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## UCRD: 14U Baseball wins district with 11-0 rout of Jefferson 12U Baseball eliminated in semifinals; State brackets set for 12U softball

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**Jefferson** - Tyler Loyd was dealing in Sunday's District Championship Game, firing a complete game, two-hit shutout in Union County's 11-0 win over the previously unbeaten Dragons.

Jefferson entered Sunday's final averaging 12.7 runs per game, including an 11-9 win over the Panthers in pool play. But none of that mattered as Loyd took a no-hitter into the fourth inning on Sunday, allowing Union to open up a 4-0 lead. They would eventually put the hosts away with a seven-run seventh inning.

Loyd fanned seven Dragons while walking two and hitting one batter. He was also helped out by stellar defensive play as Union County committed only one fielding error and catcher Jace Vinez cut down three potential base stealers.

In Saturday's opening round of tournament play, Hunter Fleming got the nod and picked up the win on the mound in a 17-2 Panther victory over Lumpkin County. Fleming, Loyd and Isaac Cole scored three runs apiece for Union County.

Fletcher and Vinez each stacked on two runs; Tothorow, Harkins and Duncan also scored in the Union victory.

Trailing 2-1 to Hall County after one inning in round two on Saturday, the Panthers rattled off six runs in the second to spark a 12-5 victory. Cole would pick up the win for Union County while helping himself out by scoring two runs.

Chris Fletcher and Jace Tothorow would add a pair of runs while Stein Harkins and Avery Mason also scored in the win.

In Friday's pool play, the Panthers bounced back from their loss to Jefferson with a 12-5 win over White County.

The State Tournament is tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, June 21 in Ellijay. However, due to the District Tournament getting pushed back



The Union County 14U Baseball team following its District Championship at Jefferson on Sunday, June 16. The team consists of Isaac Cole, Will Duncan, Chris Fletcher, Tyler Loyd, Avery Mason, Zach Raper, Jace Vinez, Hunter Fleming, Stein Harkins, James McPherson, Tyler Richards, Moses Stephens and Jace Tothorow. The Panthers are coached by Derek Richards, Gene Vinez and Tim Mason (not pictured). Photo/Todd Forrest

one week, it would be wise to check with the Gilmer or Union County Recreation Department later this week before making plans.

Unfortunately, Union County's 12U baseball team was unable to punch its ticket to the State Tournament after suffering a 12-7 loss to Jackson County in Sunday's semifinal.

In Thursday's pool play, the Panthers defeated Hall County and Lumpkin County in consecutive games, earning Union County a first round bye in tournament play.

In the second round, they defeated Dawson County on Saturday before falling to Jackson County, the following day.

The 10U baseball team was also in action last week, suffering from a tough draw in both pool and tournament play.

Union County fell 5-4 to the eventual tournament champion Fannin County in the first game of pool play. They bounced back with a 25-7 thrashing of

Dawson County before suffering an 8-4 loss to the eventual runner-up East Jackson.

Finally, the 12U softball team got its first look at the state brackets for this weekend's tournament in Carrollton.

The Lady Panthers' pool will feature Gordon, Heard and Murray Counties. Play will get underway Friday at 6 p.m. vs Gordon County. Union will face Murray County at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Tournament play will get underway on Saturday afternoon with Sunday's title game scheduled for a 12:30 p.m. first pitch.

Additional information from the recent District Tournaments, as well as results from the upcoming State Tournaments will be available in next week's *North Georgia News*.

UCRD stats or pictures can be submitted by emailing us at sports@nganews.com. Deadline is Monday morning at 9 a.m. for the upcoming edition.



Union County 14U celebrate by dumping the water cooler on head coach Derek Richards following their District Championship victory over Jefferson. Photo/Todd Forrest



The 10U Union County baseball team following its tournament at West Jackson. The 10U team consists of Preston Banton, Luke Bragg, Karter Conley, Chetley Cox, Andrew Farmer, Kamden Kendrick, Brandon Lynch, Aiden Lusk, Cayden Miller, Sam Quillian, Bentley Rich and Mason Stephens. Head Coach Trint Rich and assistants Levi Kendrick, Tyler Miller and Rusty Cox.



The UCRD 12U baseball team reached the semifinals of last weekend's District Tournament at White County. The 12U team consists of Talon Arey, Kaden Combs, Sam Ensley, Brodi Elrod, Holton Fleming, Caden Gilliam, Eli Gwynn, Hayden Greaves, Cole Orlando, Matthew Thomas and Jax Tothorow. Head Coach Tommy Arey and assistants Kevin Hughes and Adam Fleming.



The 10U Union County softball team following its runner-up finish at the District 6 Tournament hosted by Lumpkin County, earlier this month. Needing two wins over Fannin County to claim the District title, the Lady Panthers won the first game, 8-1 but fell short in the second by a score of 16-12. The 10U team consists of Clara Akins, Ella Akins, Izzy Anthros, MaKenzie Bohannon, Jenna Carter, Stella Collins, Lexi Davenport, Jules Dyer, Kyla Hemphill, Makenna Hood, Nomi Nelson and Lillie McClure. The team was coached by Derek Carter, Whitney Kane and Jonathan Hood.

## Local Racing Report: Tri-County welcomes American Crate and Iron Man Open Wheel Modified

**Brasstown, NC** - Tri-County Racetrack hosted a race on the night of Friday, June 14 featuring the American Crate Series and the Iron-Man Open Wheel Modified Series.

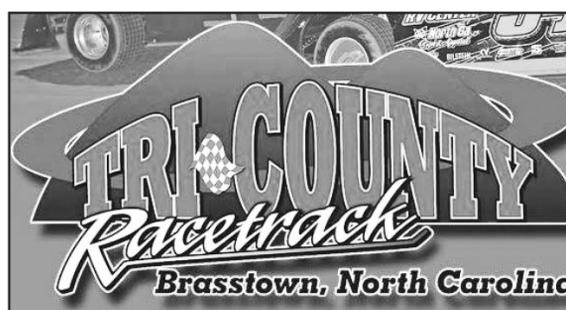
Here are the top five from each class.

**Street Stock** - Coming in first was No.99 Jim Twiggs, finishing in second was No.67 Sam Jones, placing third was No.7d Dylan Truhan, coming in fourth was No.5 Carson Shields and finishing fifth was No.7 Johnny Burnette.

**FWD** - Coming in first was No.32 Justin Queen, coming in second was No.k3 Sandi Klaucke. Third place went to No.401 Brent Lynch, finishing in fourth was No.192r Bobby Lynch and taking home fifth was No.01 Matt Murphy.

**Beginner 602** - Coming in first was No.56 Colton Berong. Coming in second was No.87 Dante Curtis, finishing in third was No.32b Franklin Burk, coming in fourth was No.149 Seth Speed and placing fifth was No.32e Logan Exum.

**Iron Man** - Coming in first place was No.15 Clayton



Miller while second place went to No.6 Ryan Ayers. Finishing in third was No.11 Jesse Rupe, coming in fourth was No.50 Amous Bunch and fifth place was No.10 Ricky Standridge.

**Pony** - Coming in first place was No.28 Kevin Mulkey and taking home second place was No.8 Johnny McClure. Finishing in third place was No.15 Ryan Crawford, fourth went to No.727 Ballie Lowe and fifth belonged to No.22 Tucker Anderson.

**Late Models** - Coming in first was No.x15 Shawn Chastain. Behind him in second place was No.38 Jamie Oliver. Third place went to No.1c Kenny Collins, coming

in fourth place was No.17 Kurt English and finishing fifth was No.51 Drew Deaver.

**Crate** - Coming in first was No.5j Jesse Lowe while second place went to No.200 Jacob Anderson. Placing third was No.01 Blake Craft, coming in fourth was No.7 Jason Deal, and finishing in fifth was No.0 Ross White.

**Hobby 602** - Coming in first was No.44 Bobby Elkins. Taking second was No.88 Ricky Smith, coming in third was No.20 Lynn Burchfield, finishing in fourth was No.48 Colton Stroud and rounding out the top five was No.34 Greg Sudderth.