

Football summer workouts get underway; passing tourney Friday at Flowery Branch



Union County football opened its summer workout sessions last week. This Friday, Union will participate in a passing tournament at Flowery Branch High School beginning at 9:30 a.m. Photos/Todd Forrester



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Johnson Gets Controversial Overtime Win

Dover, DE - Jimmie Johnson got his 11th Dover Cup win after a controversial overtime finish.

On the race's last restart, Kyle Larson, the leader, did not get the jump he needed and Johnson was able to get by him. Johnson crossed the overtime line, as the new leader prior to another wreck that forced the race's final caution.

Because Johnson had already cleared the OT mark, the caution flag signaled the race's end, giving the win to Johnson.

"They can protest all they want to," said Johnson. "I got the win. We all have to race by the rules, and it doesn't matter how good or bad my car was, we won by the rules."

A yellow flag came out after David Ragan crashed on lap 396 of the 400-lap race, and erased Larson's 3-second lead, bunching up the field and eventually sending the race six laps past its scheduled 400-lap distance.

After losing the lead on the final restart, Larson was unable to catch Johnson before another wreck, and the race's last caution flag, which ended the race.

"Obviously I didn't need that last caution," Larson said. "Yeah, I mean, Jimmie is the best of our time, probably the best of all time. He just has obviously a lot more experience than I do out on the front row late in races and executed a lot better than I did. I've got to get better at that and maybe get some more wins."

Martin Truex Jr. led three times for 102 laps, but was shuffled back after a Lap 343 caution flag fell during a pit-stop cycle. The series points leader rallied to finish third.

Ryan Newman and Chase Elliott completed the top-five, while Daniel Suarez, Jamie McMurray, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, and Danica Patrick rounded out the top-10.

"It was a good day for



Jimmie Johnson Gets Dover Win

us," said Patrick, who had one of her best finishes of the season. "We got a bit lucky with staying out at the right time and catching the yellow flags. It's the stuff that hasn't been happening for us all year, and it's just nice to catch some breaks today."

There were several pit stop miscues early, with five yellow flags in the opening 120-lap stage. Pole-starter and early leader Kyle Busch was among the first. He left pit road without his left-rear wheel properly attached. After an extra pit stop to replace the errant wheel and repair fender damage on his car, Busch recovered to race into the top-five.

Busch later made an unscheduled pit stop for another loose wheel with 38 laps left. He wound up 16th.

Kurt Busch spun and took out Brad Keselowski on lap 65. Busch lost control racing alongside Larson on a restart, forcing Keselowski's No. 2 Ford into the outside wall. Keselowski was done for the day in 38th place, finishing next to last for the second straight week.

Kurt Busch continued with damage, but was sidelined 30 laps later by a more severe solo wreck that left him with a 37th-place result.

Top-10 leaders after 13 of 36: 1. Truex-545, 2. Larson-536, 3. Harvick-429, 5. Kyle Busch-416, 5. McMurray-415, 6. Johnson-414, 7. Keselowski-410, 8. Elliott-398, 9. Hamlin-361, 10. Bowyer-349.

LARSON WINS DOVER XFINITY RACE

Kyle Larson, started from the pole, and led the most laps (13), while scoring his first career victory at Dover's Monster Mile.

"I knew our car was going to be really good," Larson said. "We got the pole, I was able to lead a lot of laps. I would start the runs off tight. We had a bunch of cautions and I got looser and looser. I

was happy to see a long run finally, knew I would be good on one of those."

Ryan Blaney, who led 28 laps was second, followed by Daniel Suarez, Cole Custer, Ryan Reed, William Byron, Elliott Sadler, Darrell Wallace Jr., Matt Tifft, and Ty Dillon.

Top-10 leaders after 11 of 33: 1. Sadler-375, 2. Allgaier-363, 3. Byron-318, 4. Wallace Jr.-291, 5. Hemric-281, 6. Reed-270, 7. B. Poole-263, 8. Tifft-255, 9. Annett-248, 10. Custer-242.

SAUTER GETS DOVER TRUCK WIN

Johnny Sauter led 33 laps, including the last 25 to win Friday night's Truck Series race at Dover.

The top-10 finishers: 1. Sauter, 2. Kaz Grala, 3. Grant Enfinger, 4. Ben Rhodes, 5. Austin Cindric, 6. Brandon Jones, 7. Regan Smith, 8. Justin Haley, 9. Noah Gragson, 10. Ryan Truex.

The top-10 leaders after 6 of 23: 1. Sauter-291, 2. Bell-239, 3. Crafton-232, 4. Rhodes-215, 5. Briscoe-208, 6. R. Truex-185, 7. Enfinger-181, 8. Grala-175, 9. Peters-170, 10. Gragson-145.

Weekend Racing: The Truck Series will be at the 1.5-mile Texas Motor speedway, while the Cup and Xfinity teams will be at 2.5-mile Pocono Raceway.

Fri., June 9; Truck Series race 7 of 23; Starting time: 8 p.m. ET; TV: Foxsports1.

Sat., June 10; Xfinity Series race 12 of 33; Starting time: 1 p.m. ET; TV: Fox.

Sun., June 11; Cup Series race 14 of 36; Starting time: 3 p.m. ET; TV: Foxsports1.

Racing Trivia Question: Which Cup team did Kasey Kahne drive for before moving to Hendrick Motorsports?

Last Week's Question: Has Chase Elliott won any NASCAR championships? Answer: He won the 2014 Xfinity Series championship.

You may contact the Racing Reporter by e-mail at: hodges@race500.com.

It is time for Football and Cheerleading

Sign-ups at the Union County Recreation Department begin May 1-June 23rd.



Ages 7-11

(Age cut off is April 30)

Sign up on-line at unioncountyga.gov



Go to park and recreation/youth athletic programs or at the Recreation Office located at 310 Wellborn Street

** For more information please call the recreation office at 706-439-6074**

Vogel's Kids Fishing Rodeo June 10

Vogel's Kids Fishing Rodeo, Saturday, June 10, 2017, 8 a.m. - noon at Vogel State Park, 405 Vogel State Park Rd., Blairsville, GA, located 11 miles south of Blairsville on Hwy. 129/11. Cost: \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

Vogel State Park and The Vogel Volunteers will host a Kid's Fishing Rodeo. Wolf Creek will be stocked with trout for children 12 years and younger to fish.

Your child must be present at the registration tent for sign-in and to receive a free t-shirt prior to fishing.

The first 331 children will receive a t-shirt. Also

the lucky ticket holders will receive a prize.

Park staff and volunteers will be helping by giving out bait, baiting hooks, taking fish off, and giving out prizes. Prizes are donated by local businesses.

A limited supply of loaner rods/cane poles, corn and worms will be available. So please, bring your own if possible.

All fishing laws are to be followed. We want to teach the children to protect & conserve the resources while having fun.

Information: 706-745-2628 or www.GASStateParks.org. NT(Jun7,24)CA

Meeks Park Pool low impact water aerobics class



Meeks Park Mermaids

Beginning Monday, June 5, the Meeks Park Pool will once again be offering an adult low impact water aerobics class. Classes meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for one hour. This summer the classes will begin at a new time, 10am. Classes are \$5 a session, or you can pay \$35 a month or \$90 for the whole season. The class season begins June 5 and extends to Labor Day. All aquatic exercise equipment is provided.

This class is challenging enough for the intermediate water aerobics person, but is also geared to the less limber student who has health related issues. The pool offers a water chair lift into and out of the pool for those handicapped. You do not have to be an accomplished swimmer to take this class.

If you need therapy for a knee or hip replacement, back, shoulder or neck surgery, this class offers you the opportunity to get the exercise you need along with a good dose of Vitamin D (bring your own sunscreen and towels). This class is a co-ed class, so men, come join the Meeks Park Mermaids, for these adults not only get great exercise but have fun doing it. NT(Jun7,24)SH

The Union County Pool at Meek's Park is now OPEN daily 12 pm - 6 pm!

Single and Family Season Memberships are available for purchase at the pool.

Daily entrance is \$5 per person.

If you have any questions you may call the pool at 706-439-6101.

Kids Fishing event at Buck Shoals WMA

Bring your family to a fun, free Kids Fishing Event at Buck Shoals WMA. Kids can bring their special big person to help them catch and keep fish according to fishing limits (5 bream, 3 bass, 3 catfish). All you need to bring are your pole, bait (no bread or corn please), and your spirit of excitement! Other items you may want to include are water, bug spray, and a folding chair to sit on. These events occur every 3rd Saturday, May through September, and last from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Event Contact Information: Kathy Church; kathy.church@dnr.ga.gov; (706) 878-4736. NT(Jun7,24)CA