place next weekend, Jan. 5-6 at Jackson County.



Union County wrestlers following their third place finish at the Panther Invitational on Dec. 16.

# Photo Gallery: Union County at the FCA Football Classic



Cole Wright scored two receiving TDs during Team Georgia's 20-13 victory over Team North Carolina.



RJ Banton (42), Cole Dockrey (33) and Clay Carroll (90) team up for a tackle.



Sean Dobbins



Logan Dyer



Austin Patten



Union County OL/DL Del Ruff (88) with a tackle. FCA Game photos by Todd Forrest

## Gene Langford bowls a 299 game



On December 13th, Gene Langford bowled a 299 game in the Young @ Heart League at Blairville Galaxy Bowling. Congratulations Gene!

## Bowling scores

Monday Night Men's League: Ron Wingate 235, Ryan West 209, 215, Series 605, Bill Smith 226, Jeff Boyle 200, 229, Series 609, Taz Matetzschk 201, 224, 246, Series 671, Derick Rice 226, 213, 278 Series 717, Guy Hill 200, Jim McCreary 227, 226, Series 630, John Delphino 222, 205, Bill Cox 210, Bob Bischoff 202, Greg Wittenberg 223, 215, 268, Bryan Cuthbert 206, 211, Pete DeJoseph 212, 276, 203, Series 691, Doug Tanner 210, 225, Series 644.

Monday Night Ladies: Janet Burrell 188, 187.

Blairville Youth: Jared Edwards 132, 154, 189, Ivy Robbins 121, 136, 95, Christian Theriot 147, 150, 136, Jaden Love 120, 117, 132, Ben Love 121, 122, 88, Nick Love 155, 112, 120, Cooper Boyle 224, 200, 125, Noah Freuen 82, 117, 76, Lily Love 111, 138, 77, Michaela Caldwell 139, 159, 120, Micana Wooten 83, 96, 91, Joshua Collins 125, 117, 117, Connor Rexroad 154, 132, 167,

Kiley Hartness 117, 81, 131, Cody Meeks 106, 79, 110, Cooper Allen 110, 88, 85.

Un-Bowl-ievable League: 1st- Splits Happen, 2nd- Exit Realty, 3rd- Spare Me, 4th SLB.

Young @ Heart Seniors: Jim Kidder 204, Kelvin Craig 190, Mel White 233, Ron Wingate 201, 203, Steve Fischer 211, 254, Series 630, Stanley Tyler 216, 236, Lillian Clark 188, John Delphin 223, Gene Langford 193, 299, 194, Series 686, Bill Bongiovanni 209, Del Neiffer 218, 223, Pat Craig 201.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Justin Miller 220, Janet Burrell 214, Rick Bracken 220, Jim McCreary 215, 222, Series 633, Stanley Tyler 206, Tony Lynch 216, 200, 204, Tee Turner 203, Jimmy Southern 246, 225, Series 648, Brett Hogsd 232, 226, Series 637, Shay Roberts 204, Branden Hartness 237, David McGregor 226, Keith Rhodes 225, Ray Everett 201, 204, DJ De-Joseph 223.

## Union County Recreation Department Winter Aerobics and Indoor Walking 2018 Low Impact Aerobics and Walking Ages: 50 and over

The New Year is quickly approaching! If you are looking for indoor exercise programs to fit your New Year's Resolution of a healthier lifestyle, then come on down to the Union County Recreation Department and sign up for our



Winter Aerobics and indoor walking programs! The Program Director of Union County Parks and Recreation will be leading aerobics sessions two times a week for January and February and indoor walking sessions for January twice a week for 60 minutes. This is a great time to socialize and exercise with a fun group!

\*\*Winter Aerobics Registration begins on December 13, 2017 and ends January 2, 2018 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street)

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