

Track: Union wins eight events; set 16 personal bests at Fannin meet

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Blue Ridge - Union County Track and Field had a breakout performance at Fannin County last week - taking gold in eight events while setting twice as many personal records in the process.

In the running events, Zoe Sanchez and Milo Bauman took each home first in the 3200 Meter event.

Latty Ryals and Bauman each placed first in the 1600M race with Ryals' time being fast enough for a new personal record.

Cole Payne was first in the 800M event while Aladriel Arnold and Adrian Shaw posted personal records on their way to wins in the 400M.

In the field events, Kanon Hemphill soared to a first place finish in the High Jump with Kyle Morlock right behind him in third.

Meanwhile, William Lu-eckert placed second with a personal record in the Discus.

Skyler Ludlum also recorded a fourth place discus toss.

The Triple Jump saw Chad Buzzard set a personal record while finishing third.

Sanchez (3rd), Jacob Spratlin (3rd) and Bryan Nelson (4th) all recorded personal records in the Long Jump.

Both 4x400 Relay teams placed second. The girls team consisted of Destiny Orellena-Irvin, Arnold, Ryals and



Zoe Sanchez (left) finished in first in the 3200 Meter race while Jacob Spratlin (right) placed third with a PR in the Long Jump at Fannin last week. Photos courtesy of Jenni Dixon



The boys team was made up of Timothy Murphy, Nelson, Payne and Shaw.

The other boys team that consisted of Cristian Martinez, Tyler Howard, Buzzard, and Morlock placed third.

The girls 4x100 Relay team of Keeley Mobley, Jordan Stubblefield, Orellena-Irvin and Arnold placed third.

Meanwhile the boys 4x100 team of Chayton Schaffer, Dylan Dockery, Shaw and Hemphill took home silver.

The 4x100 boys team of Sloan Sutton, Buzzard, Nelson, and Spratlin came in third.

Dockery set a personal record in the 110 High Hurdles during a second place performance.

Sanchez was second and Dockery third in the 300 Hurdles.

In the 100M race, Schaffer set a PR while placing third. Hemphill placed fourth - also setting a new PR.

Arnold recorded a new personal best time while placing third in the 200M event before Hemphill took second and Nelson was third in the

same event.

In the 400M race, Orellena-Irvin's personal best was good enough for silver while Nelson went on to take fourth in the guys race of the same event.

Ryals was second and Orellena-Irvin took third in the 800M - both setting a new personal record in the process. Murphy set a PR with

a second place finish in the 800M.

Evan Browning took home silver in the boys 1600M race while Jessie Holbrook (4th) and Emily Rankin (5th) recorded personal best times during the 1600M event.

Finally, in the 3200M, Holbrook and Browning took home second in their respective races.

Boys soccer: Union gives No. 4 East Hall a scare



Sam Seiler provided Union with its only goal at East Hall. Photo/Todd Forrest

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Rabbittown - With the exception of a couple of larger schools, 4th ranked East Hall has had little trouble picking up victories recently, and coming off a 21-win, State Runner Up 2016 season, the Vikings appear primed to make another run deep into the playoffs.

Enter Union County. The Panthers were expected to be little more than cannon fodder for the East Hall juggernaut as they prepare for showdowns with GAC and Dawson County to close out the regular season.

So when East Hall took a quick lead on Union last Friday night, it wasn't looking very promising for the visitors.

However, the defense settled down and limited the Vikings to just one first half goal, allowing Panther senior Sam Seiler to knot the score at 1-1 with under 10 minutes to play in the half.

The game would remain even deep into the second half until East Hall added a goal with less than 15 minutes remaining.

Union County was unable

to force overtime but gained a ton of respect in a 2-1 loss to a State title contender.

Sitting at 1-1 in region play, the Panthers visit North Hall in another region contest that could determine who grabs the coveted fourth and final state playoff spot and who's left on the outside looking in.

With GAC looming on Friday, North Hall is of the utmost importance. Otherwise a three game skid and a 1-3 region record is a real possibility after opening 7-AAA with a win over Lumpkin.

North Hall has already suffered losses to Fannin County and Dawson County by scores of 5-2 and 5-0, respectively.

Its lone region win was a 1-0 victory over Lumpkin County.

Tuesday's girls game will get underway at 5:30 p.m. with the guys to follow.

Friday's action at GAC is also scheduled for a 5:30 p.m. kickoff for the girls.

Last week's region contest with Fannin County was rescheduled for March 27th after a shot of winter weather brought snow and bitter cold temperatures to North Georgia early last week.

Annual Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament Saturday, May 20

This is the 32nd year for our annual Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament. Let's make it another 'special day' for our heritage golf tournament.

Now is the time to start on 'asking this gentleman to enjoy a day of golf with other couples' and sign up to play in our annual Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament. We will be playing at our beautiful Butternut Creek Golf Course, in Blairsville, GA on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Format is a two-person team for you & your partner. For each six holes, the team will play 3 different formats: 1. Alternate shots (for 6 holes); 2. Best Ball (for 6 holes); 3. Scramble (for 6 holes). Cost is \$45 per person.



Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament

Prizes will be given for 'Closest to the Pin' along with Flight Winners! Registration will start at 12:30 - lunch at 1 PM and a shot-gun start at 2 PM.

For more information, please contact Betty Taylor, 706-745-2248 or Lilly Adams, 706-745-2725. N(Mar22,14)CA

Blairsville Pickleball Club donates Tournament proceeds



L-R, front row: BPC Ambassadors Bud and Kathi Patrick; Diane Anderson, Beverly Chaussey, Kelly Woodham, Vic Henderson, Bill Fredericks, Jim Shinholser; 2nd row: Marty Evans, Sheila Garrison, Dave Evans, Reverend Stan Wallace, Barbara Delli-Veneri, Karen Richards, Vivienne Rimoldi, BPC Secretary Christine Ferras; 3rd row: Lavonia Blackford, Janet Flegler, Lynn Melick, Kathy Johnson, BPC President Nolan Lang, Dottie Honea

Excitement was in the air for the 2nd annual Pickleball Novice Tournament held March 16th in the gym of the Methodist Activity Center in Blairsville, GA. Dave Evans, tournament director, presented a check from the proceeds to Rev. Stan Wallace. A new net was also donated to the church. Sixteen players, many of whom were Oasis Pickleball class graduates, competed for medals in a Round Robin style play.

The games were fast and fun, with unbelievable rallies that brought cheers from the

spectators. The medals, which were donated by Kathi and Bud Patrick, were awarded to: Women's 1st place, Kelly Woodham; 2nd place, Diane Anderson; and 3rd place, Beverly Chaussey. In the Men's category, medals were won by 1st place, Vic Henderson; 2nd place, Jim Shinholser; and 3rd place, Bill Fredericks. President Nolan Lang presented an honorary membership in the Blairsville Pickleball Club to Rev. Stan Wallace in appreciation for his assistance in the use of the MAC gym. A gift basket

was given to Marty and Dave Evans for their dedication in organizing the Intermediate and Novice Tournaments held this month. Thanks also went to Karen Richards and Christine Ferras for keeping score and tallying the winners.

The sport of Pickleball is quickly growing in popularity across Georgia as well as the nation, being a sociable source of good exercise for all ages.

For information, contact Ambassadors Bud and Kathi Patrick at kathipatrick3@gmail.com. N(Mar22,14)CA

Bowling scores

Monday Night Men: Dewey Allen 209, Tim McVey 208, 212, Randy Jones 202, Joe Tague 213, 248, Derick Rice 2236, 234, 222, Series 692, Richard Tanner 204, 212, Mel White 216, Bart Rodgers 202, Doug Tanner 236, 223, Series 643, Bill Smith 214, Jeff Boyle 26, Taz Matetzschk 202, 203, 213, Ken Thigpen 205, Greg Wittenburg 200, Andrews Haire 222, 217, Brandon Hartness 203, Jay Burrell 244.

Monday Night Ladies: Susan Ganitch 207.

Young @ Heart: Pam Bierce 224, Bob Landis 200, 243, 212, Cliff Hall 222, Del Neiffer 208, 201, Walter Carpenter 206, Mel White 203, Nicki Austin 203, Bart Rodgers 203, 200.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Tee Turner 207, Brandon Hartness 203, Brett Hogsed 234, Greg Wittenburg 233, 226, Series 638, Bonnell Thomas 202, Mary Everett 202, Ray Everett 220, 226, Paul Lierd 222, Tilly Foster 215, Tim McVey 202, Stanley Tyler 241, 234, Series 635, Tony Lynch 201, 235. N(Mar22,18)CA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
UCHS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2
LMPK	0	0	3	1	0	0	X	4	5	1

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Patrick Baggett	4	0	1	0	0	0
Logan Dyer	2	1	1	0	1	0
Candler Colwell	3	0	2	0	1	1
Dawson Groves	4	0	1	0	0	2
Josh Nachtrieb	0	0	0	0	0	0
RJ Banton	4	0	3	1	0	0
Crawford Colwell	3	0	0	0	0	3
Del Ruff	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cole Davis	2	0	0	0	1	0
Ean Harkins	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slade Thompson	2	0	0	0	0	2
Coleson Daniel	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hunter Kelley	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	28	1	8	1	3	9

Pitching

	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Cole Davis	3.0	66	.636	3	3	1	7	1	0
Crawford Colwell	2.0	23	.652	2	1	1	1	0	0
Ean Harkins	1.0	17	.588	0	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	6.0	106	.632	5	4	2	11	1	0

WP: Crawford Colwell, Cole Davis 2
Pitches-Strikes: Crawford Colwell 23-15, Ean Harkins 17-10, Cole Davis 66-42

Union General Wellness Center Personal Trainer wins Championship



Champion Susan Stalcup (center)

One of Union General Wellness Center's certified personal trainers, Susan Stalcup, of Blairsville, GA, competed in the 2017 Muscle in the Mountains competition on Saturday, March 11th. The competition was held in Franklin, NC at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts and included Body Building, Figure, Bikini and Men & Women Physique

competitions. Susan won first place in both the Bikini and Master's Bikini contests. Susan is certified by the American Council and Exercise for Personal Training and is also a Zumba and Tabata Instructor at the Union General Wellness Center. Susan is 42 years old and proves that anything is possible with hard work and dedication. Congratulations, Susan! N(Mar22,18)gg

Union County Recreation Department's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: April 8th Time: 11am

Location: Meeks Park, Upper Baseball Fields

Ages: Toddler to 12

4000 eggs