

Softball: Wischmeyer named to Class AA All-State First Team

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Union County senior outfielder Mary Wischmeyer was named to the Class AA All-State team following a 2019 season that saw the Lady Panthers win its first State playoff series in three years.

Wischmeyer played an integral role in the resurgence of Union County softball this fall, finishing the year with a .404 batting average, 19 RBIs and three homers. As a four-year starter, Wischmeyer ends her high school career with a .354 batting average (130-for-367), 30 doubles, 77 RBIs and three homers.

As a freshman catcher, Wischmeyer was the battery mate for Union's last all-state selection, RHP Laken Chambers. That 2016 Lady Panthers squad would eventually advance to the Class AAA second round before missing the State playoffs altogether in 2017 and falling in the first round in 2018.

While battling through a 10-17 campaign in 2017 that saw Union come up short of the postseason for the first time in nearly a decade, Wischmeyer still hit .307 with nine doubles and 20 RBIs. The following



Mary Wischmeyer homers in the state playoffs. Photo/Todd Forrest

season brought a change in coaching and brand new defensive responsibilities as the then-junior moved from behind the plate to centerfield. Without the duties of nurturing a young pitching staff, Wischmeyer flourished offensively, posting a career-best 25 RBIs, 26 runs and 11 doubles. Meanwhile,

her .374 batting average was second-best on the team among players with 40-plus at bats.

With her move to the outfield a year ago, Wischmeyer becomes Union County's first All-State outfielder since fellow centerfielder Callie Dyer in 2011.

FIRST TEAM ALL STATE

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR
ATHLETE SCHOOL COACH

PLAYER OF THE YEAR ALI NEWLAND BREMEN HARPER

PITCHER OF THE YEAR TYBEE DENTON BANKS CO CRONIC

| POSITION | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | SCHOOL | COACH |
|----------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| P | BRINKLEY | YEVAK | LAMAR CO | EVANS |
| P | JILES | KATELYN | HEARD CO | HORNSBY |
| C | GARRETT | KALI | HARLEM | LEVERETT |
| C | WHITE | MACKENZIE | HEARD CO | HORNSBY |
| IF | BISHOP | CAYLA | LAMAR CO | EVANS |
| IF | BRADDY | ASHTYN | VIDALIA | THOMPSON |
| IF | HELTON | EMMA | HEARD CO | HORNSBY |
| IF | CRONIC | MADISON | BANKS CO | CRONIC |
| IF | LUKE | ALIYAH | HARLEM | LEVERETT |
| OF | TEEMS | ALEXIS | ROCKMART | LUKE |
| OF | BIBBINS | SAVANA | HARLEM | LEVERETT |
| OF | TAYLOR | BETH | HEARD CO | HORNSBY |
| OF | WISCHMEYER | MARY | UNION CO | MITCHELL |
| UTILITY/D P | MARTINCT | JILL | BANKS CO | CRONIC |

Mountain Gymnastics Center begins season with strong showing at Turkey Tumble meet

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Woodstock - Blairsville's Mountain Gymnastics Center opened its 2019-20 competition season with last month's Turkey Tumble, bringing home three individual and one team championship.

The AAU Silver squad turned in a first place overall performance behind Shy'ann Beasley and Keely Shook's all-around high scores of 36.9 and 35.525, respectively.

Beasley pulled off a clean sweep in her age group, posting first-place scores in all four events. On the bars, she recorded a 9.425 while scoring a 9.325 on the beam, a 9.15 on the floor and a 9.0 on the vault for a 36.9 total.

With an all-around score of 35.525, Keely Shook also placed first in her respective age group. Shook's day was highlighted by a first-place score of 9.0 on the beam. She was second on the bars with an 8.95, second on the floor with an 8.925 and second on the vault at 8.45.

Shaylyne Davis just missed a first-place score by posting a 35.05 - good enough for second all-around.

Davis recorded a first place

score of 9.30 on the bars and a second place total of 8.575 on the beam. Her vault score of 8.3 was third best and her 8.875 on the floor was fourth.

Emma Modlock turned in three second place performances for a runner-up total of 34.85. She posted an 8.5 on the vault, a 9.3 on the bars and an 8.4 on the beam.

Reagan Gwynn finished third with a 34.775 all-around tally. Her performance was highlighted by a first-place score of 8.6 on the vault. Additionally, her 9.025 on the bars, 8.25 on the beam and 8.9 on the floor were all good enough for third place.

Lindsey Hammond also came in third with an all-around total of 34.45. Her 9.20 on the bars and 8.25 on the vault each placed third. Meanwhile, her 8.25 on the beam was fourth best.

Finishing in fourth place was Addison Harkins with a 34.125 all-around score. Her 9.05 on the floor was the high score for her age group. Additionally, she placed fourth with a 8.125 on the vault.

Grace Rice was sixth with an all-around score of 33.675, highlighted by a second place performance (9.125) on the floor and a third place finish (8.25) on the vault.

Madelyn Earley was seventh with a 33.55 total. Her 8.825

was good enough for fourth place on the floor.

In AAU Bronze, Kylee Coggins was first with an all-around score of 33.75. She swept all four events with an 8.75 on the floor, an 8.7 on the beam, 8.2 on the vault and an 8.1 on the bars.

Lucie Burgess was second all-around with a 32.8 - placing second on the bars (7.9) and the beam (8.45). She was also third on the floor (8.55) and on the vault (7.9).

Brooke Mowrey was third with a 30.2 following a second place showing on the floor (8.7) and the vault (8.0). She also came in third on the beam (8.05) and bars (5.45).

Madelyn Primeaux tied for third with a 34.15, highlighted by a second place score of 9.0 on the bars. Her 8.55 on the beam and 8.35 on the vault were each good enough for third.

Makenzie Duval also tied for third with a third place score of 8.65 on the floor.

In AAU Gold, Nevaeh Leopold was second with a 32.8. She was second on the bars (9.0) and floor (8.7), and third on the vault (8.2) and beam (6.9).

Carly Barnett was third all-around with a 31.95. She was first on the bars with a 9.05, second on the floor at 8.7 and fourth on the vault (7.55) and beam (6.65).

2019 8-AA First Team All-Region Football

| Offense | Name | Grade | High School |
|---------|-------------------|-------|---------------|
| POTY | Gunner Stockton | 10 | Rabun County |
| D-POTY | John Mancuso | 12 | Union County |
| O-POTY | Pierson Allison | 12 | Union County |
| Athlete | Braxton Hicks | 12 | Rabun County |
| QB | Cedric Brundage | 10 | Putnam County |
| RB | Shamarian Greene | 10 | Monticello |
| RB | Shun Allen | 12 | Elbert County |
| RB | Jonah Daniel | 11 | Union County |
| WR | Rodney Daniel | 12 | Putnam County |
| WR | Sawyer Drake | 12 | Union County |
| WR | Kyle Morlock | 12 | Union County |
| WR | Sam Adams | 12 | Rabun County |
| OL | Aaron Helton | 11 | Union County |
| OL | Will Hightower | 12 | Rabun County |
| OL | Nolan Crane | 10 | Rabun County |
| OL | Marlin Dean | 11 | Elbert County |
| OL | Camden Mathis | 12 | Putnam County |
| OL | Braxton Simpson | 12 | Banks County |
| Defense | | | |
| DL | Phillip Roberson | 12 | Rabun County |
| DL | Qwen Moss | 12 | Elbert County |
| DL | Nathaniel Ledford | 12 | Union County |
| DL | AK Walker | 12 | Monticello |
| DL | Chantz Watts | 12 | Monticello |
| LB | Jace Bennett | 11 | Banks County |
| LB | Hoff Windham | 11 | Rabun County |
| LB | AJ German | 11 | Elbert County |
| LB | Sloan Sutton | 12 | Union County |
| LB | Brody Jarrard | 11 | Rabun County |
| DB | Garrett Bragg | 12 | Rabun County |
| DB | Hunter Moore | 10 | Rabun County |
| DB | Kaston Hemphill | 11 | Union County |
| DB | Sawyer Pace | 12 | Banks County |
| DB | DJ Ardister | 12 | Elbert County |
| K | Edwin Diaz | 12 | Rabun County |
| P | Cullen Lee | 12 | Putnam County |

Union County Wrestling Schedule

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|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 27th | Amicalola Classic | Dawson County High School | 9:00 AM |
| 28th | Amicalola Classic | Dawson County High School | 9:00 AM |
| January | | | |
| 4th | Cherokee Tournament | Cherokee High School NC | 9:00 AM |
| 7th | Fannin Dual | Home | 6:00 PM |
| 10th | Team Area | TBD | TBD |
| 11th | Team Area | TBD | TBD |
| 15th | Marietta Tri | Marietta High School | 5:30 PM |
| 25th | Elbert Inferno | Elbert High School | 9:00 AM |
| 31st | Traditional Area | TBD | TBD |
| February | | | |
| 1st | Traditional Area | TBD | TBD |
| 7th | Sectionals | TBD | TBD |
| 8th | Sectionals | TBD | TBD |
| 12th | State Tournament | Macon GA | TBD |
| 13th | State Tournament | Macon GA | TBD |
| 14th | State Tournament | Macon GA | TBD |
| 15th | State Tournament | Macon GA | TBD |



Mountain Gymnastics Center's AAU Silver squad finished first at last month's Turkey Tumble in Woodstock.

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