

# Soccer: Innis, Underwood highlight All-Region teams

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Region 7-AAA announced its All-Region soccer teams and a pair of Union County seniors picked up first team honors.

Brenna Innis and Lance Underwood were each selected to the 7-AAA First Team by the region's coaches.

Senior Layne Baenninger and Kobi Robbins each received second team nods.

Meanwhile, Ellie Garrison, Sophia Romano, Mattie Ruff, and Madison Yost were named honorable mention.

On the boys side, Cesar Velador, Colby Ives, and Sean Dobbins received honorable mention honors.

In other recent accolades, Yost is currently a nominee for *Blitz* Player of the Year. You can vote for Yost on *Blitz's* Facebook page or on their website at blitzsports.com.



Union County senior Brenna Innis was named First Team All Region 7-AAA. Photo/Todd Forrest



Senior Lance Underwood goes out with more accolades. Photo/Todd Forrest



Sophomore Madison Yost is a nominee for Blitz POY. Photo/Todd Forrest

## Girls 7-AAA All Region Teams

### First Team

Shantel Hutton – GACS  
Anna Hedges – GACS  
Paige Evans – GACS  
Courtney Hanft – GACS  
Molly Muenchen – Dawson County  
Fallan Lacey – Dawson County  
Mackenzie Kimbral – Dawson County  
Katherine Cunningham – Lumpkin County  
Morgan Fagan – Lumpkin County  
Madeleine Cook – North Hall  
Kadie Sullens – North Hall  
Rosa Montes – East Hall  
Desaray Patterson – Fannin County  
Brenna Innis – Union County

### Second Team

Payton Gulley – GACS  
Morgan Dickenson – GACS  
Kaitlyn Williams – GACS  
Jordan Crawford – GACS  
Rachel Rajczak – Dawson County  
Ruthie Pittman – Dawson County  
Katie Clouse – Dawson County  
Holly Foster – Lumpkin County  
Hope Foster – Lumpkin County  
Kaitlyn Wood – North Hall  
Lauren Tymchuk – North Hall  
Alvia Myers – East Hall  
Ashley Frye – Fannin County  
Lyne Baenninger – Union County

Player of the Year - Shantel Hutton – GACS  
Coach of the Year - Chess Hamby – Dawson County

## Boys 7-AAA All Region Teams

### First Team

Sergio Turcios – East Hall  
Geizi Barrientos – East Hall  
Maury Ibarra – East Hall  
Oscar Rosas – East Hall  
Oscar Vanegas – GACS  
Jack Jacquet – GACS  
Chris Barbieri – GACS  
Dennis Pyetsukh – Dawson County  
Nathan Blythe – Dawson County  
Alex Abbott – Lumpkin County  
Chris Keys – Lumpkin County  
Chandler Bond – Fannin County  
Peyton Mavity – North Hall  
Lance Underwood – Union County

### Second Team

Freddy Rebolgar – East Hall  
Jairo Rendon – East Hall  
Kevin Bran – East Hall  
Carlos Pulido – East Hall  
Mekhi Royce – GACS  
Trey Kenworthy – GACS  
Spencer Yates – GACS  
Braden Davidson – Dawson County  
Raleigh Payne – Dawson County  
Cristian Palma – Lumpkin County  
Esteban Ramirez – Lumpkin County  
Tristan Cheves – Fannin County  
Axel Solis – North Hall  
Kobi Robbins – Union County

Player of the Year – Sergio Turcios – East Hall  
Coach of the Year – Chris Horton – East Hall

# Nix and Chambers represent Union County High School at Peach Belt Conference Softball Tourney

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DAHLONEGA - North Georgia University hosted last weekend's Peach Belt Conference Softball Tournament, where a pair of former Lady Panthers were representing their respective teams.

North Georgia, the No. 1 seed and top-ranked team in the nation went on to claim its fifth consecutive PBC Tournament title, shutting out the opposition 20-0 over the three-game tourney.

Freshman Laken Chambers has been an integral member of the Nighthawks' success with her arm and bat.

Chambers has appeared in 14 games as a pitcher, totaling 26.2 innings with a 1.69 ERA. The former Lady Panther has fanned 22 hitters while walking seven. The opposition is hitting only .210 off Chambers.

At the plate, she is 7-for-11 with three doubles, five RBIs, and a walk. Her .692 batting average would be tops on the team if she had enough at bats to qualify.

Meanwhile, junior Kelsey Nix has been vital component of Young Harris College's recent success.

Unfortunately, Nix has been plagued by injuries in 2018 that have limited her to 23 at bats.

However, in her last appearance, an Apr. 16 win over Georgia Southwestern, Nix went 2-for-4 with an RBI. As a sophomore in 2017, Nix appeared in 45 games, drove in 27 runs and hit five homers. She finished the season with six multi-hit games.

Next season, Nix will be joined by another UCHS softball alum, Katelynn Hodges, who signed with YHC earlier this year.

North Georgia (56-2) will host the Regionals of the NCAA Tournament later this week while Young Harris (32-18) travels to Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory, NC as a No. 4 seed.

North Georgia will share the Southeast regional with No. 2 seed Coker, one of only two teams (Young Harris) to defeat UNG this season.

The Nighthawks will open the tournament on Thursday at 2 p.m. vs King College.



Former Lady Panther and North Georgia University Nighthawk Laken Chambers. Photo/Todd Forrest



Kelsey Nix, an All-Region selection at UCHS is now a junior at Young Harris College. Photo/Todd Forrest

# Local racing circuit results

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BRASSTOWN, NC - Tri-County Racetrack hosted their first points race of the season on May 4th.

This was to replace the April 27 race that was canceled. Here are the top three results from each class.

**Street Stock** - The No. 43 of Micheal Harper gets another victory as he led flag to flag. Finishing second was No. 14W Evan Winkle Jr as he got around No. 01 of Jacob Lynch in the middle of turns 3-and-4. Finishing in third place was No. 01 Jacob Lynch.

**Modified Street/Hobby 602** - Finishing in first place was No. 34 Greg Sudderth. Second place was No. 48 Shawn Chastain. Third was No. 88 Ricky Smith.

**Pony** - The No. 00 of Adam Brooks got his first win of the season. Second place was No. 34 Dustin Bales. Third place was No. 43 Tain Ross.

**Beginner 602** - No. 25 Jacob Hamby got another victory as he finishes first. Second place was No. 35 Dillon Daves. Third place was the No. 56 of Colton

Berrong.  
**Super Late Models** - The No. X15 of Shawn Chastain finished first. Second place was No. 38 of Jamie Oliver. Third place was No. 00 Johnny Chastain.

**Crate/Limited Late Models** - Finishing first place was No. 200 Jacob Anderson. Second place was No. 7 Jason Deal. Third place was No. 55 Kip Cochran.

**Front Wheel Drive** - Finishing first No. 05 Hunter Hughes. Second place was No. 72 Dustin Petty. Third place went to No. 32 Logan Exum.

Tri-County will be racing again this Friday May 11, 2018. They will be hosting the Blue Ridge Outlaws and BruceBilt Performance Open Wheel Modified.

There will also be a special guest Mr.Kenny Schrader will be there racing in BruceBilt Open Wheel Modified.

The **Blue Ridge Motorsports Park** race was canceled on Saturday May 5. Their next event will be Saturday, May 11th with the Blue Ridge Outlaw Late Models and the full racing program. Gates open at 3 p.m., racing begins at 7 p.m. If you purchased a ticket or pit pass for May 5 and you kept your ticket or pit bracelet, it will be honored at the May 11 race.