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UCRD: 12U Softball breezes through District Tournament

10U Softball still alive at District; 14U Baseball postponed until this weekend

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Rain wreaked havoc on the three Union County Recreation Department (UCRD) teams participating in last weekend's District Tournaments.

The 14U boys were postponed one week, the 10U girls were pushed back 24 hours and the 12U girls finished on schedule after originally getting moved back a day.

Both the 10U and 12U Union County softball teams began their respective journeys to repeat as State Champions over the weekend at the Dizzy Dean District Tournaments in Dahlonega.

And while the 10U were forced to battle out of the loser's bracket, the toughest opponent faced by the 12U girls was the weather.

In its three games en route to a District Championship, Union County's 12U squad outscored the opposition 40-14.

In the tourney opener, the Lady Panthers used a five-run fourth inning to blow open a 6-6 tie vs Lumpkin County, on their way to an 11-7 victory.

Jaslyn Roberts went the distance in the circle, striking out seven and scattering five hits. At the dish, she doubled, knocked in three runs and scored twice.

Zady Ludlum went 2-for-2 with two RBIs and a steal; Kaylee Deyton tripled, scored twice, stole a bag and drove in a pair while leadoff hitter Mikala Souther walked twice and scored twice.

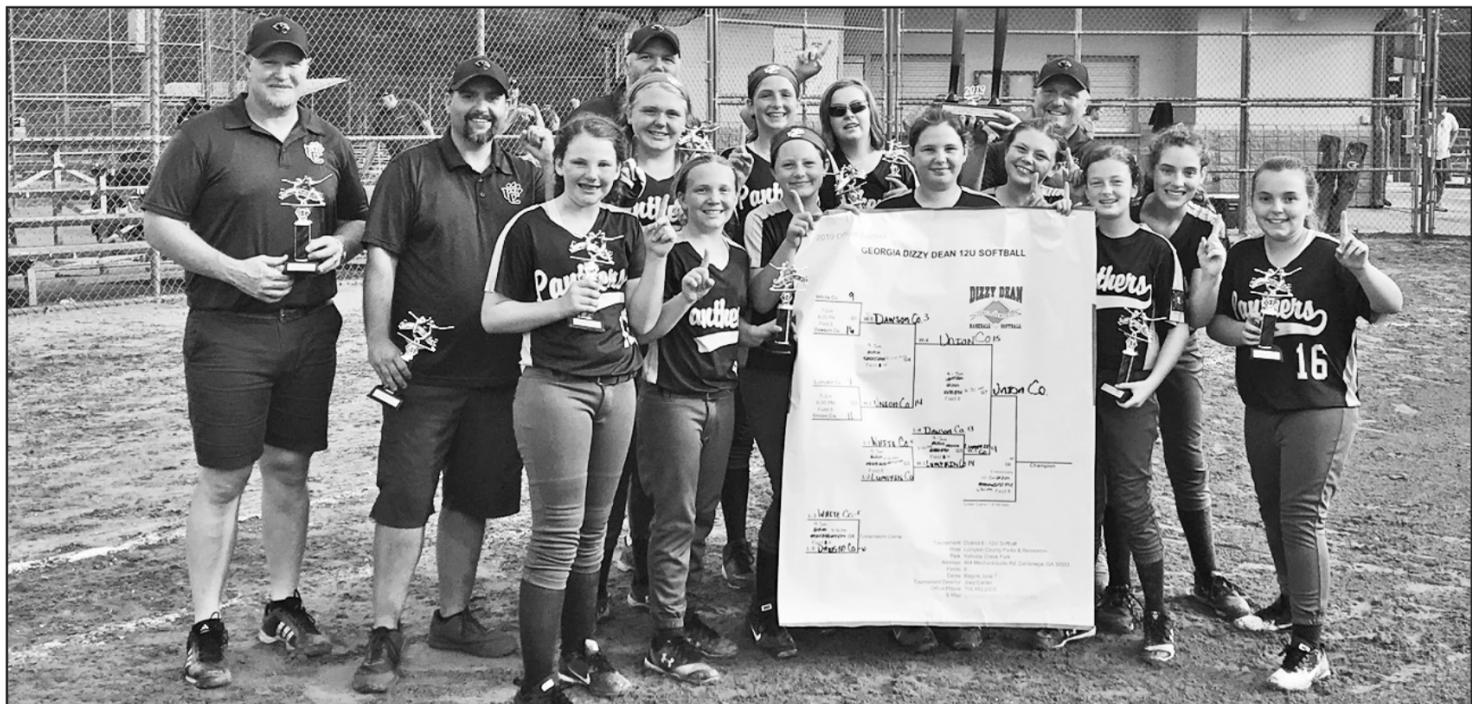
Ayla Stepp walked, scored, and drove in one; Lily Helton singled, knocked in a run, swiped two bases and scored twice; Avery Hussion walked; Izabella Moss walked twice, stole a bag, scored a run and added a RBI.

Brooklyn Brown contributed a walk and a steal while Aubrie Akins singled, stole a base and scored.

The Lady Panthers punched their ticket to the finals with a 14-3 rout of Dawson County that saw Union pound out 12 hits and draw 11 walks.

Leading 2-1 after two innings, the Lady Panthers dropped a 5-spot in the top of the third to take a 7-1 advantage. Three more in the fourth made it 10-2 before blowing things wide open with four runs in the fifth.

Once again, Roberts got the nod in the circle and went all the way for Union County, fanning six and giving up four hits and two walks. Meanwhile, she helped herself by doubling, scoring twice and knocking in a



The Union County 12U Softball team following its District Championship at Lumpkin County's Yahoola Creek Park on Sunday. The Lady Panthers team consists of Aubrie Akins, Brooklyn Brown, Kaylee Deyton, Lily Helton, Anniston Howse, Avery Hussion, Harmony Lindsey, Zady Ludlum, Izabella Moss, Jaslyn Roberts, Mikala Souther, Ayla Stepp. The team is run at the plate.

Anniston Howse singled, scored and stole a base while Souther doubled, tripled and scored twice.

Stapp doubled, swiped two bases and knocked in one; Helton scored and drove in a run; Deyton finished 1-for-3 with a run; Ludlum went 2-for-2 with three runs; Hussion walked, scored twice and drove in a run.

Akins and Moss each walked twice, scored and added an RBI; Brown was 2-for-2 with a double and two RBIs.

In the Championship Game, Union and the host team Lumpkin County squared off in a rematch that was all Lady Panthers from start to finish.

Union jumped out to a 10-1 advantage before coasting to a 15-4 victory.

Roberts recorded her third win of the tournament, firing a three-hitter with four Ks. She also got the job done with her bat, going 2-for-2 with two walks, three runs, two RBIs and a double.

Souther finished 2-for-3 with a homer, four runs and three RBIs. Helton knocked in three during a 3-for-3 performance; Akins also drove in three with a home run and a single.

Deyton, Ludlum and Howse added singles for Union County while Stepp and Hussion added one walk apiece.

Brown and Moss, meanwhile, each drew two base on balls in the win.

The 12U State Tournament will begin on Friday, June 21 in Carrollton.

As for the 10U Lady Panthers, they suffered a 6-5 loss to Fannin County in game one but bounced back to dismantle Dawson County, 14-5 and White County, 14-2 to set up a rematch with Fannin County in the title game.

During the 14-2 victory over White County that sent Union into the finals, the Lady Panther jumped out to a 14-0 advantage before White got on the board.

Pitchers Izzy Anthros and MaKenzie Bohannon combined to strike out 10 Lady Warrior batters while surrendering just two hits and three walks.

Ella Akins went 2-for-2 with a double, a run and two RBIs while Anthros and Jules Dyer each singled, walked twice and scored three runs.

Bohannon was 1-for-2 with two runs, two RBIs and a walk. Lillie McClure was 1-for-1 with a run and an RBI; she was also hit by a pitch.

Jenna Carter drove in two and scored once while Makenna Hood and Nomi Nelson each walked twice and scored.

Kylah Hemphill and Clara Akins each drew a walk; Lexie Davenport singled and scored.

During the 14-5 win over Dawson County, the Lady Panthers fell behind 2-0 before outscoring the Lady Tigers 14-1 over the next two-and-a-half innings.

Anthros got the start and struck out eight while working three innings of no-hit ball. She eventually gave way to Bohannon, who allowed one hit and

fanned one. Carter drove in three runs while Hood doubled and knocked in a pair. Anthros was 2-for-2 with two runs and an RBI at the plate while Bohannon and Dyer walked twice and scored three runs apiece.

Ella Akins walked and scored twice; Collins went 1-for-2 with one RBI; Davenport and Nelson both walked and

scored; Hemphill also recorded a base on balls.

Leading 5-4 over Fannin County, the Lady Panthers allowed two runs in the fifth to fall 6-5 in the opener.

Thirteen walks issued by Union County was the difference as the Lady Rebels went hitless with 10 strikeouts.

Bohannon went 2-for-3 and McClure drove in two runs

to lead the Lady Panther bats. Hemphill and Anthros also drove in a run while Hood and Carter both singled.

The championship games were scheduled for Monday at 6:30 p.m. with the "if necessary" game slated for 8:30 p.m.

The final results will be available in next week's edition of the *North Georgia News*.

POOL 1			POOL 2		
A- Union County			B- Hall County		
C- Jefferson			D- Dawson County		
E- White County			F- Lumpkin County		

Fri 6/14 5:00pm	C v A	F1	Fri 6/14 5:00pm	B v D	F2
7:00pm	A v E	F1	7:00pm	F v D	F2
9:00pm	C v E	F1	9:00pm	F v B	F2

#3 Seed Pool 1	Sat 6/15 12:30pm F2	CHAMPION
Sat 6/15 10:30am F2	Sat 6/15 2:30pm F1 or Sun 6/16 1:00pm F1	
#2 Seed Pool 2	Sat 6/15 10:30am F1	CHAMPION
#3 Seed Pool 1	Sat 6/15 12:30pm F1	

The 14U Baseball Tournament was postponed until this weekend in Jefferson. Union begins Friday at 5 p.m.

MGC picks up five State and one Regional Championship

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Earlier this spring, Maieli Ravelo, Lindsey Hammond, Carly Barnett, Shaylyne Davis and Emma Schuette of Blairsville's Mountain Gymnastics Center (MGC) each took home a State Championship from their respective meets.

Not only did Schuette win state titles on the bars and all-around at the USA Excel Gold meet, she was the only MGC gymnast to qualify for the Regionals in Hickory, North Carolina. While in Hickory, Schuette added a Region 8 Championship to her already impressive resume with a 9.6 on the beam.

Region 8 is comprised of gymnasts from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

At the State meet, Schuette's championship scores were a 9.6 on the bars and a 9.37.65 all-around. She also turned in a second place score of 9.6 on the beam, a fifth place tally of 9.3 on the floor and a 9.15, good enough for sixth, on the vault.

Meanwhile, Ravelo placed first on the vault with a 9.35 at the Level One State meet. In Level Two, Hammond turned in another State Championship performance on the vault with a score of 9.45.

Davis, also competing in Level Two, took home a State Championship on the floor with a 9.45. Her all-around score of 36.875 was good enough for second place.



MGC's Maieli Ravelo and Lindsey Hammond both won state on the vault in their respective levels.

Barnett, participating in AAU Silver, posted a 9.35 on the bars to secure a state title. She just missed an all-around championship, coming in third at 36.025.

In other close calls, Madelyn Earley was third on the floor in Level One. At the Level Two State meet, Addison Harkins took home third on the bars and beam; Reagan Gwynn was third on the bars while Keely Shook and Shy'Ann Beasley placed third on the floor.

Mia McCombs placed third on the beam in Level Seven and Reese Chambers was third on the floor in Excel Gold.

At the AAU Silver State meet, Nevaeh Leopold took



Carly Barnett home second on the vault and the beam.

Samantha Blackwell also placed second on the vault and



Shaylyne Davis beam. Additionally, she would finish in third place on the bars and third all-around.



MGC's Emma Schuette won a regional and two state championships.

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