

Football: Meet the Team another success; season opens Friday vs East Hall

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Union County's annual Meet the Team drew a large crowd on the final Friday night without Panther football.

The meet-and-greet brought players, cheerleaders, and coaches out to Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium for pictures, autographs, or just a simple "good luck" wish from Panther fans of all ages.

"We had a really good turnout for Meet the Team," Union County Head Coach Brian Allison said. "The cheerleaders were here and did a wonderful job. We had a lot of young people come out. The quarterback club does a really great job of putting it on every year."

Now Coach Allison turns his attention to Union County's week one opponent, East Hall.

The Vikings are coming off an ugly 70-6 home loss to Flowery Branch. The Falcons took a 57-6 advantage into the half and never looked back.

The 70-6 score, however, means nothing to Coach Allison. He's well aware of East Hall and its 280-pound running back Cambren Harrison, who rushed for 147 yards and a school record 6 touchdowns in East Hall's 62-42 win over the Panthers last September.

They also return the entire offensive line from last season's State Sweet 16 squad.

In the win over Union, the Vikings O-line allowed the running game to churn out 300 yards on 36 attempts - an average of 8.3 yards-per-carry.

"They are really good on the offensive line," Allison said. "They've got (Harrison) back but their strength is their offensive and defensive line."

East Hall will need Harrison and the O-line to pound defenses into submission following the loss of do-everything quarterback Austin Parker.

Parker led all classifications in passing yards with 4,563. He also connected on 50 TD passes to only 3 interceptions - all coming in the 59-57 Sweet 16 loss to Westminster.

Parker also ran for 652 yards and 6 scores - with a career high 112 yards coming in the win



over Union County.

The Vikings also lost a pair of 1,000-yard receivers but will boast a pair of athletic junior WR/DBs in Kylan Curry and Mon Prather, who should excel on both sides of the ball despite seeing limited action in 2017.

"They played three different quarterbacks (vs Flowery Branch) and all of them can do some good things," Allison said. "You have to contain them and not let them leave the pocket. They can also throw it a little bit and their receivers are good enough to go get it."

The last two Union County vs East Hall matchups both ended in shootouts (a 51-46 W in 2016 and a 62-42 L in 2017) and Allison says that is a real possibility this year.

"There is a chance of that happening again," Allison said. "(East Hall does) some things that could give us problems. Like I said, their strength is their front line and we'll need to rise up to the challenge."

"We'll need to have some success throwing the football and we'll also have to run the football well."

Series history - Union County is 3-7 all-time vs East Hall with a 2-3 record at home.

The last victory over the Vikings was a 51-46 home win in 2016 - ending a four-game skid to East Hall that dated back to 2004.

Union County is 2-4 vs the Vikings under Coach Allison.

As for East Hall, they are under the direction of first-year coach Scott Patrick.

This Friday marks the first time since 1959 the teams have met as non-region opponents.

Union County and head coach Bill McGraw won that game 12-6 in Rabbitown.



Union County Football 2018 Meet the Team photos by Todd Forrest

Squirrel and Teal Hunting Season

Time to start getting ready to stock up the freezer! Two hunting seasons, squirrel and teal, are scheduled to open soon.

Squirrel: Squirrel hunting provides the perfect opportunity to introduce someone to the sport of hunting and the pursuit of bushytails often involves more action for energetic youth, providing a greater level of interaction with the outdoors. Squirrel season is August 15, 2018-February 28, 2019.

Teal: Early Teal Season is September 8-23, 2018. There are many places to hunt, such as Georgia's WMAs, beaver ponds, natural wetlands, and lakes & reservoirs like Juliette, Clarks Hill, West Point and Seminole. However, for those planning to hunt the coast, reminders of this past hurricane season will still be visible. NT(Aug22,22)CA

Union County Cross Country

2018-2019 Cross Country Schedule

DATE	Location	Time
Thursday, August 23	Home (Meeks Park)	4:30
Tuesday, August 28	Chestatee War Eagle Invitational	5:30
Thursday, September 6	Lumpkin	
Tuesday, September 11	West Hall Invitational	5:00
Tuesday, September 18	Gilmer @ Clear Creek	4:30
Thursday, September 27	Hayesville Carney Classic	5:00
Thursday, October 4	Unicoi State Park	4:00
Tuesday, October 9	Banks	
Thursday, October 25	Region Meet @ Oglethorpe	TBA
Saturday, November 3 rd	Carrollton	9:30am
State Championship		

2018 Union County Softball Schedule



Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Notes
8/6	4:00	Habersham	Habersham	Varsity DH
8/7	5:55	Pickens	Home	JV Before (4:00)
8/9	5:55	Pickens	Away	JV Before (4:00)
8/13	5:55	Dawson	Home	JV Before (4:30)
8/15	4:30	Towns	Away	
8/16	5:55	Lumpkin	Away	JV Before (4:00)
8/20	4:30	Towns	Home	
8/23	5:00	Monticello*	Away	
8/25	11:00	East Hall	Away	
8/28	5:55	Elbert*	Home	JV Before (4:00)
8/30	5:00	Putnam	Away	
9/4	5:55	Dawson	Away	JV Before (4:00)
9/5	5:55	Lumpkin	Home	JV Before (4:00)
9/6	5:55	Social Circle*	Home	
9/11	5:55	Banks*	Away	JV Before (4:00)
9/13	5:55	Oglethorpe*	Home	
9/14	TBA	TBA	Madison	Madison Tournament
9/15	TBA	TBA	Madison	Madison Tournament
9/18	TBA	Rabun	Rabun	
9/21	TBA	TBA	Dalton	Ft Oglethorpe Tournament
9/22	TBA	TBA	Dalton	Ft Oglethorpe Tournament
9/24-9/28 Region Playoff Series		TBA	10/1-10/6 Region Tournament TBA	

Union County Recreation Department Basketball Registration

Begins Monday, August 20th

Effective this season by GRPA, age control date has changed: Age you are August 31st is the age group you play in.



Age Group
5/6 yr olds co-ed
7/8 yr olds
9/10 yr olds
11-12 yr olds

Registration Ends
September 28th
September 28th
October 26th
October 26th

Registration fee is \$50 and open to both boys and girls. Registration can be completed online at unioncountygga.gov or at the Recreation Office located at 310 Wellborn Street. If you need any additional information, please call 706-439-6074.

FULL-OF-LIFE Outdoor Exercise and Walking Program Union County Recreation Department Fall 2018 Session

Ages: 50 and over



It is quickly approaching the end of summer! Are you interested in exercising outdoors in the cooler weather? Do you feel you need to be outdoors and moving? The Program Director of Union County Parks and Recreation will be developing groups for a free walking session two times a week, and instructing two days a week of free outdoor exercise using our park equipment. Both walking and outdoor exercise run for 6 weeks in the upcoming fall session! We have two levels of walking to choose from. Meeting times run for approximately 60 minutes.

Fall Session 2018 Registration begins on August 13, 2018 and ends August 31, 2018 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn St.)

Registration must be done in person. If you have any questions, you can call (706) 439-6074 and ask for Jennifer.

UCHS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2018

8/13	Hiwassee Dam	JV 5:00	V 6:00	Away
8/14	Fannin/White	V/JV 5:00/6:00/7:00		Home
8/16	Pickens	V 5:00	JV 5:00/	Home
8/20	Andrews	V 6:00	JV 5:00	Away
8/21	Gilmer	V 6:00	JV 5:00	Home
8/23	Gordan Central	V 5:00	JV 4:00	Away
8/27	Hiwassee Dam	V 6:00	JV 5:00	Home
8/28	@Fannin w/Rabun	V/JV 5:00/6:00/7:00		Away
9/4	@Lake Oconee/Putnam*	V 5:00		Away
9/6	Gilmer	V 5:00		Away
9/10	Andrews	JV 5:00	V 6:00	Home
9/11	Rabun w/Lumpkin*	Varsity Only	5:00	Home
9/13	@White	V 6:00	JV 5:00	Away
9/18	Putnam*	V 5:00		Away
9/20	@East Hall w/Lanier Christian	V 5:00	JV 5:00	Away
9/25	Region Tournament	9/27	Region Tournament	

2018 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 10		Habersham Central (Scrimmage)	
August 24	H	East Hall	7:30
August 31	A	Towns County	7:30
September 7	H	Fannin County (MS/Rec night)	7:30
September 14	A	Monticello	7:30
September 21	H	Putnam County (Homecoming)	7:30
September 28	A	Elbert County	7:30
October 5		Open	
October 12	H	Banks County	7:30
October 19	A	Oglethorpe County	7:30
October 26	H	Social Circle (Senior Night)	7:30
November 2	A	Rabun County	7:30

Junior Varsity Schedule

August 30	A	Dawson County	5:30
September 6	H	Gilmer County	5:30
September 13	H	White County	5:30
September 20	A	Pickens County	5:30
September 27	A	Lumpkin County	5:30
October 11	H	Rabun County	5:30
October 18	A	Fannin County	5:30