

# Softball: Katelynn Hodges signs with Young Harris College

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November is barely a week old but it's already been a month to remember for Union County softball's Katelynn Hodges.

Earlier this month, the Georgia Dugout Club selected the senior infielder to play in its Fast Pitch All-Star Game that was held this past weekend.

Hodges, who led the Lady Panthers with a .408 batting average, will be a member of a team that consists of players from Region 7 and 8, regardless of classification.

White County catcher Jessica Morgan was the only other local athlete on the team, although, fellow Region 7-AAA member Greater Atlanta Christian was represented by Maddie Marchiando and Amanda Baskin.

Elbert County's Madelyn Libby, Buford's Kelsey Bennett, Gabby Benson, and Hannah Jo Hyatt were also teammates of Hodges, as were three players from Parkview and two each from Pope and Villa Rica.

Shiloh, Georgia Military College, Archer, Tattall Square, and Marist were also represented on the Region 7-8 team.

The coaches were Eric Stoker and Mike Cavey of Archer, Cody Skinner of Villa Rica, and Chris Turco from Pope.

Not only did Hodges, a Young Harris commit, lead Union County in batting aver-



Union County softball's Katelynn Hodges (seated-middle) signed with YHC in front of friends, family, coaches, and teammates last week at the UCHS gym. Photo/Todd Forrest

age, her 23 runs, 10 doubles, .431 on-base percentage, 4 stolen bases and 40 hits were all tops on the team while providing superb defense at second base. She was involved in a team-high six double plays while leading all fielders with 53 assists.

Perhaps her most remarkable stat was her strikeout total at the plate. In 102 plate appearances, Hodges went down on

strikes only three times.

Hodges was second on the team in OPS (.942) and slugging (.510) while tying for second in walks (4). She also finished with 13 RBIs from the leadoff spot - good enough for a fourth-place tie.

Last Wednesday afternoon, family, friends, coaches, and teammates were among those gathered as Hodges signed with Young Harris Col-

lege.

Following her junior year at South Effingham High School, Hodges fell in love with YHC during a June visit to the school. After her verbal commitment to the Mountain Lions over the summer, her family relocated to Blairsville, prior to her senior season.

"It was really a small school and I liked that a lot about (Young Harris)," she

said. "I think (the coaches at YHC) have a lot of passion and they are going to be very good coaches."

Katelynn is the daughter of Wade and April Hodges. Her father, Wade Hodges, is a teacher and assistant football coach at UCHS. Her mother, April Hodges, is the principal at Blue Ridge Elementary in Fannin County. Katelynn has two siblings: Garrett and Krysten.

Garrett, her brother, is currently a sophomore at Kennesaw State University, where he's a member of the Owls' baseball team. Krysten, her sister, is a sophomore at UCHS.

"I have to thank my family for everything they've done for me," she added. "They were very supportive and pushed me to work hard to reach my goals."

## Union County High School Basketball schedule

2017-2018 Basketball Schedule					
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Varsity	JV
Friday	Nov. 17	Gilmer	Home	7:00/8:30	
Tuesday	Nov. 21	Towns	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Tuesday	Nov. 28	Rabun	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Saturday	Dec. 2	Towns	Home	6:00/7:30	3:00/4:30
Tuesday	Dec. 5	Fannin	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Girls
Friday	Dec. 8	Rabun	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Friday	Dec. 15	N Hall	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Monday	Dec. 18	Andrews	Home	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Tuesday	Dec. 19	Gilmer	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Thursday	Dec. 21	Pickens	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Wednesday	Dec. 27	TBD	Towns	TBD	
Thursday	Dec. 28	TBD	Towns	TBD	
Friday	Dec. 29	TBD	Towns	TBD	
Tuesday	Jan. 2	E Hall	Home	6:00/7:30	4:15 Girls
Friday	Jan. 5	Lumpkin	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Saturday	Jan. 6	Andrews	Away	2:00/3:30	12:00 Boys
Tuesday	Jan. 9	Dawson	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Friday	Jan. 12	Fannin	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Saturday	Jan. 13	GAC	Home	6:00/7:30	3:00/4:30
Tuesday	Jan. 16	Pickens	Away	6:00/7:30	4:30 Girls
Thursday	Jan 18	White	Home	6:00 JV Boys	
Friday	Jan. 19	GAC	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Tuesday	Jan. 23	N Hall	Home	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Friday	Jan. 26	E Hall	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Tuesday	Jan. 30	Lumpkin	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Girls
Friday	Feb. 2	Dawson	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30

## Union County High School Wrestling schedule

- 11/11 Saturday: Jackson County Scramble
- 11/14 Tuesday: @ Habersham High School
- 11/18 Saturday: UNION SCRAMBLE
- 11/21 Tuesday: Franklin County Duals
- 11/22 Wednesday: Monroe Area Duals
- 11/28 Tuesday: @ Fannin County
- 12/1 Friday: King of the Mountain (KOM) Towns County
- 12/2 Saturday: KOM
- 12/5 Tuesday: @ East Hall w/ Stephens County
- 12/8 FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS Union County
- 12/12 Tuesday: @ Andrews
- 12/15 Friday: @GAC
- 12/16 Saturday: UNION INVITATIONAL
- 12/19 Tuesday: East Hall Invitational
- 12/22- 23 Friday-Saturday: Swain County NC Duals
- 1229 Friday: Amicalola Classic @ Dawson County
- 12/30 Saturday: Amicalola Classic @ Dawson County

- 1/5 Friday: Area Duals @ Jackson Co.
- 1/6 Saturday: Area Duals
- 1/9 Tuesday: @ Murphy High NC
- 1/12 Friday: @ Towns with Hayesville
- 1/13 Saturday: @ GAC for GAC Scramble
- 1/16 Tuesday: @ Rabun County
- 1/19 Friday: @ Stephens Duals
- 1/20 Saturday: @ Rabun Gap Tournament
- 1/22 MONDAY: LAST WRESTLE OFF OF THE SEASON
- 1/23 Tuesday: SENIOR NIGHT w/ Fannin, Hart, Rabun Gap
- 1/26 Friday: Traditional Area @ Morgan Co.
- 1/27 Saturday: Traditional Area
- 2/2 Friday: Sectionals @ GAC
- 2/3 Saturday: Sectionals
- 2/8-2/11 STATE

## 8U Panthers host end-of-year celebration



Union County's 10U football award winners: (left to right) Caden Combs - MVP; Connor Schuknecht - Defensive Player of the Year; Cade Dockrey - Offensive Player of the Year.



Union County's 10U football team finished the season with a 6-1 record.

## Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies: Jackie Moller 191, Rainy Hughs 179, Nell Rice 180, 192, Sandy Groover 175, Janet Burrell 210, 194, Susan Ganitch 194, Sis Etheridge 224, Bonnie Magar 172, 175.  
Monday Night Men: Bryan Cuthbert 217, John Delphino 225, Bob Bischoff 205, 200, Greg Wittenberg 226, Ray Everett 237, 204 Series 608, Stanley Tyler 232, 235, Series 649, Tony Lynch 246, Jay Burrell 222, Brandon Hartness 211, 225, Series 632, Ron Wingate 202, Justin Miller 221, Series 601, Guy Hill 200, Dallas Lloyd 202, 223, Jim McCreary 203, 254, Series 615, Jeremy Lands 224, Josh Mathis 214, 226, Series 619, Tim McVay 242, Johnathan Everett 202, 223, Series 620, Del Neiffer 209, Richard Tanner 219, 202, Pete DeJoseph 237, Series 622, Doug Tanner 213, 202, Series 605, Jeff Boyle 213, Derick Rice 255, 244, 200, Series 699.  
Young @ Heart Seniors: Peggy Kidder 178, Susan Ganitch 214, Bryan Cuthbert 224, Mel White 209, 214, Sandy Groover 171, Sarah Chumbley 172, 212, Jerry Clark 201, John Delphino 201, 222, Del Neiffer 214, 196, 245, Series 655, Ken Thigpen 204, 211, Gene Langford 211, 192, 235, Series 638, Mo Rodgers 186, Bart Rogers 235, Sandy Snyder 196.  
Un-Bowl-ievable League: 1st Place - Spare Me, Tied for 2nd Place - SLB and Splits Happens, 3rd Place - Exit Realty.  
Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Tim McVay 216, 214, Van Day 207, 245, Ray Everett 233, Jeremy Lands 215, Josh Mathis 221, 246, Series 635, Phillip Brix 168, Justin Miller 213, Jimmy Southern 244, Series 637, Brett Hogsted 203, 207, Shay Roberts 217, DJ DeJoseph 213, 215, Series 607, Stanley Tyler 225, Tony Lynch 256, 202, 208, Series 666, Branden Hartness 215, 236, 204, Greg Wittenberg 237, 203, Janet Burrell 202, 201, Jim McCreary 244, 199, 227, Series 670. NOV15A1JSH

## Upward 2018 Indoor Soccer

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House of Prayer Church is pleased to announce its Upward 2018 Indoor Soccer season for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade, with on-line registration now available at [www.hopb.org](http://www.hopb.org).  
Registration will remain open through January 15, 2018 at the cost of \$60 per child, and payment plans are available, if needed. Convenient weekly practices commence the second week of January 2018, while 6 games will be played on Saturdays between January 27th and March 3rd.  
Registrants should attend the evaluation that will be held on Monday, December 4th on a drop-in basis between the hours of 5:30 and 7 p.m. at the House of Prayer Family Life Center gym. For more info regarding registration, call the church office at (706) 745-5925.  
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