

UCMS: Panthers' Cross Country champs again

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First year Union County Middle School Cross Country Coach Paige Dyer is one proud coach.

Her boys team defended its turf and held firm in a league dominated by larger schools with highly evolved feeder programs.

While the boys team may have won the first place trophy, the girls squad won over Coach Dyer's heart.

"These girls are going to come back next year stronger than ever," Coach Dyer said. "We have five seventh graders, who will be back and ready to compete next August."

As for the boys, Union County High School Head Coach Jackie Hughes already has her eyes on the speed that's headed her direction next summer.

"There are some boys who will make an immediate impact on the success of the high school program," Coach



The Union County Middle School Boys Cross Country after claiming its second League title in as many years.. Photo/Special to North Georgia News

Dyer said. At the League Meet, Lance Underwood came in second overall, Timothy Murphy was fourth, and seventh place Dylan Dockery rounded out the Panthers' Top 10.

Evan Browning placed 11th and Cole Payne was 12th.

Others competing for the boys squad was Devan Henderson, along with four seventh graders. Britt Waller, Milo Bauman, Connor Latka, and Patrick Colwell.

The Union County Middle School Lady Panther team was represented by Destiny Sparks, Destiny Orellana-Irvin

(7th Grade), Payton Sease, Bailey Daniel, Lee Ann Tumam (7th Grade), Lulu Morris (7th Grade), Rachel Wills, Brianna Puntari, Maggie Stuart, Jayden McCollum (7th Grade), Delanie Skinner (7th Grade), and last but not least, Manager Megan Hayes

Union's youth football last regular season Saturday

Last Saturday's Scores: This Saturday's Games:

8U: UC 6 Gilmer 30	8U: @ Dawson 12 p.m.
9U: UC 14 Dawson 0	9U: @ Fannin 10:30 a.m.
10U: UC 41 Gilmer 0	10U: @ Fannin 12 p.m.
11U: UC 6 Gilmer 56	11U: @ Pickens 6 p.m.
12U: UC 12 Jackson 50	12U: Bye



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UCHS: Cross Country strong at final home meet

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The Union County Lady Panthers finished last week's Meeks Park meet in a first place tie with the Gilmer County Lady Bobcats from Class AAAA.

Meanwhile the Panthers placed fourth, ahead of Fannin and Towns, but just short of Murray County, Gilmer County, and Lumpkin County.

Jacob Kelley led the Panthers with a ninth place finish at 19:43, Andrew Nelson came in 23rd at 20:27, Cristian Garcia was 26th with a time of 20:34, Jeremy Herum was 29th, checking in at 20:56.

Thirty-second place belonged to Jakob Brown at 20:59, 35th was Josh Weaver, finishing in 21:10, and Adam Bachman was 37th at 21:24.

Other Panther times were Matthew Rich at 21:42, Aaron Stafford at 21:58, Jarrett Holbrooks at 24:28.

The Lady Panthers, along with the rest of the field were led by Emma Garrison who blistered the course in 20:09. Then Rachel Todd brought in an 8th place finish at 24:32, Stephanie Busse and Marissa Spaulding packed well at 13th and 14th, 25:21 and 25:22, respectively.

Cora Bauman was 17th at 26:10, Anna Danek was 23rd at 26:50, Emmeline Stuart was 27th at 27:29, Mary Murphy picked up 29th at 27:33, Hannah Quigley was 33rd at 28:24.

Other Lady Panther times were Adele Bauman - 28:43,



Union County Cross Country ran at Meeks Park last week in the final home meet before the Region 8-AA meet. Photos/Todd Forrest

Kaitlyn Gallager - 29:12, Grace Rivera - 29:54, Addie Murphy - 30:41, Rah Aleman at 31:42.

Union is now less than a month from the Region Playoffs and Garrison, Busse, and Stuart are both buzzing with confidence when it comes to the post season meets.

"We are definitely getting stronger going into Region," Garrison said. "Our times are getting stronger with every race."

The Meet will be held at Riverside Military Academy where Union will pay a visit to next week.



"We've never been there before but that's about to change," Stuart said

"I'm looking forward to going down there," Busse added. "I think we will have a really good chance when the Region Meet does get here"

Homecoming Game, Parade put exclamation point on Spirit Week

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On Friday night, 14 young ladies from Union County High School will take center stage as they await their name in front of a packed Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium.

The announcement of the 2013-14 Union County School Homecoming Queen will cap off the school's Spirit Week. Each day this week, students will dress according to theme. Monday was "Camo Day" and each day for the entire week will offer a different theme for the students.

On Friday morning, at 8:15 a.m. each grade, 9th-12th will put the finishing touches on their float that will parade through Union County Schools, in hopes that their grade will be named the most spirited.

At 7:30 p.m. the Panthers will kickoff their Region 8-AA contest with Greene County. After 24 minutes of action on the gridiron, the Homecoming Court, along with their escort, will be in-

duced and Miss Union County High School will be crowned by the 2012-13 Queen Cassidy Davis.

Most of the 14 members of the Court will be taking their first walk across the turf as part of the Homecoming ceremony.

Meanwhile, others have been there before. Seniors Madison Rich and Lauren Zollinger were members of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 Courts, and fellow senior Angel Gochenour made the Court last year as a member of the junior class.

Junior Sidney Rowan has also been nominated twice - in 2011-12 and 2012-13. Sophomore Layne Colwell will be making her second appearance.

The other members consist of seniors Elizabeth Forney and Amy Theriot. The junior class representatives are Camryn Carter, Amy Cummings, Rachel Todd, and Rowan.

Sophomores are Brooklyn Bergen, Emmeline Stuart, and Colwell. The freshman class is represented by Holly Stroman and Joanna Irvin.

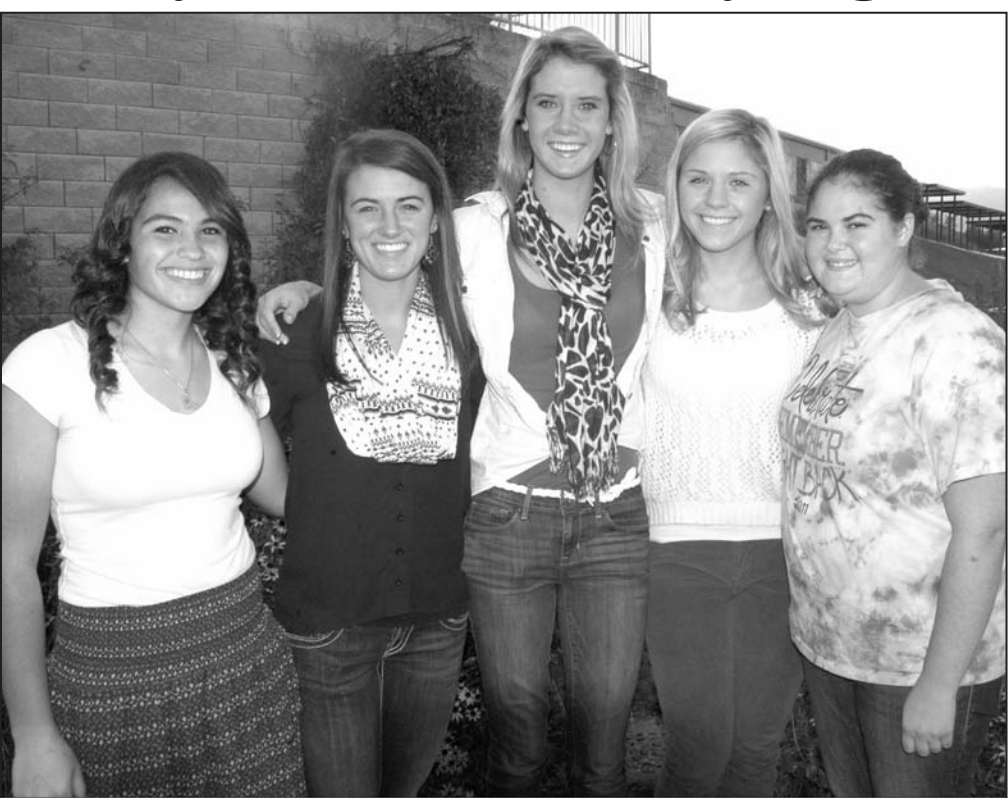
Last 10 UCHS Homecoming Queens

- 2012-13: Cassidy Davis
- 2011-12: Meagan Barnett
- 2010-11: Tori Dyer
- 2009-10: Hayley DeBell
- 2008-09: Candace Williams
- 2007-08: Kaley Sullivan
- 2006-07: Taylor DeBell
- 2005-06: Joanna Beattie
- 2004-05: Blair Groves
- 2003-04: Erica Johns



2012-13 Queen Cassidy Davis

Meet your Union County High School 2013-14 Homecoming Court



Union County High School's Senior Class Representatives: (L-R) Amy Theriot, Madison Rich, Lauren Zollinger, Elizabeth Forney, and Angel Gochenour. Photo/Todd Forrest



Union County High School's Junior Class Representatives: (L-R) Rachel Todd, Amy Cummings, Sidney Rowan, and Camryn Carter. Photo/Todd Forrest



Union County High School's Sophomore Representatives: (L-R) Emmeline Stuart, Layne Colwell, and Brooklyn Bergen. Photo/Todd Forrest



Union County High School's Freshman Representatives: (L-R) Joanna Irvin and Holly Stroman. Photo/Todd Forrest