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UCRD 12&U baseball wins District title; 10&U baseball also Statebound Union's 10&U softball finishes third at State

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The Union County Recreation Department's youth baseball and softball teams just wrapped up District tournament play over the weekend with the 10&U baseball squad earning a trip to the State Tournament in unusual fashion, while the 12&U baseball Panthers lit up the scoreboard - posting a football score against some of the toughest competition in the northeast Georgia area.

The following paragraphs regarding the 12&U baseball team were submitted by Danny Hemphill, coach of the 12&U team that won a District 6 championship this past Sunday in Dawsonville.

The Union County 12&U Dizzy Dean All-Star team traveled to Dawsonville to compete in the District 6 baseball tournament last week.

The Panthers came away with the championship trophy by winning six-out-of-seven games in the double-elimination tournament. Two of their victories came against the Jefferson Dragons, whom the Panthers defeated in the 2013 10&U tournament championship game.

The Panthers defeated Jackson County in the final two games on Wednesday after losing to them in the finals of the winner's bracket contest on Tuesday. After several tight games that were decided in the last innings, the Panthers proceeded to score 17 runs in the first inning of the championship game and cruised to a 21-6 victory.

District 6 participants included teams from Banks, Barrow, Dawson, Fannin, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Towns and White Counties, as well as Jefferson and North Hall.



The 12&U District champs with a scoreboard behind them that reads 21-6 after the dropped 17 runs on Jackson County in the first inning of the title game. Roster: 00 - Lake Hughes, 1 - Kaston Hemphill, 3 - Josh Orr, 8 - Chandler Mullis, 10 - Isaak Mullanack, 11 - Joseph Rockenbaugh, 19 - J.J. Littles, 20 - Colton Day, 21 - Braylen Gray, 22 - Conner Shields, 33 - Erik Nation, 42 - Damien Chitwood, 99 - Bret Ballew. Coaches: Danny Hemphill, Randy Day, Tony Hughes and Lester Chesser

The Panthers will be competing in the State Tournament this weekend in Cumming.

The Panthers would like to thank Larry Conley and Terry Plott of the Union County Recreation Department for their support throughout the year. They would also like to dedicate the trophy to Ed Webster, who passed away earlier this year. Webster was an employee of the recreation department and a friend to many and was always quick to assist our youth teams in any way he could.

The *North Georgia News* would like to thank Coach Hemphill, not only for his contribution to this article, but for his, and

every other coach's contributions to the youth of Union County.

The 12&U squad will face host team Forsyth County, a.k.a. Sharon Springs, in the opening round of the tournament. Sharon Springs lost the first two games of its District 4 tournament, played during the final weekend of June.

After the 10&U baseball tournament, hosted by the Fannin County Rec Department, had dwindled down to four teams back on June 29th, the rains came and never let up. A relentless deluge pushed the tournament back to Saturday, July 4th, but as of June 5th, there appeared to be no end in sight to the precipitation

so the tournament was canceled and all four teams were granted a spot in the Dizzy Dean State Tournament.

Union County, along with White and Barrow counties each had one loss in the double elimination tourney, while Jefferson was the only team remaining in the winners bracket and were waiting to see which of the other three teams they would square off with in the title game.

But unfortunately, we will never know if the Panthers would have survived the sudden-death, three-team mini-tourney, and then, have enough left in the tank to take out Jefferson, not once, but twice.

the Lady Panthers defeating Gordon County, and getting the tourney off on the right foot.

Unfortunately, lady-luck would turn against Union as they suffered back-to-back losses to Cedartown on Saturday, the 27th and Jackson County, who the Lady Panthers defeated in the District semi-finals, and later in the Championship contest.

As for the Union County 14&U baseball team, they also came out of the gates strong in the Jefferson-hosted tournament.

A pair of victories came in round one and round two over Hall County on Friday, June 19th and Fannin County on Saturday, June 20th.

However, things quickly turned sour as the Panthers fell to rival Towns County later in the day on Saturday. Then, on Sunday, another rival, Fannin, served up some revenge to Union County with a victory.

Fannin would go on to win the championship with Towns placing second. Both squads reached state and both are currently in action, but hanging on by a thread in the losers bracket.

The Lady Panthers 12&U softball team picked up an opening round win over White County before falling to Dawson County and Lumpkin County.

The *North Georgia News* would like to wish the 10&U and 12&U baseball teams the best of luck at their respective State Tournaments. We can't wait to cover your Union County athletic careers for the next 6-8 years.

As for the eliminated teams, we are proud of you and know that each and everyone of you represented Union County with class and dignity. Keep your head up and continue striving to be the best at whatever you set your mind to.

In the opening round, the Panthers suffered an upset at the hands of Dawson County. But with their backs against the wall, Union County came out swinging and knocked both Lumpkin County and Banks County from the tournament before they were set to square off with Barrow County, with White County waiting in the wings for the victor.

As of this writing, the 10&U baseball state brackets have yet to be released.

Last month, the 10&U softball team became the first Union County team of the summer to claim a District title.

On Friday, June 26th, state play opened in Carrollton with

Union County High School Football Camp

Dates:
JULY 14-16

Participants:
Rising 1st - 8th graders

Location:
UCHS Football Field

Time:
5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Instructors:
High school coaches and current high school players

Cost:
Pre-registration \$50 per participant
\$60 per participant the day of the camp

Participant Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Grade (2015-2016 school year): _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Work Phone: _____

***Insurance Information**

Name on Policy: _____

Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

WAIVER: The above applicant is in good health and has my permission to participate in this camp. In case of emergency, I hereby give permission for my child to be given emergency medical treatment by on-site medical professionals, a local doctor, hospital, or dentist and hereby waive and release said camp from any and all liability from injuries incurred while attending camp AND payment of said services are the total responsibility of the parent.

Parent Signature: _____

MUSA Fall Registration

Mountain United Soccer Association's Fall Registration is now open. Age groups from U6 to U16.

You can register online at www.mountainsoccer.org. Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed

to P.O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514. Deadline to register is July 18th.

For additional information, please check our website at: www.mountainsoccer.org or email us at: musa.soccer@gmail.com

Run Above The Clouds adds 5K

It is held on the first full weekend in October, which coincides with the annual Indian Summer Festival in Suches.



Exciting news! The Run Above The Clouds just got bigger and better with the addition of a companion 5K race. Now runners will have a choice for Georgia's most scenic race. The inaugural 5k will join the legendary Run Above The Clouds 10K on Saturday October 3, 2015 at 9 a.m. The Run Above The Clouds is held in the small mountain community of Suches in the beautiful North Georgia mountains. At 2900 feet above sea level, The Run Above The Clouds is the highest altitude 10K race in the state of Georgia.

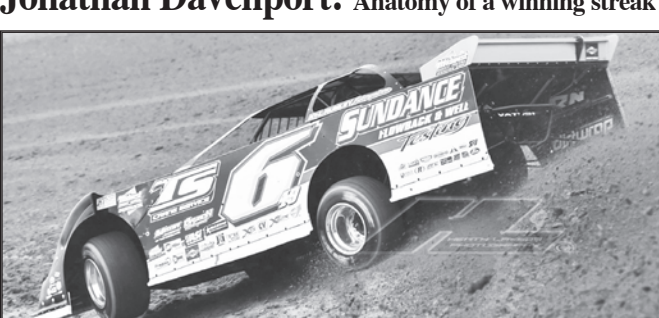
The Run Above The Clouds is held as a benefit for the students of Woody Gap School. The event is funded by sponsorships, as well as registration fees from the runners.

The event start/finish line is across from Woody Gap School at the Community Center on State Highway 60 in Suches, GA, which is 16 miles north of Dahlonega.

Each runner will receive a race T-shirt. Awards for the 5K and 10K are two-deep for male and female in each group with special awards presented to overall top male and top female.

Runners can register at Active.com. Event details, entry fees and further information on The Run Above The Clouds please visit www.run-abovetheclouds.org or email cloudrun10k@yahoo.com.

Jonathan Davenport: Anatomy of a winning streak



DirtonDirt.com statistician Andy Savary broke down Jonathan Davenport's nine-race winning streak, which started May 21 and stretched to June 19, spanning 30 calendar days.

- *He collected \$172,545 in total first-place earnings.
- *His victories included five on the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, three under the UMP DIRTcar banner and one in Lucas Oil MLRA action
- *He won in seven states: Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.
- *He overtook seven different drivers for the lead en route to victories: Will Vaught, Scott Bloomquist, Dale McDowell, Steve Casebolt, Shane Clanton, Earl Pearson Jr. and Chris Ferguson.
- *He swept all three nights of action during Eldora Speedway's Dirt Late Model Dream XXI en route to his first crown jewel victory
- *He completed a 265-point swing from fourth place (125 points behind) to first place (140 points ahead) in the Lucas Oil championship standings.
- *He led 278 of 495 possible feature laps (56.2 percent).
- *He had a single flag-to-flag victory (May 30 in Florence Speedway's Ralph Latham Memorial), never won the pole position and only once came from the front row (at Florence) to win.
- *He started as far back as 11th before triumphing (in Lucas Oil action on June 19 at Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, SC).

Pre-register by mailing completed form with payment **and** insurance information to:

Union County High School
Attn: Coach Brian Allison
153 Panther Circle
Blairsville Ga, 30512
OR

Register at the field on the first day of camp beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Make Checks Payable to:
UC Quarterback Club

New Liberty Heaven Bound Sportsmen's 3rd Annual 3-D Archery Coon Shoot

Bow Raffle Refreshments Door Prizes

And God was with the lad, and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. Genesis 21:20

Will be held July 18, 2015 at **Alexander's Store**
Town Creek School Rd, Blairsville, GA

Sign in From 7:00pm-8:30pm
Shotgun Start at Dark
\$10 per Shooter
Classes will be: Mens, Womens, Traditional, Youth(12-16), Cubs(11 and under shoot FREE)

Rules: No Shining Targets. Targets will be lit with a light.
No Broadheads
Must Shoot From Stake
Bring a small flashlight for walking

Any Questions Please Contact: Trenny Elliott 706-781-8883,
Jason Sebolt 706-835-6978 or Tim Bohannon 706-781-4658