

# Sports

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## Track/Field: Barrett, Sanchez, Underwood place top 8 at State

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Seniors Riley Barrett and Lance Underwood each made the podium in the final event of their respective high school careers last weekend at the Class AAA State Championships in Albany.

Meanwhile, sophomore Zoe Sanchez -- fifth in the 3200M and ninth in 1600M -- will benefit from her two years of experience in Class AAA when Union County returns to Class AA in the fall.

Sanchez's fifth place performance in the 3200M (2 miles) race was Union's highest finish of the weekend. The sophomore clocked in at 12:32.85 - edging out Dawson County's Jenna LeCours (12:32.99) by less than two-tenths of a second.

Private school runners claimed three of the top four spots with Bremen's Grace Clements (second place - 11:48) the only public school representative among them.

Fourth place Payton Payne of Pace Academy held off Sanchez by six seconds (12:26), while Lovett's Sydney Lamberson took home third with a time of 12:17.

Westminster's Delaney Graham blistered the field with a first place time of 11:30.

On the boys side, Barrett recorded a seventh place finish in the 400M race with a time of 51.62. He earned a spot in the finals by placing third in the second heat of the preliminaries with a 50.23.



L-R: Riley Barrett competes in the 400M race, one of three events the senior participated in; senior Lance Underwood sets a school record in the 3200M race, bringing his highly decorated, multi-sport high school career to a close; sophomore Zoe Sanchez brought home a pair of top 10 finishes by placing fifth in the 3200M (2 miles) race and ninth in the 1600M (1-mile) race last weekend. Union County track and field photos courtesy of Beth Brown and Jenni Dixon

In the 400M finals, Barrett crossed the finish line behind a pair of Cedar Grove runners. Fifth place Eric Davis (49.87) and sixth place Terrence Lewin (50.09) both held off Barrett, who finished ahead of eighth place Shaquille Wilson of Central Macon.

The top spot went to Monroe Area's Chase Spann (48.82) while Keishon Franklin placed second with a 49.08.

Westminster's Samuel Woodhouse IV (49.24) was third and Liberty County's

Joshua Ferrell (49.58) took home fourth.

As for Underwood, he turned in a school record performance in the 3200M race, clocking in at 10:05 - good enough for eighth place.

Underwood finished one second behind seventh place Cody Wood (10:04) of Dawson County and two seconds back of sixth place Samuel Garringer (10:03) of Hart County.

Like the 3200M girls, private schools dominated the boys race, taking four of the

top-five spots.

Westminster claimed both first and second thanks to Will Wallace (9:40) and Zachary Roe (9:46). Lovett's Jackson Borden (9:49) placed third and East Jackson's Shane Shelafae (9:50) was fourth.

Also coming in under 10 minutes was fifth place Jack Douglass of Pace Academy at 9:54.

In other events, the boys 4x400M relay team of Colby Ives, Adrian Shaw, Hayes Glover, and Barrett placed 15th

with a time of 3:48.

Barrett also took part in the long jump, placing 12th with a distance of 20-feet, 7.75 inches.

Sanchez recorded a top-10 in the 1600M (1-mile) event with a time of 5:39 - less than three seconds back of eighth place Frankie Muldoon of Dawson County.

Next year Sanchez and Union County will compete in Class AA which should be a welcomed change for the track and field program. Based on

this year's Class AA results, Sanchez's time of 12:32 would have been good enough for second place in the Class AA 3200M race - 21 seconds behind first and 7 seconds ahead of third.

The Class AA 1600M event would have resulted in another runner-up finish by less than one second ahead of third. Sanchez would've also been in the running for a State title, finishing less than four seconds out of first.



UCHS relay team: Hayes Glover



UCHS relay team: Colby Ives



UCHS relay team: Adrian Shaw

### Football and Cheerleading Registration

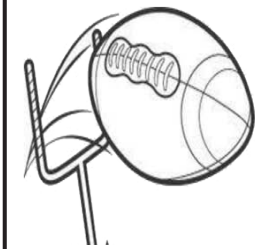
Football and Cheerleading Registration opens at the Union County Recreation Department May 7, 2018 - June 29, 2018.

Ages 7-11 as of April 30th

You may register at the Union County Recreation office located at

310 Wellborn Street or online at [unioncountyga.gov](http://unioncountyga.gov).

Please call 706-439-6074 with any questions.



### Healing Hands Community Clinic Charity Golf Classic has been canceled

It is with great regret that the Annual Charity Golf Classic benefiting Healing Hands must be canceled at this time.

The improvements being made to our beautiful venue, Butternut Creek Golf Course, will not be completed in time for the pre-scheduled tournament date.

Those generous members of the community who have donated for hole sponsor-

ships and team sign ups will be contacted by a staff member of Healing Hands in order to facilitate your refund.

We will announce an alternative date or a different fundraising event altogether as Healing Hands depends solely on donations to continue providing excellent healthcare to the uninsured of the mountain area. Thank you for your understanding and support.