

# Fuzion Dance Company wins gold



Front Row (kneeling) Easton Payne, Taylor Vardeman, Sarina Kurrimbukus. Standing (L to R) Instructor Hannah Jones, Ginny Rhoades, Amy Vardeman, Lindy Hollingshead, Instructor Amy Wilson, Katherine Buck, Ansley Vardeman, and Caitlin Sheffield.

The Fuzion Dance Company attended Hollywood Connection Convention and Competition this past weekend in Greenville, SC and brought home the Gold! Many individual dancers were also recognized for their hard work and talent in the two day workshop. You have the opportunity to see these dancers perform on March 6 at 2pm or 7pm in the Young Harris College Auditorium.

At Hollywood Connection the full company received a first place gold award for their lyrical, Haunted, choreographed by Amy Wilson, from the Fuzion Fright Night show. The junior company also received a first place gold for their tap, Church, choreographed by Amy Vardeman. Sarina Kurrimbukus received a second place silver for her first competition solo, The Dance, choreographed by Hannah Jones. Amy Vardeman and Ginny Rhoades received a second place gold for their lyrical, Feels Like Home, choreographed by Jenny Dalton. Caitlin Sheffield and Ansley Vardeman received a second place silver for their first competition duet, Crazy, choreographed by Amy Wilson.

Just as exciting as the competition awards were the scholarships and opportuni-

ties presented at the Convention Wrap Up. Amy Vardeman received the Around the World in a Day Award for a pre-qualified audition for Stiletto Entertainment and the Laker Girl Audition Award which pre-qualifies her for an audition for the Los Angeles Laker Girls. Ginny Rhoades received the FAME Award for the opportunity to audition for dance agents from DDO Artists Agency and the Stardom Award for a scholarship to the Hollywood Connection National Finals. Easton Payne received the runner up ICON Award which entitles him to compete for Icon of the Year at Hollywood Connection's National Finals. Lindy Hollingshead and Ansley Vardeman received the Celebrity Award which entitles them to free tuition scholarships to attend all of Hollywood Connections regional events in the 2010-11 season. Sarina Kurrimbukus received the VIP Award which gives her a free tuition scholarship to attend one of Hollywood Connections regional events next season.

The convention was also attended by Fuzion Dance Company Co-Directors, Madge Smith and Amy Wilson, and instructor, Hannah Jones. They attended dance classes and educational semi-

nars while students attended 6 hours of classes Saturday and Sunday in contemporary, lyrical, tap, hip hop, jazz, and musical theatre.

Don't miss the opportunity to see Fuzion Dance Company perform coming soon on March 6th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Glenn Auditorium at Young Harris College. They will be performing a 2 act show with the second act, 'Glory To God,' featuring original musical works by local artists. Admission is only \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at Brasstown Dance Academy and Head 2 Toe Dance Supply in Young Harris, or at Hiwassee Animal Hospital and Lakeside Café in Hiwassee. In addition, tickets will be available to purchase directly from Company members.

For more information about the Fuzion Dance Company, Brasstown Dance Academy, other scheduled performances or to see if we are available to perform at an event, please call or visit the Brasstown Dance Academy, located in Young Harris, GA, just up the hill, across from the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC. Studio office hours are Monday - Thursday 2 to 7 p.m. The phone number is (706)379-2651. TF#Feb24,V23SH

# NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

## LUCK FAVORS JOHNSON AT CALIFORNIA

Cale Yarborough once said, "If you've got luck on your side, don't worry about all the other stuff."

Maybe luck is why Jimmie Johnson has won four NASCAR Sprint Cup championships.

Johnson's latest good luck came this past Sunday in the Sprint Cup Auto Club 500, as he was able to win his fifth race at the California track.

"Fortune certainly played a part in today's win," said Johnson. "We were on pit road at the right time. "I was worried about Kevin (Harvick), because I knew he had a good car, and he had gotten by me once today."

Johnson had pitted for four fresh tires on lap 230 of the 250-lap race when Brad Keselowski spun bringing out a caution. Johnson's pit crew was able to get him off pit road just one-tenth of a second ahead of the race leaders, which meant Johnson was able to stay on the lead lap. Two other cars that were on pit road with Johnson weren't so lucky and had to go to the tail end of the field.

Jeff Burton, Kevin Harvick, and Mark Martin, who were leading the race pitted after Johnson. When the race went back to green, Johnson was the new leader, followed by Harvick, and then Burton.

Harvick actually caught Johnson with three laps remaining, but as he attempted an outside pass, he brushed the wall and lost all momentum. Johnson was unchallenged for the remaining two laps.

Harvick ran a strong race even after an early penalty sent him to the rear of the field for speeding on pit road.

"The 48 saw me coming and moved up and I lost it and got into the wall, and knocked the right front fender in" said Harvick. "We had a good car, and that speeding penalty should have never happened."

Harvick is the new points leader. Jeff Burton, Harvick's teammate finished a close third.

"We had some good runs going, but we were pretty loose most of the day," said Burton. "Every time we tightened it up, we couldn't go."

Rounding out the top-10



were: Mark Martin, Joey Logano, Kurt Busch, Matt Kenseth, Clint Bowyer, Tony Stewart, and Greg Biffle

Jamie McMurray, the polesitter and Daytona 500 winner finished 17th.

Ryan Newman and Juan Montoya lost engines and both were out about midway of the race.

Top-12 Chase leaders after 2 of 36: 1. Harvick-331, 2. Bowyer-312, 3. Biffle-304, 4. McMurray-302, 5. Burton-300, 6. Martin-297, 7. Kenseth-288, 8. Reutimann-273, 9. Logano-263, 10. Edwards-262, 11. Kurt Busch-254, 12. Johnson-253

## KYLE BUSCH CHARGES TO NATIONWIDE WIN

Kyle Busch passed Greg Biffle coming down the final stretch to win Saturday's Nationwide Series Stater Bros. 300 at Fontana, CA to give Joe Gibbs Racing its fifth consecutive victory at Auto Club Speedway. Biffle finished second, followed by Brad Keselowski, Carl Edwards, and Joey Logano.

The top-10 Nationwide drivers after 2 of 35: 1. Edwards-335, 2. Logano-311, 3. Kyle Busch-304, 4. Allgaier-303, 5. Keselowski-299, 6. Vickers-297, 7. S. Wallace-289, 8. Buescher-271, 9. Biffle-265, 10. Menard-256

Matt Kenseth has a new crew chief on his No. 17 Roush Fenway Ford team. Todd Parrott, who was the crew chief for Dale Jarrett when he won the 1999 Cup championship, took over for Drew Blickensderfer in time for last Sunday's race.

"I just felt like it needed

something to throw a spark in the thing," said Kenseth. "We were just missing something on the team. I didn't feel the way we operated at Daytona that we could win races and win championships."

Kenseth won the first two races of 2009, but has failed to win since then, and failed to make the Chase.

Instead of making a change during the off season, Kenseth made the move after an eighth-place finish at Daytona last weekend, when he managed a top-10 finish after running in the middle of the pack most of Sunday's race. Kenseth took the blame for the timing of the switch, explaining that team owner Jack Roush asked him at the end of last season if any changes needed to be.

"It's really hard to explain the timing of the change," Kenseth continued. "It doesn't make any sense. Instead of dragging it out, it was just something that needed to be done. We needed to get a head start on this thing instead of waiting until we're halfway into the season and it's too late to dig ourselves out."

**Weekend Racing:** The Cup and Nationwide teams are at the 1.5-mile Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The Truck teams are idle until March 6.

Sat., Feb. 27, Nationwide Series race 3 of 35; Starting time: 2:30 pm (EDT); TV: ESPN2. Sun., Feb. 28, Sprint Cup Shelby American, race 3 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm (EDT); TV: Fox.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net.

## Chatuge Gun Club February meeting



Shown at the February 16th meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club are Towns Counties Sheriff Deputies Mark Marshall, left, and Billy Shattles, right, with Georgia's 9th District Congressional candidate Dr. Chris Cates (R-Blairsville). Cates spoke to the group about the need for a conservative Ronald Reagan-type-candidate, like himself, being elected to fill the seat now held by Representative Nathan Deal, who is running for governor in the July 20th Republican primary. "I ardently support the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution," Cates said, "I will fight for the right to bear arms." Of the 540 members

of the Chatuge Gun Club there are 156 Union County residents who are members and 129 members from Towns County, one of whom is Ed Jones, president of the club.

The two Deputy Sheriffs were on the program, with their police dogs, in connection with the Towns Counties Sheriff's office goal of purchasing a new bite-suit. The new full-body suit would allow for additional training of police dogs that the Sheriff's office is unable to perform with current equipment. The Chatuge Gun Club plans to contribute to the Sheriff's office once it is voted upon by the membership. NT#Feb24,A9JSH

## Cats pull out baseball 11-9 win in ten



Ben Watson dives to knock down a line shot then jumped up for the throw to first.

Photos By Jim/Lisa Bryant

by Mickey Seward, YHC SID  
Brett Armour's two-run walkoff blast in the bottom of the 10th inning lifted Young Harris College to an 11-9 victory over Potomac State College in a non-conference baseball game at Zell B. Miller Field in Young Harris, Ga., Saturday. The win improved Young Harris' overall record to 10-0 in 2010.

Armour's home run, the first of his collegiate career, came just after he was showing bunt with Ethan Herron on first base and nobody out in the 10th. But when Herron scampered to second after a throwing error by the Catamounts'

catcher, Armour swung away and launched Ben Miller's pitch over the left field wall to set off a victory celebration at home plate.

Extra innings weren't on anyone's mind with the Mountain Lions holding onto a 9-5 lead with two outs in the top of the ninth inning, but timely hitting by Potomac State, defensive miscues by the Mountain Lions and touch of wildness by usually sure-handed reliever Adam Camara led to Young Harris' unraveling.

Ryan Bennett got the scoring started in the ninth with a two-out double that scored Miller and moved Mason Her-

shey to third base. Camara then delivered the first of two wild pitches in the inning, pushing across Hershey and making the score 9-7. Jake Ringold then singled home Bennett to pull PSC to within one run, before taking second on another wild pitch and forcing YHC head coach Rick Robinson to replace Camara with Steven Voigt.

Voigt would get his first batter, Kurt Voytell, to hit a high pop up in the infield that would presumably end the ballgame, but, with Ringold chugging home from second, the Mountain Lions were unable to decide who would handle the ball as it dropped unharmed to the ground and Ringold tied the score with his heads-up running. After a base on balls, Voigt would get Jason Driver to ground into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

Miller would go to the mound for the Catamounts in the ninth and retire the side in order to force the extra frame. Voigt retired the first two batters he faced in the 10th, but hit Glenn Colby with a pitch to put the leading run on base. Voigt would handle the matter on his own, picking Colby off first to end the inning and set up the offensive fireworks in the bottom

of the inning.

For the second game in a row, the Catamounts scored twice in the bottom of the first inning, and moved ahead 4-0 after they batted in the second. But the Mountain Lions' Brandon Curson belted a solo home run, his third of the season, and Michael Squires delivered an RBI triple and Armour drove in Squires with a single to cut PSC's lead to 4-3 after two innings. Young Harris would take advantage of a four-run fourth inning to go ahead 7-4, and held the lead until the ninth. Armour was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and three driven in, and Matt Lowery was 3-for-5 for Young Harris, which collected 12 hits in the game.

Voigt (2-0) earned the victory. In one and one-third innings of work, he allowed just Voytell's single while walking one batter and striking out one. He was the last of four Mountain Lions' pitchers used in the game. Ben Watson, who came on in relief of starter Justin Crosby with the bases loaded in the second inning, had a solid outing. In five innings, Watson allowed one run on three hits while walking just one and striking out four. TCH Spis (Feb24,4)ac

## YHC's Adrian Klammer signs with Tulsa



Adrian Klammer, two-time All-American, signed to become a Tulsa Golden Hurricane.

Mickey Seward, YHC SID  
Adrian Klammer, a two-time All-American while playing for Young Harris College's nationally-ranked men's soccer team, has signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his athletic and academic career at the University of Tulsa, which reached the quarter finals of the NCAA Division I national tournament in 2009.

Klammer, an Austrian native who is currently a sophomore at YHC, was a first-team All-American as a freshman and a second-team selection this past season. Klammer led the entire National Junior Col-

lege Athletic Association in goals scored with 50 as a freshman. Along with All-American honors, he was also named the NJCAA Region XVII Player of the Year.

He missed all of the first seven matches, and most of the eighth, of the 2009 campaign due to injury, but came back strong, scoring at least one goal in nine of the 12 matches in which he played, finishing his sophomore season with 12 goals and three assists. The Mountain Lions advanced to the championship match of the NJCAA Region XVII Tournament in 2009.

He heads to a Golden Hurricane squad that finished the 2009 season 15-5-2 overall and reached the final eight of the national tournament before getting knocked out by then-No. 1 Akron, the eventual national runner-up. Tulsa, which won its third consecutive Conference USA championship this past season, was ranked seventh in all five final national polls.

Photo By Jim/Lisa Bryant.

## Mountain Lions 8, GCSU JV Bobcats 5



Mountain Lions give their team huddle before the 8-5 win over the Bobcats.

Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

The first five batters in Young Harris College's lineup combined to go 10-for-18 with six runs batted in as the Mountain Lions extended their season-opening winning streak to eight consecutive games with an 8-5 victory over Georgia College and State University's JV team in Milledgeville Thursday.

Chris Holloway, Matt Lowery, Will Callaway, Daniel Marsh and Matt Lobacz -- representing the top five batters in the order -- picked up two hits apiece, as did No. 8 hitter Ethan Herron for the Mountain Lions. Young Harris was 13-for-37 collectively.

The Mountain Lions

scored in each of the first two innings to take a 3-0 lead. After Holloway led off the game with a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Lowery, Callaway belted his third home run of the year to put Young Harris ahead 2-0. Holloway then made the score 3-0 with an RBI single the next inning. The Bobcats cut the deficit to 3-1 in the bottom of the second on an RBI double from Brett George.

But the Mountain Lions would break open the game in the fourth, scoring three times to take a 6-1 lead. Callaway drove in the first run of the inning with an RBI single, and then moved to second on the same play due to a fielding er-

ror by the Bobcats' right fielder, which also allowed Lowery to move to third. A wild pitch then pushed Lowery across the plate and moved Callaway to third before Marsh delivered an RBI single that scored Callaway.

The Bobcats would get the three runs back in the fifth, thanks to an RBI single by Steve Muoio and a two-run double from Travis Echols, pulling the Bobcats to with 6-4.

In the sixth, Callaway drew a one-out walk and went to second when Marsh followed with a single. Matt Lobacz then delivered a run-scoring single that plated Callaway and gave the Mountain Lions a three-run advantage.

The Bobcats would score once in the bottom of that same inning. It took little time in the eighth for the Mountain Lions to get on the board again. Greg Bowder led off the inning with a double and went to third on a passed ball. Ethan Herron followed with a sacrifice fly to right field that made the score 8-5.

GCSU had an opportunity to tie the score after loading the bases in the bottom of the eighth, but Young Harris reliever Josh Rudnik got Drew

Goodman to pop up to second baseman Greg Bowder to end the threat.

Freshman starter Jake Montgomery (2-0) earned the win for the Mountain Lions, allowing one run on three hits and a walk while striking out three batters in four innings of work. He was pitching on a pre-determined pitch count, making him eligible for the victory.

Cole Outz came on in relief of Montgomery. He allowed four runs on four hits and a walk, and struck out a pair of batters. Outz gave way to Chad Hopkins, who finished the sixth inning. Hopkins walked two and struck out one in one and two-thirds shutout innings.

Rudnik pitched 1.1 innings, allowing two hits and a walk while striking out two batters. He handed the ball to closer Steven Voigt with one out in the ninth. Voigt would get his first batter, Andrew Evans, to fly out for the second out of the inning, but hit the next batter, with a pitch and put the tying run on deck. It wouldn't matter, however as Voigt struck out the Cats to slam the door shut and pick up his second save of the year. TCH Spis (Feb24,3)ac