

Union County men, Emma Garrison take first place at Meeks Park meet



Junior Cristian Garcia (left) placed fourth (18:41) at the Mountain Mayhem Cross Country meet at Meeks Park last month to lead the Panthers team to the top of the team standings. Freshman Lance Arrowood placed fifth (18:44) and sophomore Jakob Brown finished 10th at 19:31. Junior Jacob Kelley was 14th at 19:57, Tim Murphy took 15th at 20:02, and sophomore Adam Bachman at 20:35. Gehrig Patterson took 26th with a time of 21:06, Brooks Patterson was 36th at 21:52, and Daniel Kumler was 48th at 22:46. Other Panther runners were Cole Payne (23:06), senior Aaron Stafford (23:18), Evan Browning (23:25), Jesus Palomo (23:51), and junior Jarrett Holbrooks (24:11). The final team standings were: 1st place Union County - 48 points, 2nd place Chestatee - 53 points, 3rd place Lumpkin County - 90 points, 4th place Hayesville, NC - 91 points, 5th place Murray County - 103 points, 6th place Fannin County - 149 points, and 7th place Murphy, NC - 187 points.



Junior Emma Garrison (left) battled shin splints and still pulled away from the field at the Mountain Mayhem Cross Country meet at Meeks Park, clocking in with a time of 22:06 that was 46 seconds better than second place. The Lady Panthers placed third at the race with 92 points, eight points back of 1st place Chestatee and four back of second place Hayesville, NC. Junior Stephanie Busse was 14th with a time of 24:58, senior Marissa Spaulding was 22nd at 26:10, junior Anna Danek came in 23rd at 26:15, Raphaela Aleman was 32nd with a time of 27:38, and sophomore Cora Bauman was 36th, checking in at 28:37. Other Lady Panther runners were Adele Bauman (28:57), Kaitlyn Gallager (29:03), Isabella Polard (29:25), Addie Murphy (30:18), Grace Rivera (30:22), Sage Royston (31:43), and Hannah Quigley (33:13). The final team standings were: 1st place Chestatee - 84 points, 2nd place Hayesville, NC - 88 points, 3rd place Union County - 92 points, 4th place Fannin County - 94 points, 5th place Murray County - 97 points, 6th place Murphy NC, - 102 points, and 7th place Lumpkin County - 105 points.

Lady Panthers JV softball team at 6-3



The Union County Lady Panthers Junior Varsity softball team is currently 6-3 on the year. The season began with five dominating victories beginning with a 9-1 win over Fannin County. Followed by a 4-0 win over White County, a 13-2 win over Rabun County, and a 9-5 win over North Oconee. The Lady Panthers would then suffer three straight losses: 4-3 to Chestatee, 11-5 to Flowery Branch, and 7-5 to Rabun County. Union recorded a 2-0 victory at Rabun County last week for their sixth win of the 2014 season.

UCMS football takes care of Fannin; falls at Pickens County



The Union County defense teaches a Fannin County ball carrier about the "Purple Swarm" defense.



The Union County offense led by quarterback Kannon Hemphill (left) hasn't had much trouble putting up points. Photos/Todd Forrest

Bowling league scores

Senior League: Bart Rogers 225, Del Neiffer 213, 214. Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Chuck Reeves 213, Kirk Bass 203, Russ Southcott 215, Tim McVay 260, John Moore 224, Denise Baldwin 194, Zach Moore 222, 278, Tim Moore 235, 227, Jason Swanson 208, Dewey Allen 200, Tony Lynch 234, 210, 202, Ray Everett 233, 217, Ken Clark 208, Mike Davis 278, 200, Bob Landis 235, 212, Mike Arnold 223, Jordan Moore 234, 213, Jeb Plott 256, 247, Bill Smith 243.

Senior League: Paul Napolitano 200, Del Neiffer 214, 225. 620 Series. Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Jeb Plott 238, 227, Johnathan Everett 201, Ray Everett 211, 225. Rainy Hughes 190, Zach Moore 215, 236; Taz Matetzsch 255, 208, Larry Canaan 232, Bob Landis 209, 246, 203, Kirk Bass 207, Russ Southcott 209, 214, Chuck Reeves 202.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Tim Moore 233, 244, 226, 703 Series, Jeb Plott 205, 259, 258, Chuck Reeves 245, Kirk Bass 207, Russ Southcott 224, 266, Jaythan Burrell 209, Ken Clark 212, Taz Matetzsch 205, Ray Everett 211, 205, Johnathan Everett 202, Zach Moore 217, 226, John Moore 216, Dewey Allen 203, Doug Roberts 201, Jordan Moore 215, Larry Canaan 216, BJ Gilbert 218, 227, 216, Mike Davis 203.

Men's League: Chris Roberts 223, Kevin Mohan 255, Russ Southcott 214, 213, 242, Mike Newsome 205, John Stevens 208, Ray Everett 247, 232, 226, 705 Series, Jeb Plott 225, 244, Kirk Bass 202, Taz Matetzsch 255, 200, Huey Davis 247, BJ Gilbert 221, Tom Griffiths 227, 242, Jay Burrell 201, 201, Brett Hogsd 208, Chris Ellinwood 202, Richard Tanner 206, 205, 205, Joe Teague 203, Derrick Rice 205. N(Sep10,Z16)CA

Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament

It is not too late to register for the Warriors-Scholarship Fund golf tournament for our wounded warriors! It is a fun tournament with unique individual awards for Longest Drives and Closest to the Pins. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Format: Teams of four - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies; Longest Drives and Closest to the Pins. Cost per team \$220, per player \$55. Companies, businesses and organizations \$200. We will have a raffle for Round of Golf for two guests at Brasstown Resort, value \$150 and an electric drill from Home Depot value \$100. Just give us a call if you are interested: Marine Sgt. Charlie Sowers at 706-745-5123 or Marine Sgt. Skip Belton at 706-745-2273. Members of the 1957 Panthers football team, you're number one in our book! N(Sep10,Z13)CA

NASCAR 2014

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Keselowski wins race, chase field is set

RICHMOND, Vir.—Brad Keselowski won Saturday night's Sprint Cup race while Ryan Newman claimed the 16th and final Chase spot. Keselowski led 383 laps of the 400-lap race, the most ever for a Richmond race, while the win was the 400th for Penske Racing.

"What a night," said Keselowski, who started on the pole. "I couldn't ask for better luck to get my fourth win and start the Chase. What an awesome car the team gave me. The whole team did a great job getting me in and out of the pits first."

Jeff Gordon did not lead a lap, but was running a strong second when the checkered flag waved.

"This wasn't a win, but I'm very confident of our chances the rest of the year," said Gordon. "I'm ready for the Chase. I can't wait until next weekend."

Clint Bowyer realized going into the race that he needed a win in order to make the Chase. He was unable to challenge the leaders and finished third.

"You know we would have liked to have made this year's Chase, but all we can do is build on what we have done so far," said Bowyer. "There's still enough races left, that maybe we can win a couple to show how determined we are."

Jamie McMurray was fourth, followed by Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano, and Kurt Busch.

Jimmie Johnson finished 8th. After getting out of his car on pit road under his own power, he sat down on pit road. He tried to get up and collapsed. He was taken to the infield care center where he was administered an IV for dehydration and released.

"I was definitely dry," said Johnson. "I will have to dig in and understand what happened in the car. I was hot in the car so I will have to make sure all my fans were working and stuff like that. Scary moment and I hate that it happened, but have to learn from it and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Ryan Newman, who finished ninth claimed the 16th, and last starting position in the Chase.

"We've had some good calls, and I think we've done the best with what we've got," said Newman. "We're in the Chase and we'll see what we can do. This team is 100 per cent right now and getting better."

Aric Almirola, who also made the Chase finished 10th.

Here is the 2014 Chase field for the final 10-races with the Chase points reset. 1. Keselowski-2012, 2. Gordon-2009, 3. Earnhardt-2009, 4. Johnson-2009, 5. Logano-2009, 6. Harvick-2006, 7. Edwards-2006, 8. Kyle Busch-2003, 9. Hamlin-2003, 10. Kurt Busch-2003, 11. Kahne-2003, 12. Almirola-2003, 13. Allmindinger-2003, 14. Kenseth-2000, 15. Biffle-2000, 16. Newman-2000.

KYLE BUSCH GOES WIRE TO WIRE

Kyle Busch started on the pole in Friday's Nationwide Series race, and led all 250 laps on the way to his fourth win of the season and 67th of his career.

"Had a good car and good execution all night," said Busch. "I knew that going into tonight's race it was going to be different than some of the others. We had a good race car from the beginning, and it showed."

Busch completely dominated the field, and finished over



Brad Keselowski won his fourth Cup race of the season at Richmond



2014 Chase Contenders: Back Row, L-R: Jeff Gordon, Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch, Carl Edwards, Ryan Newman, Joey Logano, Kurt Busch, Matt Kenseth, Aric Almirola. Front Row: Brad Keselowski, Greg Biffle, A. J. Allmendinger, Kasey Kahne, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick. Furnished by NASCAR

2-seconds ahead of Chase Elliott.

"I thought we had a good car," said Elliott. "We got better there at the end, but so did Kyle."

Kevin Harvick was third, followed by Ryan Blaney, Brian Scott, Regan Smith, Dakota Armstrong, Elliott Sadler, Ty Dillon and Chris Buescher.

Top-10 leaders after 25 of 33: 1. Elliott-916, 2. Smith-897, 3. T. Dillon-874, 4. Sadler-862, 5. Scott-859, 6. Bayne-832, 7. C. Buescher-747, 8. Gaughan-720, 9. Reed-686, 10. J. Buescher-671.

NATIONWIDE SERIES TO CHANGE TO XFINITY

The Nationwide Series will become the Xfinity Series in 2015.

NASCAR and Comcast announced an agreement that will make Comcast's XFINITY brand the title sponsor of what is now known as the NASCAR Nationwide Series through 2024. The 10-year deal is worth over 200-million dollars.

XFINITY is Comcast's residential service brand and is the nation's largest video and high-speed Internet provider.

Nationwide, which has served as title sponsor for the past seven years will continue its relationship in NASCAR as a sponsor on Dale Earnhardt's No. 88 and remain the official insurance company of NASCAR.

SOUVENIR ROW MIGHT BE ON WAY OUT

For decades, walking along "Souvenir Row" prior to the start of a race has been part of a race fan's day at the track. Large haulers, loaded with racing merchandise line up end-to-end outside the track, forming a chain of retail outlets. Fans can buy goods emblazoned with images of their favorite driver and his car.

After two decades of growth, the bottom has dropped out of the souvenir business. In June, Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal reported that sales dropped from more than \$2 billion in 2008 to \$1 billion in

2010. Since then, it has dropped even more.

This past week NASCAR and other business executives met in Daytona, to discuss the future track souvenir business. Sales of T-shirts, caps, jackets, miniature die-cast cars and other racing souvenirs have lagged as NASCAR race attendance has diminished and fans have grown more reluctant to spend big bucks for their favorite driver paraphernalia. As a result, stock car racing's leaders are contemplating changes to the on-site merchandising of apparel and other souvenirs.

This is just one of several changes that you might see at tracks in the future.

The legacy of Junie Donlavey was honored at Richmond this past week. The Sprint Cup garage has been named the Junie Donlavey garage in honor of the owner who was a competitor at NASCAR's highest level for more than 50 years. The track placed a sign over the entrance to the garage that says "Donlavey Garage" with the words separated by the number "90." That was the number on Donlavey's cars for almost all of his races. Above the "90" is "Junie" and below it is "Chief". Donlavey died June 9 at 90.

David Stremme drove the No. 90 car in Sunday's Cup race in honor of Donlavey.

Weekend Racing: All three of NASCAR's major series will be at the 1.5-mile Chicagoland Speedway.

Fri., Sept 12; Truck Series race 15 of 22; Starting time: 8 pm ET; TV: FoxSports1.

Sat., Sept. 13; Nationwide Series race 26 of 33; Starting time: 3:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sun., Sept. 14; Sprint Cup race 27 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: What year did Chicagoland Speedway open?

Last Week's Question: Who won the September 2013 Cup race at Richmond? Answer: It was Carl Edwards.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: www.hodges@race500.com. NT(Sep10,C1)ac

Fish for Food Fishing Tournament

Matthew 25 Food Ministries presents "Fish for Food Fishing Tournament". 50% of tournament money goes to feed needy families in our area. The remaining 50% will go to tournament prize money. Prize money will be awarded for 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and biggest fish. Actual prize amount will depend on number of entries.

Entry fee is \$40 per boat, the tournaments began in March and will end in October, occurring on Saturdays and rotating between Lake Chatuge, Woods Grove Boat Ramp and Lake Nottely, Deaver Road Boat Ramp, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tournament schedule: September 13 - Chatuge; and October 11 - Nottely. NT(Sep10,Z22)CA

2014 Basketball registration Union County Recreation Department

| Age Group | Registration Begins | Season Starts | Season Ends |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 5/6 yrs old | September 29 | October 13 | November 21 |
| 7/8 yrs old | September 29 | October 13 | November 21 |
| 9/10 yrs old | September 29 | December 1 | January 17 |
| 11/12 yrs old | September 29 | December 1 | January 17 |

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

Registration can be completed online at Meekspark.com or in person at the Recreation Office at 310 Wellborn Street.

If you need any additional information, please call 706-439-6074