

# Softball: Rain cancels much-anticipated clashes with Commerce and Heard

Latest GHSA statement includes modification to postseason dates and Columbus host site

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Fifth-ranked Union County's week of Top-10 show-downs suffered a washout via Mother Nature.

Monday's trip to No. 4 Commerce and Saturday's doubleheader vs. No. 6 Heard County were canceled due to rain. As of Monday's deadline, Union's visit to No. 10 East Hall later in the day was still on.

The Lady Panthers will play host to rival Fannin County on Thursday with a 5 p.m. first pitch. Next Monday, Aug. 31, Union County will travel to Lumpkin County for the season rubber match. The 8th-ranked Lady Indians split a twin bill at UCHS on Aug. 8 to open the season.

Region play is slated to begin Sept. 10 when Union hosts the defending State Champion and top-ranked Banks County.

Although, 2020 has been an up-and-down year for the Lady Leopards, so far. At 2-2, Banks County opened with a 14-2 loss to East Hall and a 5-1 defeat at Jefferson.

Since the 0-2 start, they've picked up a pair of victories (13-6 and 3-2) over Stephens County.

Meanwhile, Rabun County, last year's No. 4 seed from 8-AA, is sitting at 3-2 with one-sided losses to Hart County (10-1) and White County (14-7).

On the flip-side, the Lady Cats own blowout wins over Clarke Central (10-1 and 8-3) and Cherokee Bluff (20-3).

The fourth and final region squad, Elbert County, is winless at 0-5 while being outscored 50-9 on the year.

GHSA news: The Geor-



Junior centerfielder Aubrie Banton fires to the infield during Union's 10-3 win at White County. Photo/Todd Forrest

gia High School Association has pushed back the postseason tournaments to help teams adjust to potential delays created by COVID-19. Furthermore, the GHSA has reduced the teams attending Columbus to four from each classification. Previously, the final eight teams in each classification settled the State Championship via double-elimination tournament in Columbus.

In the latest GHSA statement (dated Aug. 19), the Board of Trustees pushed the completion date for region tournaments to Friday, Oct. 16. Region reports for the State Tournament seedings are due no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17.

The first round of the state playoffs will be Oct. 19-20 (Class 4A, 5A, 6A, A-Public)

and Oct. 20-21 (Class AA, AAA, 7A, A-Private).

The second round, aka Sweet 16, will occur on Oct. 22-23 (4A, 5A, 6A, A-Public) and Oct. 23-24 (AA, AAA, 7A, A-Private). The Elite 8 / quarterfinal round will be held Oct. 27-28 for all classifications.

The semifinals and finals in Columbus are scheduled for Oct. 30-31. There will be no opening ceremony and the earliest game times are 1 p.m. on the 30th and 2 p.m. on the 31st.

"These changes were made in an effort to provide regions an extended period to best complete their region schedules, keep the best 2-of-3 format in the first three rounds, and be able to eliminate some of the safety concerns that 64



Caley Davis takes her cuts at White County. The junior infielder finished with an RBI and a stolen base during the Lady Panthers' second victory in three games. Photo/Todd Forrest

teams at the Elite Eight present, yet still provide a championship atmosphere at a neutral site," the statement reads. "The

positive take at this point is that the schools will still have the opportunity to play a full season if they choose to."

Additional info is available on the Georgia High School Association's official website at www.GHSA.net.

8/24	East Hall	Away	7:00*
8/27	Fannin Co	Home	5:00**
8/31	Lumpkin Co	Away	TBA*
9/3	Commerce	Home	5:00**
9/8	Fannin Co	Away	5:55*
9/10	Banks Co R	Home	5:30
9/15	Elbert Co R	Away	5:30
9/17	Rabun Co R	Away	5:30
9/22	Banks Co R	Away	5:30
9/24	Elbert Co R	Home	5:30
9/29	Rabun Co R	Home	5:30
10/1	Gilmer Co	Away	6:00*
10/6	Region Tourney	TBA	TBA
10/7	Region Tourney	TBA	TBA

UCHS Softball remaining schedule. Last week's game at Commerce has been rescheduled for Sept. 28

## XC opens Tuesday with practice run at Lumpkin



Thursday's previously scheduled Chestatee cross country meet has been canceled. As a result, Union County will visit Lumpkin on Tuesday for a trial run to begin 2020. No team scores will be kept but coaches will track individual times. Next Thursday, Sept. 3, Union hosts its season opener at Meeks Park. Photo/Todd Forrest

## Old Union Women's Golf Association weekly update

'Color War' was the name of the game as the Old Union Women's Golf Association took to the course on Monday, August 16th. There were seven teams and team members dressed in red, orange, green, black, purple, blue, and pink. Two flights were paid out. The Red team was the winner in Flight A, and the Orange team was the winner in Flight B. Red team members were Glenda Geddings, Cynthia Moorehead, Mary Mott and Martha Zimmer. Orange team members were Fran Brown, Kay Kirkland, Geni Preece and Alison Taylor. Each Red and Orange team member won \$10.

Mary Mott, who had 3 birdies, played lights out on Monday and, as no surprise, helped take the Red team to victory! Geni Preece had two birdies while Fran Brown and Connie Dockery each had one. Nice going, girls.

Shelia Baggett was the only player with a chip-in which meant she did not have



Mary Mott

to share the "pot" with anyone else. She won \$8.

Closest to the hole went to Vi Copenhaver and Connie Dockery. Each lady was given a free round of golf courtesy of Old Union Golf Course.

Mary Holmes continues to offer Golf Clinics at Old Union Golf Course. The cost is \$20 plus range ball. Max number in a group is six, and

the clinics are an hour long. Mary will have two classes... the first one at 8 AM and a second clinic at 9 AM. You must sign up on the website to participate in the clinic. Mary Holmes was the ladies' golf coach at LSU, and we are delighted with her offer to lead the Golf Clinics. Sign up soon as the classes will fill up quickly!

The Old Union Women's Golf Association is now offering a new 9 Holes League which will also be played on Mondays. This league is perfect for those players who are new to the game, who may have time constraints or those players who want to play only 9 holes. Come join the best league in the North Georgia Mountains! If you are interested and would like to come as a guest, or for more information, visit our website at www.OUWGA.com or call/text Karen at 352-638-3649 or Cynthia at 706-633-7587.

## YHC thanks supporters of the 2020 Clay Dotson Open

On Monday, Aug. 10, Young Harris College hosted the 16th annual Clay Dotson Open golf tournament at Brasstown Valley Resort to raise money for student scholarships. Approximately 80 golfers played in the tournament, which raised more than \$65,000.

"Many thanks to everyone who sponsored, participated in and supported the 2020 Clay Dotson Open," said Vice President of Advancement Mark Dotson, '88. "Because of your generosity, deserving students will receive scholarships and the opportunity to pursue an education at YHC."

The Clay Dotson Open included two flights. The following teams walked away with first-place honors across the two flights: (Flight A) Wade Patterson, '69, Debra Patterson, '76, Michael Willard and Chase Brinson; and (Flight B) Brian Mundy, Matt Gutierrez, Ray Gutierrez and Lawrence McNabb.

Teams with three or more YHC alumni qualified for the Tom Forkner, Sr. Alumni Challenge. The winning team included Jay Burks, Andy Burks, '94, Jackson Burks, '19, and Ryan Burks, '13.

Michael Willard won the Longest Drive competition, and Wesley Rogers won the Closest to the Pin competition.

"In addition to the golfers, we're fortunate to have the generous support of businesses and families who believe in the mission of Young Harris College and contribute to the Clay Dotson Open to support student scholarships."



Winners of the 2020 Clay Dotson Open Alumni Challenge: Jay Burks, Andy Burks, '94, Jackson Burks, '19, and Ryan Burks, '13.

said Dotson.

"For the 2020 tournament, Diamond Sponsors included Brasstown Valley Resort, Sodexo and United Community Bank. Gold Sponsors included adidas and Flett Higher Education Group. Silver Sponsors included Batchelor and Kimball, Inc., Maxair, Inc. and Tri-State Utility Products, Inc. Bronze Sponsors included Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, CMA Agency, Inc., EntryPoint Doors of

Atlanta, Georgia Power, Jim Ellison, '88, and Beth Ellison, Kurt Momand, '77, Heather Momand Brunone, '08, Lamin-X Protective Films, and Montag & Caldwell, LLC. Along with several business and individual Hole Sponsors, Jacky Jones Chevrolet was our Hole-in-One Sponsor. This tournament wouldn't succeed without the help of our sponsors. We're very grateful for their support." NT(Aug26/21)CA

## Trout stocking sites week of August 17-21, 2020

Fannin: Rock Creek and Toccoa River Tailwaters (Below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)  
Union: Cooper Creek

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. Stay up-to-date with stocking and events through Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NT(Aug26/21)CA

# BASKETBALL

## Union County Recreation Department Basketball Registration is open!

Ages 5-12  
Age you are September 1st is the age group you play in.

Registration fee is \$50.00 and open to both boys and girls.

Registration can be completed online at unioncountyga.gov or at the Recreation Office.

Registration will end September 25, 2020. If you need any additional information, please call 706-439-6074.



## Fall Session 2020- Fitness Family Programs Union County Recreation Department

Ages: 50 and over

Fall is quickly approaching! Union County Recreation Department will be offering many fabulous fitness class options for the Fall session. Here is a list of the following fitness classes we will offer, and take a look at our class offerings for 18 years and older! We also offer some of our classes online for those that wish to work out at home!

- Regular Aerobics (T/Th) @ 8:30-9:30 AM
- Advanced Strength-Core class (M/W/F) @ 9:45-10:30 AM
- AM Beginner Strength and Core class (T/Th) @ 11:15-12:00 AM
- AM Intermediate Step-Aerobics class (M/W/F) @ 10:45-11:30 AM
- Chair Fitness-Aerobics class (T/Th) @ 1:15-2:00 PM
- \*\*Zumba-Latin w/Lisa (M/W/F) @ 8:30-9:30 AM (Age 18 and over)
- \*\*PM Dance Jams (Monday class only) @ 5:00-6:00 PM (Age 18 and over)
- \*\*Zumba Fitness w/Beth @ 4:45-5:45 PM (T/Th)
- \*\*Online Fitness Class options (Call or come in for pricing)

\*Fall Session 2020 New Registration begins on August 21, 2020 and ends September 10, 2020 (or until classes fill to capacity) at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street).