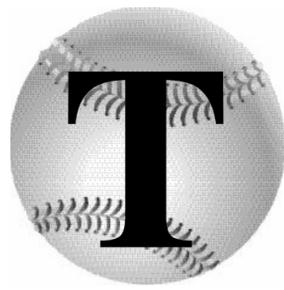


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Mountain Lions sweep Mars Hill Middle Georgia Tops YHC

Young Harris Cole Outz had his best outing of the season and Ethan Herron and Matt Lowery drove in two runs apiece to lead Young Harris to an 8-1 victory over Mars Hill College's junior varsity team in a non-conference game at Zell B. Miller Field in Young Harris, Ga., Monday.

Outz (2-0) was two outs short of picking up a shutout victory in the seven-inning game. As it was, he allowed one run on five hits and four walks in 6.1 innings of work. He struck out six batters before handing the ball to Kendrick McDonald. McDonald allowed a hit and struck out one batter in 2/3 of an inning.

Herron's two RBIs came on his second home run of the season. Along with the multi-RBI performances by Herron and Lowery, Jake Montgomery, Michael Squires and Brandon Curson each drove in a run.

Chris Holloway and Montgomery collected two hits each to lead all players. Holloway improved his school-record hitting streak to 31 games.

MHC starter Brian Henson took the loss after allowing three runs in three innings.

In the nightcap, Young Harris scored all five of its runs with two outs and went on to defeat Mars Hill College's junior varsity team 5-1 in a non-conference doubleheader at Zell B. Miller Field in Young Harris, on Monday.

After allowing a run in the top of the second inning, the Mountain Lions put together a two-out rally in the bottom of that same frame to take a 4-1 lead. The inning was highlighted by Blake Jenkins' two-run bloop single and a two-run double by Chris Holloway.

Holloway's double extended his school record hitting streak to 32 straight games.

The Mountain Lions added another two-out run in the fifth, when Ethan Herron scored from third on a double steal in which Matt Lowery swiped second base and drew the throw that allowed Herron to dash home.

Both teams collected eight hits in the game, with Michael Squires and Robby Swab picking up two apiece for the Mountain Lions. Ben Hunt led Mars Hill with two hits.

Young Harris starter Justin Crosby earned the victory. He tossed the first five innings, allowing one run on seven hits. He struck out two batters and walked none.



Top, Jason Sinclair waits on a pitch from YHC's Cole Outz in Monday's action versus Mars Hill College. Bottom, big righthander Cole Outz finished two outs shy of a complete game shutout against Mars Hill. He allowed one run on five hits and four walks in 6 and 1/3 innings of work.

Photos/Jessica Keaton

Josh Rudnik came on in relief to start the sixth inning. He allowed just one hit without walking anyone, while striking out one batter.

Mars Hill starter Corey Rau took the loss. In three innings, Rau allowed four runs

on four hits. He walked one batter.

The Mountain Lions are scheduled to return to action Friday, when they host Gordon College in the first game of a Georgia Junior College Athletic Association series.

COCHRAN It may have taken 14 innings, but Young Harris right fielder Chris Holloway extended his hitting streak in the most dramatic of fashions, delivering a bases-loaded single that scored what turned out to be the game-winning run in the Mountain Lions' 5-2 victory over Middle Georgia in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday in Cochran.

The victory improved YHC's overall record to 24-6 and its Georgia Junior College Athletic Association mark to 6-2.

Holloway's single came after Greg Bowder drew a one-out walk to load the bases in the top of the 14th inning, with Daniel Marsh on third base and Josh Rudnik on second. Marsh and Rudnik each singled and then moved up 90 feet on a wild pitch before Bowder's base on balls.

The walk prompted Middle Georgia Head Coach Craig Young to remove Evan Jarman, MGC's third pitcher of the game, and replace him with Jarrett Leverett. Holloway greeted Leverett with the single that scored Marsh and extended his school-record hitting streak to 29 consecutive games.

Ethan Herron followed Holloway's hit with a two-run single that gave YHC reliever Steven Voigt some cushion when he went to the mound in the bottom of the 14th.

Voigt was the reason Holloway and Herron had the opportunity to produce in the 14th inning. After loading the bases with nobody out in the bottom of the 13th, Voigt retired the side by getting the next three batters to fly out without getting the ball deep enough into the outfield to produce a sacrifice fly.

Voigt (4-1), the third YHC pitcher used in the game, earned the victory with four shutout innings. He allowed two hits and three walks while striking out five batters.

Young Harris' first two runs came in the sixth on a two-run triple by Matt Lowery. A pair of solo home runs, from Jonathan Hester in the second inning and Chandler Hall in the sixth, accounted for Middle Georgia's scoring.

Brian Holmes, YHC's starter, went 6 and 1/3 innings and allowed two runs on six hits and one walk, while striking out seven batters. Adam Camara tossed 3 and 2/3 shutout innings. Camara allowed four hits and walked four batters. He struck out four batters.

Jarman took the loss, allowing three runs in 4 and 2/3 innings.

In the nightcap, the Mountain Lions' Brandon Cur-



Mountain Lions' hurler Ben Watson struggled Saturday versus Middle Georgia College. Watson's record fell to 3-1.

Photo/Lowell Nicholson

son had three hits and Will Callaway drove in a pair of runs, but Middle Georgia College defeated the 9th ranked Mountain Lions 10-5 in the final game of a three-game series in Cochran on Saturday.

Curson was 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI for YHC. He was one of three Mountain Lions with multiple hits, joining Chris Holloway and Ethan Herron, who had two hits apiece. The three players accounted for seven of Young Harris' nine hits in the game. Brett Armour and Callaway each had one.

Holloway, who waited until the 14th inning to extend his hitting streak in the first game Saturday, wasted no time in becoming the first player in Young Harris history to register a hit in 30 consecutive games. He led off the game with a single.

He has at least one hit in every game in which he has played this season.

Young Harris starter Mitchell Knox (5-2) took the loss. In three innings of work, he allowed six runs (four earned) on five hits and three walks. He struck out one batter.

Justin Crosby and Josh Rudnik each gave up two earned runs in relief. Crosby pitched 1.2 innings; Rudnik threw 1.1 innings.

Jesse Scott earned the victory for Middle Georgia, who received four RBIs from Chandler Hall and three from Heine Rivera.

On Friday, Holloway ex-

tended his school record hitting streak to 28 consecutive games, but Middle Georgia defeated Holloway and his Mountain Lion teammates 12-2 in the first game of a Georgia Junior College Athletic Association series.

Holloway's hit was a second-inning single, and was one of just seven hits on the day for the Mountain Lions. It came in the same inning as Curson's fifth home run of the year, a two-run shot that accounted for both of YHC's runs.

Brett Armour led Young Harris with two hits.

Middle Georgia's 12 runs came on 11 hits, with T.J. Rich, Jonathan Hester and Heine Rivera finishing with two hits each. Hester drove in a game-high four runs and Rich drove in three.

The game was stopped with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning due to the GJCAA's 10-run rule.

MGC's Zach Smith earned the win with a complete-game effort. He allowed two runs on seven hits and one walk while striking out nine batters.

Young Harris starter Ben Watson (3-1) took the loss. He allowed 10 runs (seven earned) on 10 hits and four walks. He struck out three batters.

Chad Hopkins came on in relief of Watson in the sixth. In 1.2 innings, Hopkins allowed two runs on one hit and four walks while striking out one batter.

Vipers softball team wins two for two



L-r: kneeling: Tori Golden, Paisley Staton, Audrey Rogers, Rachel Benson. Standing: Wade Benson, Chelsey Lovingood, Kiersten Cox, Anna Grace Roach, Brittany Ledford, Madison Garrett, & Doc Staton

The Vipers 14U Travel Fast Pitch Softball team, coached by Doc Staton and Wade Benson, were champions, at the Early Bird of the Upstate Tournament in Seneca, SC. This is the Vipers sec-

ond tournament of the season and they remain undefeated (10-0). At this tournament, they played five games, scoring 41 runs and only giving up 5. This record speaks well of the Vipers hitting ability as

well as their excellent pitching and fielding skills.

Congratulations ladies, on a great day at the ballfields. We are so proud of you!

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scheduled to return to conference action on Wednesday at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton.

Doubles:

1. Mayer/Patton (ASC) def. Black/Brinkley (YHC) 8-5

2. Storz/Kraus (ASC) def. Deese/Smith (YHC) 8-3

3. Chaffin/Deloach (ASC) def. Allen/Maxwell (YHC) 8-6

Singles:

1. Rachel Storz (ASC) def. Kinsley Black (YHC) 6-1, 6-2

2. Danielle Patton (ASC) def. Brianna Brinkley (YHC) 6-7(5), 6-0, (10-8)

3. Sarah Deese (YHC) def. Hannah Kraus (ASC) 7-5, 6-0

4. Shamonique Jones (ASC) def. Holly Smith (YHC)

6-3, 6-0

5. Michelle Allen (YHC) def. Amanda Chaffin (ASC) 4-6, 7-5, (12-10)

6. Nikitris Deloach (ASC) def. Mary Beth Maxwell (ASC) 6-1, 6-2

Wildflowers, waterfall and views

Join us for a pleasure hike with the Benton MacKaye Trail Association! Saturday, April 17, BMT Section 9: Watson Gap to Dyer Gap and back (no shuttle). Easy to moderate hike, 9

miles. Call Hike Leader for meeting time and place. Hike Leader: Darcy Douglas: 404-497-0818 - bmtadarcy@yahoo.com. NT(Mar31_C1)ac

LaserMania and Laser Vinyl at Rollins Planetarium



Young Harris College's O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium will present the two exciting, full-dome, cosmic laser concerts "LaserMania" and "Laser Vinyl: A Classic Rock Experience" on the following Friday evenings: April 9, 16 and 23. Planetarium admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and free with YHC ID.

Scheduled for 7 p.m., "LaserMania," will feature popular music from a variety of artists including Sting, Will Smith and Shania Twain, along with a Time Warp Medley featuring favorites such as "Blue Suede Shoes," "Stayin' Alive" and "Let's Go Crazy."

"Laser Vinyl: A Classic Rock Experience," will follow at 8 p.m., featuring the music of Pink Floyd, Kiss, Queen, Aerosmith, Van Halen, Journey and many others.

This laser light extravaganza features SkyLase, the

only full-dome, full-color solid-state laser projection system for an intense and exciting experience of laser light. Viewers will experience the thrill of spinning stars, computer animations, laser graphics and more, all synchronized to an engaging mix of popular tunes. This show pushes the limits of sight and sound creating an out-of-this-world experience to keep the audience talking long after the show ends.

According to Rollins Planetarium Director Steve Morgan, there has been a long tradition of cosmic concerts at the planetarium, but this year marks a first in the venue's history. "In the recent past, we used a laser system that only projected onto a limited section of the dome," Morgan said. "However, this year we're bringing in SkyLase for a more intense and exciting experience of laser light that

covers the entire dome."

Cosmic laser concerts contain loud music, flashing lights, spinning stars and other effects that some may find disruptive and are not recommended for those who may have conditions that could be aggravated by this experience.

Ranked third largest in Georgia by dome size, Rollins Planetarium features a state-of-the-art GOTO Chronos Space Simulator star projector with a state-of-the-art full-dome digital projection system, the Sky-Skan Definiti, in a 40-foot dome theater. In addition to a full annual schedule of evening public shows, it offers daytime educational opportunities for school groups throughout the year. Rollins Planetarium is located in the Maxwell Center on the campus of Young Harris College.

If skies are clear, the Young Harris College Observatory is open immediately after planetarium shows. The observatory features a Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope and is located about 1.5 miles from campus at Brasstown Valley Resort. Maps are available at the planetarium. Observing sessions last up to one hour and include a guided tour of the constellations. The observatory is open on the same dates as Rollins Planetarium.

For more information about planetarium and observatory events, call (706) 379-5195 or visit www.yhc.edu.

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