

Union County basketball in action vs Hayesville, NC and Rabun Gap-Nacoochee



Kait McCarter blocks a Hayesville shot attempt. Photo/Todd Forrest



Sawyer Brey denies a dunk attempt by Rabun Gap. Photo/Todd Forrest



Brooke Dockrey on defense vs Rabun Gap. Photo/Todd Forrest



Andelin Hill drives for two vs Hayesville, NC. Photo/Todd Forrest



Pierson Allison soars for a layup vs Rabun Gap. Photo/Todd Forrest

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(it's hard to get going)."

Despite the limited practices with a full roster, Coach Jones was pleased with his defensive effort vs Rabun Gap and knows its only a matter of time before his offense begins to click behind its two returning All-Region 7-AAA selections, Allison and Drake.

"With only two days of practice (with a full team) we're just trying to get different guys into the game and see what groups work well together," Jones said. "I feel like every group that was on the floor gelled together, but these guys have been playing together forever so it won't take long for them to gel."

"I told our guys, 'if we only give up 39 points-a-night, we'll be alright.' We played really good defense but five of our guys were playing football less than a week ago, so the shots that we missed tonight are going to start falling for us and we'll be fine."

The Panthers finished just 12-for-55 from the floor for 22-percent. From distance, they were only 3-of-20 for 15-percent.

There is also room for improvement at the line as Union shot 10-for-17 (59-percent).

Allison and Day led the way with 8 points each but the duo combined to shoot just 6-for-21 from the floor and 2-for-12 from downtown.

Allison also picked up 3 steals and 2 boards while Day had 4 rebounds and 2 assists.

Brey and Hemphill added 5 points apiece with Brey leading the team with 4 steals and 2 blocks. Hemphill would haul in a team-high 5 rebounds while sending back two shot attempts - matching Brey for the team lead.

Joining the block party was Waller, who also denied two shots while grabbing a pair of boards and scoring 4 points.

Drake finished with 4 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals. Nelson scored 3 points, Cayden

Rich had 4 rebounds, Daniel had 2 rebounds and Christian Robertson grabbed one board.

Union County will host Towns County on Tuesday in its only game of the week.

"Towns will be tough," Jones said. "They've been tough these last few years and I don't expect any different on Tuesday. We're going to have to play very well to beat them but it's always a fun game."

Panthers 55, Hayesville, NC 60 - The Yellow Jackets led most of the night behind freshman Jake McTaggart's game-high 30 points.

Trailing 14-10 after a quarter, Union County stormed back for a 21-20 lead. Hayesville, however, still had another first half run left in them as they scored 10 of the next 12 points for a 30-23 advantage.

Not to be outdone, the Panthers scored 7-unanswered to even things up but the Jackets eventually took a 35-32 lead into the locker room.

The third quarter got underway with Hayesville outscoring Union County 11-5 for a 46-37 margin. But the Panthers refused to go away as a Drake 3-point play capped of a 5-0 spurt to close the period with Union down 46-42.

Two free throws by Drake pulled the Panthers within two at 50-48 at the 5:28 mark. Later, a Nelson trey tied the score at 52-52 with 3:19 remaining.

Behind Drake's team-high 12 points was Brey with 9, Waller with 8, Robertson 7, Nelson 7, Daniel 4, Day 4 and Allison 2.

Tuesday's game with Towns County will tip-off following the girls game -- which gets underway at 7 p.m.

The Indians are coming off a 73-67 victory over Hiwassee Dam, NC. Sophomore guard Kolby Moss led all scorers with 24 points while seniors Will Travis and Brett Denton chipped in 13 apiece.

JV Panthers 33, Rabun Gap 42 - Union's Junior Varsity squad was unable to overcome a slow start in a 42-33 season opening loss to the Eagles.

Trailing 10-3 after one, the Panthers battled back to within 14-10 at the half and 28-25 after three.

Landon Cox led Union with 9 points while Blake Davis added five. Lake Hughes and Landon Kight scored 4 each; Eli Peugh and Logan Helcher had 3 apiece; Daniel Snow and Braeden Gay both finished with 2 points while Bryson Lariscy scored one.

UCHS 2018-19 Wrestling Schedule

Nov. 30	King of the Mountain (Towns)
Dec. 1	King of the Mountain (Towns)
Dec. 4	Dawson Co. @ HOME
Dec. 7	Friday Night Fights @ HOME
Dec. 15	@ Robbinsville, NC
Dec. 20	@ East Hall
Dec. 22	@ Swain, NC
Dec. 29	@ Gilmer
Jan. 11	Area Duals @ Monticello
Jan. 12	Area Duals @ Monticello
Jan. 26	@ Elbert Co.
Feb. 1	Traditional Area @ Elbert Co.
Feb. 2	Traditional Area @ Elbert Co.
Feb. 8	Sectionals @ Bremen
Feb. 9	Sectionals @ Bremen
Feb. 13-16	State Finals @ Macon

Local Racing Report: Blue Ridge

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BLUE RIDGE - Blue Ridge Motorsports Park hosted a race on Saturday Nov. 17th, with the 602 Red Clay Dirt Series. Here are the top five from each class.

Street Stock - Coming in first place was No. 00 Charles Devine Jr. Coming in second place was No. 1 Evan Winkle Jr. Coming in third place was No. 7d Dylan Truhan. Coming in fourth place was No. 01 Jacob Lynch. Finishing in fifth place was No. j69 Jim Weller.

Hot Shots - No. 22 Tucker Anderson. Coming in second place was No. 32jr Franklin Burk Jr. Coming in third place was No. 22 Ricky Queen.

Crate - Coming in first

place was No. 7 Jason Deal. Coming in second place was No. 5j Jamie Love. Coming in third place was No. 9 Brian Kinnersley. Coming in fourth place was No. 23 Ahanna Parkhurst. Coming in fifth place was No. R12 Rodney Weeks.

Limited - Coming in first place was No. J0 John Owenby. Coming in second place was No. 32 Jason Manley. Coming in third place was No. 03 Oliver Gentry. Coming in fourth place was No. 23 Ahanna Parkhurst. Coming in fifth place was No. 30 Daven Dillbeck.

Pony - Coming in first place was No. 47 JJ Garrett. Coming in second place was No. 8 Johnny McClure. Coming in third place was No. 43 Tain Ross. Coming in fourth place was No. 51 Tommy Faulkrer. Coming in fifth place was No. 22 Seth Johnson.

Upward Indoor Soccer Registration

House of Prayer Church is pleased to announce its Upward 2019 Indoor Soccer season for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade, with on-line registration now available at www.hopb.org.

Registration will remain open through January 19, 2019 at the cost of \$60 per child, and payment plans are available, if needed. Convenient weekly practices commence the week of January 14, 2019, while 6 games will be played on Saturdays between February 2nd and March 9th.

Registrants should attend the evaluation that will be held on Tuesday, December 4th on a drop-in basis between the hours of 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the House of Prayer Family Life Center gym. For more information regarding registration, call the HOP church office at (706) 745-5925.

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