

Union County Softball hosts Senior Night during busy week

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Union County softball dropped a pair of region games during the week before visiting Morgan County for a weekend tournament.

On Wednesday, the Lady Panthers went to North Hall and jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage but couldn't hang on. The Lady Trojans eventually pulled away 6-3.

Union hosted Dawson County the following day for Senior Night and were unable to generate any offense during a 3-1 extra inning loss.

Over the weekend they participated in the Morgan County tournament and got off on the right foot with a 7-0 win over Newton. Later on Friday, the Lady Panthers fell to Worth County by another 7-0 score.

Saturday they suffered another shutout loss at the

hands of Monticello, 4-0, but rebounded with a 3-2 win over Morgan County. The final game of the weekend was a 6-2 loss to Heritage.

On Monday, Union hosted GAC in a makeup game from Aug. 31. Tuesday the Lady Panthers pay a visit to East Hall at 5:30 p.m.

North Hall travels to Blairsville on Wednesday for a 6 p.m. first pitch. The junior varsity is also in action at 4:30 p.m.

The week concludes with the 11th game in eight days when Union travels to Chestatee at 5 p.m. Thursday.

For more details on last week's games, including the results of Monday's GAC game, visit the NGN Sports Blog at www.ngnsports.wordpress.com. For more UCHS sports news and updates on new blog entries you can follow on *Twitter* at: @hotrod-todd25.



Union County seniors with coaches Kaitlyn Seabolt (left), Jessica Stewart (middle), and Mark Vaughn (right). Senior Night photos by Todd Forrest



Senior Katelynn Hodges with family.



Senior Jillian Lawn with family.



Senior Braden Poteete with family.

Your Union County High School 2017-18 Homecoming Court

Homecoming photos by Todd Forrest



Hannah Todd - Freshman



Chloe Truex - Freshman



Megan Bright - Sophomore



Caroline Collins - Sophomore



Cydney Rich - Sophomore



Aladriel Arnold - Junior



Allison Fair - Junior



Maddie Sutton - Junior



Carolyne Stone - Junior



Claudia Ledezma - Senior



Hannah Lickey - Senior



Jessica Palomo - Senior



Emily Rittenhouse - Senior



Baylee Young - Senior

Union Cross Country sweeps at Fannin County

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Both Union County Cross Country squads took home top honors at Fannin County last week behind first place finishes by Lance Underwood and Zoe Sanchez.

The Union County boys squad recorded a perfect score of 15, which is an extremely rare feat where the top five runners all belong to one team.

In this case it was Underwood in first with a time of 17:13, Luke Gambrel in second at 18:21, and Timothy Murphy in third at 19:10.

Colby Ives crossed the finish line fourth in 19:22 while Guage Shumaker was fifth, clocking in at 19:52.

In second place was Gilmer with 62 points. Other teams competing were Woody Gap and Fannin County.

In the girls race, Sanchez was victorious again with a time of 21:08. Latty Ryals checked in at 23:36 and Lexie Ochoa wasn't far behind at 24:08.

Rounding out Union's top five runners were Emmi Schakat (25:03) and Sadie Underwood (25:07).

Both teams will race at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Gilmer.

"All of our runners on both the girls and the boys teams are doing a fantastic job," Union County Head Coach Paige Dyer said. "We may run as individuals but we finish as a team. I'm proud of all of them and their amazing achievements so far."



The Union County Cross Country teams getting prepared at the starting line. XC photos by Todd Forrest

Union County youth football

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Saturday The 10U Panthers took on the Gilmer County Bobcats and the Panthers totaled 148 yards with 111 yards coming on the ground in a 19-12 victory.

Union scored touchdowns from 39, 56 and 66 yards from Conner Schukecht, Maddox Young, and Cade Dockery.

The Panthers improved to 3-0 on the year.

The 8U Panthers took on the Gilmer Bobcats and both teams played a good game. It was a close one as Gilmer scored in the first quarter but No. 31 Kingston Jones scored for the Panthers to send the game into overtime.

Gilmer scored first then it was the Panthers turn. No. 2 Brandon Lynch ran it to the 3-yard line, then on fourth down from the three, No. 00 Lassiter Windisor scored the touchdown and a two-point conversion, giving the



Panthers a 15-14 win.

The 8U Panthers are 2-1 so far this season.

The 7th grade Panthers took on the Pickens County Dragons and Darin Patterson scored twice once on offense then again on a kick off return. Griffin Young scored a big receiving touchdown and Panthers held on 18-14.

Union County's 7th grade is 2-2 this season.