

Garrison makes it five-for-five at Banks County

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Homer - Union County sophomore Emma Garrison continued her winning ways as she picked up another first place overall finish at Banks County last week.

Her time of 20:56 set the pace and led the Lady Panthers to a second place finish at what Union County Head Coach Jackie Hughes called a "very challenging course."

Rachel Todd brought home a fifth place finish at 25:35, Stephanie Busse was ninth at 26:43, and Marissa Spaulding was 10th at 27:03.

After placing four runners in the Top-10, the Lady Panthers also laid claim to 11th, 12th, and 14th positions, but it wasn't enough to overtake the host Banks County Lady Leopards for first place.

Cora Bauman checked



The Union County Lady Panthers take off from the starting line early in the season. Photo/Todd Forrest

The Panthers continued to pack well, picking up 11th, 12th, and 13th.

Aaron Stafford was 11th at 21:38, Ryan Rogers was 12th at 21:49, and Josh Weaver rounded out Union's Top-seven at 21:50 and 13th place.

MS Football: Panthers take out frustrations on Towns

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The Towns County Middle School Indians were in the wrong place at the wrong time last Thursday.

Coming off a gut-wrenching loss to Lumpkin County in the waning seconds, the Panthers rebounded with 36 unanswered points in the first half against rival Towns.

Union allowed a touchdown in the final seconds of the contest for a 36-8 final.

Joe Miller took the opening kickoff 80 yards for a score. When the Panther offense finally took the field, quarterback Cole Wright hit Kanon Hemphill for 35-yard scoring strike.

At the 3:45 mark of the first quarter, Wright found Cole Dockery on a swing pass that he took for 25 yards and a score.

In the second quarter, Brian Smith scooped up an Indian fumble and took it to the house from 40 yards out. The final score of the game came on a screen pass from Wright to Miller that resulted in a 70-yard score and a 36-0 lead.

With a running clock in the second half, the teams exchanged possessions until Union fumbled with 34 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The Panthers would stuff the Indians on fourth down, but



The UCMS defense swarmed Towns all day. Photos by Todd Forrest

Union went three-and-out and punted.

The Panthers will now open the postseason on the road at Rabun County on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

The Panthers suffered a six-touchdown loss to the Wildcats last month.



He's gone! Joe Miller takes the opening kick 80 yards for a score. Photo/ Lowell Nicholson

Youth Football almost perfect

Last Saturday's Scores: This Saturday's Games:

8U: Bye
9U: UC 40 Gilmer 0
10U: UC 33 Lumpkin 0
11U: UC 38 Lumpkin 0
12U: Flow. Branch 50 UC 0

8U: @ Fannin 9 a.m.
9U: @ Lumpkin 12 p.m.
10U: @ Dawson 3 p.m.
11U: @ Rabun 1:30 p.m.
12U: @ North Hall 4:30 pm



Photo/Todd Forrest

Blairsville's Bob Jackson victorious at Paradise Drag way



Bob Jackson gets a victory kiss from his wife Billie. Jackson won first place at the Calhoun Drag Strip on Sept. 15th and made it to the Semi-Finals on Sept. 22nd. Jackson, a drag racer from the 1960's-70's, returned to the sport more than five years ago, building his 1991 Fox Body Mustang with a stroked small block Ford Engine. Jackson has been happy with the car's performance of late.

Marine Corps League Warrior Golf Tournament results

On Friday the 20th, a group of golfers had fun, enjoyed beautiful weather and supported a good cause. The Marine Corps League Warrior Golf Tournament at Old Union Golf Course was a tremendous success and a lot of birdies were flying all over the place.

Winners of the four person scramble were given trophies and several lucky people won door prizes. Trophies were given to each person of the foursome in first, second and third place.

First place winners were Rod Burnette, Beck Burnette, Wyatt Larkin and Jason Larkin. Second place winners were: Bill Dismukes, Mark Frazier, Ross Johnson and Lynn Collier. Third place winners were: King Evans, Larry Garrett, Lamar Paris and Mark Dahler.

Longest drive for men was won by a gorilla named Roy Burnette. Longest drive for the older gorilla (over 65) was Ron Shuck. Closest to the pin for men on hole #13 was Wyatt Larkin. Closest to the pin for men 65 and older on hole #2 was Al Hester.

There was one ladies foursome and longest drive on #8 was Charlott Maddox. Closest to the pin on Hole #16 was Jean Stone.

The Marine Corps League would like to thank those participants for their support for this worthy cause. Veterans are certainly benefited by your generosity.



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JV football suffers two heartbreakers

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Close but no cigar has been the story line two weeks straight for the Union County Junior Varsity squad.

Two weeks ago, the Panthers hosted Gilmer County and surrendered a 14-point lead in the first quarter. Despite giving up the two-touchdown advantage, Union still led 20-14 late in the game.

Unfortunately, the Bobcats punched it in from inside the 5-yard line, converted the 2-point conversion and held a slim 22-20 lead. The Panthers were unable to gain any traction on offense and handed the ball back to Gilmer with three timeouts remaining. However, Gilmer was able to pick up a critical first down and were able to run out the final minute of the game.

"Our kids play hard and they play hard to the end," Union County Coach Justin Byers said.

A week later, Union traveled to Lumpkin County where they fell 41-35 in overtime.

The freshman duo of quarterback Bo Lynch and Nic Rodri-



Bo Lynch looks downfield as Rodriguez protects. Photo/Todd Forrest

guez did most of the damage for the Panthers offensively, but after Lumpkin spotted Union a 14-0 lead, the Panther defense was unable to force a stop and the game went into halftime tied at 28-28.

"From that point on we just had a hard time stopping each other," Coach Byers said.

Leading by a touchdown, Lumpkin scored to tie it up at 35-35. Then with :22 to play, the



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Union County football stats vs Washington-Wilkes

Passing Stats										
#		CMP	ATT	%	YDS	YDS/ATT	LNG	TD	FUM	INT
9	Mancuso, Joseph	11	31	35.5%	222	7.2	66	1	-	-
11	Drake, Rolston	1	5	20%	7	1.4	7	0	-	1
	Total	12	36	33.3%	229	6.4	66	1	-	1

Rushing Stats						
#		ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
9	Mancuso, Joseph	2	7	3.5	5	0
11	Drake, Rolston	5	35	7	15	0
40	Whittle, Nick	5	2	0.4	2	0
43	Prunier, Robert	2	-10	-5	0	0
44	Barnett, Chase	1	1	1	1	0
	Total	15	35	2.3	15	0

Receiving Stats							
#		REC	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD	FUM
-	Wallis, Clay	0	0	0	0	0	-
9	Mancuso, Joseph	0	0	0	0	0	-
22	Rogers, Jacob	3	42	14	30	0	-
28	Dietz, Brett	0	0	0	0	0	-
40	Whittle, Nick	2	20	10	20	0	-
43	Prunier, Robert	5	136	27.2	66	1	-
82	Gilbert, Sam	2	31	15.5	24	0	-
	Total	12	229	19.1	66	1	-

Union County offensive statistics courtesy of Paul McBride

Basketball Registration

Union County Recreation Department

Registration Ends

5-6 year olds September 30th

7-8 year olds October 18th

9-14 year olds November 8th

\$45 per player

Registration forms available at Rec Dept. Office located at: 310 Wellborn Street, Blairsville GA 30512