

# June's Thursday night Youth Wrestling sessions end on high note



Youth Wrestling nights at the Pit offered something for everyone. Now Union County wrestling will take a break until the school year begins and the season opens in the fall. Photos courtesy of Union County Wrestling's Facebook Group.

# NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

## Kenseth wins at Kentucky

Jimmie Johnson led 198 laps of Sunday's 267-lap Sprint Cup race at Kentucky Speedway, but it was Matt Kenseth that led the last 20 on the way to his fourth victory of the season.

Johnson at one point in the race was over 13-seconds, ahead of the second-place driver. His flawless performance was overshadowed by a terrible restart with 24 laps to go in the 267-lap race.

It all started when Brian Vickers hit the outside wall on lap 240, after blowing a right front tire to bring out a caution. All the lead lap cars pitted. Johnson took on two outside tires and fuel, while Kenseth only took on fuel. Back on the track, Kenseth was lined up first on the outside, while Johnson was second on the inside.

When the green flag was given, Kenseth and the rest of the field, except for Johnson took off. It appeared Johnson's car actually stalled, and several cars in the inside row stacked up behind him.

Joey Logano bumped Johnson, and then got under him. As Johnson and Logano went into the first turn, Johnson came down, bumped the front of Logano's No. 22, and spun around.

The caution flag came out again. Johnson pitted for four fresh tires. This time he restarted the race from 25th position.

When the green flag was given, Kenseth was gone again. He was followed by Clint Bowyer, Jeff Gordon, and Jamie McMurray. As the race neared its end, McMurray moved into second, but was never close enough to challenge Kenseth.

"I didn't think there was any way we could win this race," said Kenseth. "We had older tires, and our car wasn't handling the way I thought it should. There had to be a lot of luck on our side for us to win today."

Jamie McMurray was second, followed by Clint Bowyer, Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, Martin Truex, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, and Kevin Harvick.

Kurt Busch caused a seven-car pileup on lap 48. Going into turn-3, Busch was racing down on the track apron. As he came back onto the track, he clipped the rear end of Brad Keselowski's No. 2 car. Keselowski's car veered up, initiating a seven-car pileup.

Greg Biffle, Travis Kvapil, Paul Menard, and Dave Blaney were finished for the day.

"It was all my fault," said Busch. "I misjudged the distance between cars when I started back up."

The race, which had been rescheduled from Saturday due to rain, was red flagged while speedway crews cleaned up the mess.

Top-10 leaders after 17 of 36: 1. Johnson-610, 2. Edwards-572, 3. Bowyer-569,

4. Harvick-544, 5. Kenseth-528, 6. Earnhardt-512, 7. Kyle Busch-500, 8. Truex-490, 9. Biffle-489, 10. Logano-479.

## TY DILLON TAKES KENTUCKY TRUCK RACE

Ty Dillon found a burst of speed with 25-laps remaining in Thursday night's truck race to pass Kyle Busch for his second career truck win.

"My car just took off at the end," Dillon said. "I knew I was faster, so I just really tried not to kill my car, kill my tires, and it finally came to us. I got a good run through (Turns) 1 and 2 and got by him in 3 and 4. It (Dillon's No. 3 Chevrolet) turned into a rocket ship there at the end."

"I wasn't that great in the beginning and the middle, but (crew chief) Marcus (Richmond) and the guys kept digging and kept digging."

"To beat Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski, two of the best drivers on four wheels right now is pretty special."

Brad Keselowski finished second, followed by Kyle Busch, James Buescher, Ryan Blaney, Timothy Peters, Miguel Paludo, German Quiroga, Jeb Burton, and Matt Crafton.

Top-10 leaders after 8 of 33: 1. Crafton-319, 2. Burton-297, 3. T. Dillon-279, 4. Buescher-275, 5. Sauter-272, 6. Blaney-272, 7. Gaughan-267, 8. Paludo-268, 9. D. Wallace-236, 10. Peters-234.

## KESELOWSKI WINNER OF NATIONWIDE RACE

Brad Keselowski was declared winner of Friday's Kentucky Speedway Nationwide race after NASCAR shortened it by 30 laps, due to rain.

Top-10 leaders after 15 of 33: 1. Smith-521, 2. Hornish-513, 3. Allgaier-510, 4. Sadler-5012, 5. A. Dillon-501, 6. Larson-477, 7. Kligerman-475, 8. Vickers-473, 9. Scott-466, 10. Bayne-453.

## IS DANICA A REAL RACE DRIVER

This past week in an interview with Jim Utter for the Charlotte Observer, Kyle Petty gave his take on Danica Patrick, "I've said from the very beginning, she's just a marketing machine."

That's right. Danica is a marketing machine, but so are the other 42 drivers that start each NASCAR race. It's just that Danica being the only woman, plus her attractiveness, makes her marketing machine, more attractive than most of the men.

But is she a race car driver? Of course she is. She is out there on the track every week driving during a race.

I think what Kyle was referring to is that in his opinion, she's not a "real" driver. "Lot's of drivers can drive fast, but very few drivers can race," he said.

In that case, most of the 43-car fields in NASCAR races aren't racers, because only a small percentage of drivers



Matt Kenseth wins at Kentucky. Furnished by NASCAR

ever win a race. Take Paul Menard as an example. He too is a marketing machine. He drives the No. 27 Richard Childress Chevrolet and in seven years of Cup racing, has won only once. How has he managed to stay in the big league all those years?

It's simple. His daddy's company, Menard Supply Company, pays Childress to provide him a car and crew at a cost in the neighborhood of \$12-\$15-million per year. In exchange Menard's gets publicity and use of the car in its marketing strategy.

No different than GoDaddy, the sponsor on Patrick's No. 10.

It's all part of the NASCAR game. What most fans don't realize is that "on track racing," is only a small part of the NASCAR game plan.

It doesn't matter how good a driver you are, if you can come up with someone, (which includes your father's company) to shell out between \$10-\$20-million, you can go racing. You might not win a race, but once you get on the track, in a race car, and the green flag drops, you are a race car driver.

I think Kyle and a lot of fans confuse the past, when drivers had to race by the seat of their pants, with today's modern style of racing.

They aren't the same. Danica and Paul race in the here-and-now.

No doubt Danica and Paul are racers. How good are they? I don't know. It's in the minds of the beholders.

**Weekend Racing:** The Nationwide and Cup teams will be at the 2.5-mile Daytona International Speedway. The trucks do not race again until July 13.

Fri., July 5, Nationwide race 16 of 33; Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Sat., July 6, Sprint Cup race 18 of 36; Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: TNT.

**Racing Trivia Question:** What old-time driver had three stints in NASCAR—1950-'54, 1971-'78, 1980-93, and didn't retire from racing until 2001?

**Last Week's Question:** A. J. Foyt focused mainly on Indy-racing, but he raced several partial seasons in NASCAR. What year did he win the Daytona 500? **Answer:** It was in 1972.

You may e-mail the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com. NTJ03.C23ac

## Charter System Meeting notice

The Union County School System is inviting community members, parents, employees, and students to receive information and ask questions on the upcoming Charter System application. An informational meeting will be held at the Board Office located at 124 Hughes Street on Tuesday, July 10 at 9 a.m. If you are not able to attend the session and would like to participate, a survey is located on the Union County Schools webpage within the Charter Application link. NTJ03.A13SH

## Upward flag football and cheerleading



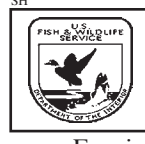
On-line registration is now open through August 19th for Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade at [www.hopb.org](http://www.hopb.org) or at [www.fumunioncounty.org](http://www.fumunioncounty.org). The registration price to participate is \$60 and includes one football jersey or cheerleading outfit and payment plans are available if needed. Convenient once per week practices will begin the week of August 19, 2013, while games will be held on consecutive Saturdays between September 7th through October 12, 2013.

Everyone is encouraged to attend one evaluation to be held on Tuesday, August 6th and Thursday, August 8th from 6 to 7:30 PM at the House of Prayer Football Field located behind the Canal Lake Bible Camp dormitory buildings.

Form and registration fees may also be dropped off, Monday through Friday, at House of Prayer Family Life Center or First United Methodist Church's business office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, contact either church office at HOP (706) 745-5925 or FUMC (706) 745-2073.

Upward Sports partners with around 2,600 churches to

provide first-class, organized and welcoming children's basketball, soccer, flag football and cheerleading leagues and camps. By providing a fun sports experience based on healthy competition, Upward Sports Leagues help children develop skills for the sports arena and values for life. NTJ03.A4SH



## Trout stocking sites week of June 24-28, 2013

Fannin: Hemptown Creek, Hothouse Creek, Rock Creek, Toccoa River, Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam), and Wilsco Creek

Lumpkin: Etowah River and Nimblewill Creek  
Murray: Holly Creek  
Union: Cooper Creek

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NTJ03.Z40CA

## New Tri-County British Car Club

On Sunday June 23rd, 24 owners of classic British cars got together at Brother's restaurant in Young Harris for the first get together of the newly formed Tri-County British Car Club here in the mountains. The first meeting was a great success with attendance from Hiawassee, Blairsville, Hayesville, Murray, Blue Ridge and Braselton.



Eleven cars were on show from MG As and Bs, MG TDs and TFs, a Lotus Europa, a Triumph TR6 and a Rolls Royce Corniche Cabriolet. A good time was had inspecting all the cars, discussing technical details on the vehicles and

stories about their restorations, before about a great meal and planning road trips around the mountains for future get-togethers. If anyone has a classic British car or an interest in them and would like to join, inquiries can be made at [tri-countybritishcarclub@yahoo.com](mailto:tri-countybritishcarclub@yahoo.com). NTJ03.Z10CA



**FUTURE PANTHERS FOOTBALL CAMP**

July 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday - Thursday  
Ages 7 to 13

Early Registration \$50  
Day of Registration \$60

**CONTACT:** Coach Allison (770) 639-7331 | Coach McCombs (706) 781-9893  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Union County High School Football Field

**Info:** Water and Gatorade will be provided. Please bring Water bottle with name. Wear shorts, t-shirts, and cleats. Each child will receive a Football camp T-shirt

Please Return with Payment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make checks payable to Union County QB Club, 153 Panther Circle, Blairsville, GA 30512

**\*\*This is an offensive position oriented camp.\*\***

Please Circle Campers Offensive Position: Quarterback | Line | Receiver/Running Back