

Lady Panther softball goes 3-0 during week two of Summer League

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Woodstock - The Lady Panthers picked up three more victories last week over Allatoona, Etowah, and Kell.

In Union's 4-1 win over Allatoona, rising junior Crystal Busbee picked up the win from the circle, allowing three hits, one walk, and striking out five. She also helped her own cause going 1-for-2 at the plate.

Rising freshmen Lydia Arrowood and Laken Chambers made their presence felt early with Arrowood going 2-for-2 and Chambers going 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Rising juniors Haylle King, Courtney Busbee, and Kelsey Nix each picked up a hit, with King's bringing in a run. Rising sophomore Madison Garrett also recorded a hit.

In the second game, Union knocked off Etowah 7-1.

Chambers got the ball and picked up the win, allowing two hits, three walks, and fanning six hitters. She also drove in three runs in a 2-for-3 performance.

Crystal Busbee went 3-for-3 and Courtney Busbee was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Garrett, King, and freshmen Maddie Horinek and Kendra Tanner each drove in a run for the Lady Panthers. Arrowood and rising sophomores Alyssa Arnold reached on a base hit and Johnna Langston was hit by a pitch.

In the third and final



Freshman Laken Chambers. Photos by Todd Forrest



Haylle King



Maddie Garrett

game, Union defeated Kell 8-0 with Crystal Busbee picking up the win. She allowed two hits, two walks, and struck out seven.

Chambers and Kelsey Nix had big days at the plate, each going 2-for-3. The Busbee twins each went 1-for-3.

Garrett, King, Arrowood, and

Karly Nix all recorded a hit. Horinek walked three times and Langston added a walk.

Union's game with Towns on Monday was cancelled so Union's next contest will be Tuesday at Lumpkin County. The Lady Panthers will face Lumpkin at 5 p.m. and Dawson County at 6:30 p.m.



July 16th - 18th

Tuesday - Thursday

Early Registration \$50

Day of Registration \$60

Ages 7 to 13

CONTACT: Coach Allison (770) 639-7331 | Coach McCombs (706) 781-9893

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Union County High School Football Field

Info: Water and Gatorade will be provided. Please bring Water bottle with name. Wear shorts, t-shirts, and cleats.

Each child will receive a Football camp T-shirt

Please Return with Payment

Name: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Parent: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

*Please make checks payable to Union County QB Club, 153 Panther Circle, Blairsville, GA 30512

****This is an offensive position oriented camp.****

Please Circle Campers Offensive Position: Quarterback | Line | Receiver/Running Back



Rising freshman second baseman Lydia Arrowood (left) and rising junior pitcher Crystal Busbee.

North Georgia Rapids swim team picks up five Top-10 finishes



The North Georgia Rapids Swim Team sent seven swimmers to the Winder meet.

The North Georgia Rapids Swim Team sent seven of its more experienced swimmers to Winder for the League's first summer swim meet.

Five of the swimmers made the coveted Top-10 status in their individual age group.

Courtney Foster and Hunter White were the team's youngest swimmers, finishing sixth and seventh respectively. Brennan Bowman and

the twin brother team of Steven and Brian Williams all had numerous personal best times in the 12&U age group, with Brennan earning a second overall finish and and Brian an eighth.

Brennan Wilkes, who also swims for Union County High School, earned a seventh place overall finish. Megan Foster, who will be joining the high school team this year as a

freshman, completed the team's swimmers.

All in all, it was a great way to start the summer swim season.

The Rapids Swim Team practices year round at the Union General Wellness Center's state of the art facility.

For more details about the swim team, contact Barry Gay at (706) 835-1662.

NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Truex shines at Sonoma

Martin Truex Jr. put on a dominating performance in capturing Sunday's 110-lap Sprint Cup race at Sonoma Raceway, for his first win of the season, and second of his career. The other win came at Dover in 2007.

"I can't put this into words," he said. "We've had some tough luck, but that's part of racing. We were able to show everyone today what this team is capable of. We started off with a good car, and the team made it better as we went along."

"It was a fabulous car at the end. This was our day."

Jeff Gordon was 27th about midway of the race, after getting caught in the pits when a caution came out, but rallied to finish second.

"Oh man, what a day," said Gordon. "This is a race where you never know what is going to happen. Today, we had a fantastic race car. We had a lot of distance to make up, so I'm thrilled to get second. It feels like a win to me."

Third-place finisher, Carl Edwards never ran near the front until after his last pit stop.

"I love this place," said Edwards. "It's all about strategy and staying out of trouble. I know I probably got into a couple cars today, and I wish I hadn't, but it was a good race."

Kurt Busch battled back from a pit road speeding penalty to finish fourth.

"Yeah, we had a fast car, and I take all the blame," said Busch. "I just didn't get my tachometer right coming into the pits and put us in a hole. We just didn't have enough laps left to dig out. My bad."

Clint Bowyer, Kasey Kahne, Marcos Ambrose, Greg Biffle, Jimmie Johnson, and Kevin Harvick were the remaining top-10 drivers.

Juan Montoya had a fast car and was running second with two laps remaining in the race, when he ran out of fuel. He finished 34th.

Kyle Busch also had a fast car, but couldn't keep it under control. He spun at least four different times and finished 35th.

Top-10 leaders after 16 of 36: 1. Johnson-573, 2. Edwards-548, 3. Bowyer-528, 4. Harvick-510, 5. Kenseth-481, 6.

Biffle-479, 7. Earnhardt-479, 8. Kyle Busch-461, 9. Keselowski-454, 10. Truex-453.

IT'S A. J. AT ROAD AMERICA

Car owner Roger Penske gave A. J. Allmendinger a second chance.

Allmendinger repaid him by winning Saturday's Nationwide race at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Last year Allmendinger was suspended when he failed a NASCAR drug test, resulting in the loss of his ride at Penske Racing. He said he took a pill offered by a friend that turned out to be Adderall. He was reinstated after completing a NASCAR-affiliated recovery program, and now is getting a limited second chance with the Penske team this year.

Allmendinger, who had the fastest car for most of Saturday's race, took the lead from Justin Allgaier with seven laps to go in regulation, then survived two green-white-checkered overtime finishes.

Afterward, he expressed appreciation to Penske, the team owner who originally let him go last season after he was suspended for violating NASCAR's substance abuse policy.

"It's just meant the world to me," Allmendinger said. "This was the only way I could repay him. I was trying so hard out there - and, at times, probably over-trying."

"I knew the car was quicker than everybody else. I knew that as long as I didn't make any mistakes they weren't going to pass me."

Justin Allgaier was second.

"I'm still not a road racer, I can assure you of that," Allgaier said. "Just watching A.J. and seeing some of the places he was able to go on that last green-white-checker, I still have some stuff to learn."

Parker Kligerman, Owen Kelly, Sam Hornish, Brian Vickers, Kyle Larson, Cole Whitt, Elliott Sadler, and Austin Dillon rounded out the top-10.

Top-10 leaders after 14 of 33: 1. Smith-507, 2. Allgaier-479, 3. Hornish-477, 4. A. Dillon-462, 5. Sadler-459, 6. Kligerman-447, 7. Larson-440, 8. Scott-439, 9. Vickers-433, 10. Bayne-421.

Note: Allmendinger will



Martin Truex, winner at Sonoma. Furnished by Toyota

drive for JTG Daugherty next week at Kentucky Speedway, car owner Tad Geschickler told Motor Racing Network on Saturday. It will be the second of five races Allmendinger is scheduled to drive the No. 47 car in place of Bobby Labonte, as JTG Daugherty seeks to uncover what has caused its struggles this season.

Allmendinger drove for the team last week at Michigan, finishing 19th - the team's best result since Richmond in late April. Allmendinger also is scheduled to drive for the team at Watkins Glen. The other two races he's scheduled to run with JTG have not been determined.

WATCH OUT FOR STEWART

Will Tony Stewart be able to keep his midseason performance going or will he begin to fall off again?

In the beginning of the season, Stewart and his team were like a race horse that stumbled coming out of the gate. After four races into the season he wasn't even in the top-20.

Prior to the May 26 race at Charlotte, his best finish was 15th. Since then, he's finished 7th, 1st, 4th and 5th.

If history is any indicator, Stewart runs better in hot weather. He said prior to the 2011 Chase, he didn't even deserve to be in it with the way his team was performing. But when the championship came down to the last race at Homestead, Stewart out duelled Carl Edwards to win his second championship.

Stewart spoke to the media prior to the Sonoma race about his team's situation.

"It's definitely been gratifying for sure," he said. "The

thing is that, 'A,' we have to stay there and 'B,' we got to be consistent. "Getting there has been a lot of fun, it's been very trying to get to this point, but it just shows how quickly you can get things turned around."

"There's other teams that can make gains like that too. It's a constant moving target. You have to consistently keep up with it and I'm proud of our group. The hard work that they've put to get us caught back up. The hard thing is that you can't stop and they can't stop with that intensity. We all have to keep working hard and keep that intensity up to get through the rest of the year."

Stewart was involved in a couple bumping incidents at Sonoma and finished 28th. He is currently 15th in points.

Weekend Racing: All three of NASCAR's major series will be at the 1.5-mile Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, KY.

Thurs., June 27, Camping World Trucks, race 8 of 22: Starting time: 8 pm ET; TV: SPEED.

Fri., June 28, Nationwide Series, race 15 of 33: Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Sat., June 29, Sprint Cup, race 17 of 36: Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: TNT.

Racing Trivia Question: A. J. Foyt focused mainly on Indy-racing, but he raced several partial seasons in NASCAR. What year did he win the Daytona 500?

Last Week's Question: How old is Dale Earnhardt Jr.? **Answer:** He was born Oct. 10, 1974, so he is currently 38 years old.

You may e-mail the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com.

Hike the Trout Adventure Trail

Saturday, July 6th, the Benton MacKaye Trail Association and Trout Unlimited together will lead two hikes on the Trout Adventure Trail in the Chattahoochee National Forest. Group 1 will hike about 5 miles on the BMT and AT and Group 2 will hike an easy 2.2 miles round trip to Long Creek Falls where both groups will meet around 12:30 p.m. This is a free event sponsored by Trout Unlimited, with lunch and a

discussion included on the area's mountain trout and efforts to preserve and conserve the habitat. All pre-registered hikers will receive lunch and a distinctive Trout Adventure Trail patch.

Children are welcome and encouraged. To register and for further information on caravan meeting location in Blue Ridge, e-mail: trout.adventure.trail@gmail.com.

Fish for Food Fishing Tournament

Matthew 25 Food Ministries presents "Fish for Food Fishing Tournament". 60% of tournament money goes to feed needy families in our area. The remaining 40% will go to tournament prize money. Prize money will be awarded for 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place and biggest fish. Actual prize amount will depend on number of entries.

Entry fee is \$50 per boat, the tournaments end in October, occurring the second Saturday of each month rotating between Lake Chatuge, Woods Grove Boat Ramp and Lake Nottely, Deaver Road Boat Ramp, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tournament schedule: July 13 - Chatuge; August 10 - Nottely; September 14 - Chatuge; and October 12 - Nottely. For contact information call David Crisp at 706-897-5347.



Trout stocking sites week of June 17-21, 2013

Fannin: Big Creek, Hemptown Creek, Hothouse Creek, Rock Creek, Toccoa River, and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam).

Lumpkin: Etowah River and Niblewill Creek.

Union: Cooper Creek and Toccoa River.

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state.