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Mountain Lions take three on the road against the Highlanders

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Cat bats roar for fifty-one hits in three region games.

The YHC Mountain Lions traveled to Barnesville, GA to take on the Highlanders from Gordon College this past week. It was to be the trend for several games as the purple Cats will spend most of their time on the road for the next several games. C.J. Smith started on the mound for the Cats and had a tough time against the Highlanders in what was to become a see-saw game. For his efforts, Smith scattered eight hits, allowed two runs and struck out eight batters. Matt Crouse relieved Smith and also had eight strikeouts in the 9-6 win. Fortunately for the pitching staff, the Mountain Lion offense hammered the highlander with seventeen hits thanks to Sustin Schultz and Shane Hammond who each

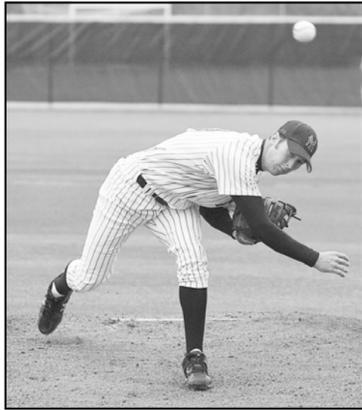
went 4-5 on the day.

In game two, Eric Swegman threw a complete game for the Mountain Lions after a slow start. He was well supported at the plate with the Cats jumping off to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. As in the first game, the Cat bats were

active as they had twelve hits and nine runs for the 9-2 victory. Matt Lowery went 3-4 with a homerun and 2 RBIs while Bryson Smith and Kenny Swab were 2-4 and 2-RBIs each.

The Sunday game three was a wild twenty-two hits game for the Mountain Lions.

Despite pitching struggles, the Cats kept the Highlanders off balance enough to take the final game of the series 23-12. Clay Remole and Matt Lowery each went 4-6 at the plate in the run saturated game. Jeff Brown started on the mound for the Cats.



C.J. Smith opened game one against the Gordon Highlanders in 9-6 win.

Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Eric Swegman took a 9-2 win in game two against Gordon in region action.

Hiwassee Dam Eagles hang on by a talon for win over the Indians

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Homeruns by the basket full highlight wild game.

It was an agonizing looong seven inning game. At least for the first five innings. The visiting Eagles from Hiwassee Dam, NC literally plastered the Indians' pitching staff with multiple hits intermingled with three homeruns to move to a huge 13-2 lead and a certain "mercy rule" ending after five innings. Just as the fans packed up to go home early, the Indians unpacked their bats and battled back in the bottom of the fifth to a 13-7 game. Now the Indians were back in the fray. As has become characteristic of the Tribe, they waited until late to start playing ball and darn near pulled out the impossible. Not only did the Indians

start playing baseball in the late innings, in the seventh, they touched the Eagles' pitching staff for a couple of HRs of their

own by Ezekiel Gribble and Cody Harkins. Unfortunately the bubble finally burst and the unbelievable come-back fell a

wee bit short as the Birds hung on by the skin of their teeth (do birds have teeth?) and took a 14-13 thriller.



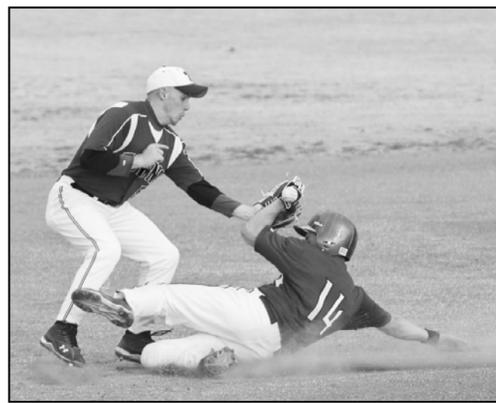
Matt Beni Slides in to give the Indians a score in wild Hiwassee, NC game.



Taylor Denton tries to cover home as an Eagle slides in under the tag.



Cody Harkins tries to put out a sliding Eagle in close play at home.



Ezekiel Gribble goes for a tag at second but the ball is outside the glove.



Billy Meier takes a tumble chasing a grounder at second in 14-13 squeaker. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

Mountain Lions fall to Huntington in 5-4 squeaker

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Mililli, Wheatley and Vaughters salvage wins for the Cats.

Spring has arrived and the tennis balls are flying as the YHC Lady Mountain Lions are playing at full throttle. The Cats competed in the Spring Mixer Tournament at CACC then took on the Huntington College Hawks. The Cats fell behind 2-1 after the doubles with Victoria Mililli and Nicole Richardson salvaging a win. Mililli would come back to take her singles match in the #6 position and was joined by

Sara Vaughters playing in the #4 position and Megan Wheatley in the #5 position.

Doubles Results: HC Jackson/Daniel (W) YHC Rodgers/Tannenbaum 8-4; HC Prescott/Dyer (W) YHC Dixon/Vaughters 8-4; YHC Richardson/Mililli (W) HC Vick/Bryant 8-3.

Singles Results: HC Riley Prescott ((W) YHC Sara Rodgers 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(3); HC Madison Jackson (W) YHC Carrie Dixon 7-5, 6-4; HC Kristin McDaniel (W) YHC Jade Ringhoffer 6-2, 6-2; YHC Sara Vaughters (W) HC Christian Vick 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; YHC Megan Wheatley (W) HC Jacklyn Crossman 6-1, 6-1; YHC Victoria Mililli (W) HC Kayla Butts 6-4, 6-1.



Megan Wheatley in action against the Lady Hawks.



Sara Vaughters took her match but the Cats fell to the Hawks 5-4.



Victoria Mililli returns a shot in doubles competition against Huntington College. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

Qigong classes



Qigong is an ancient Chinese health care system that integrates physical posture, breathing techniques and focused attention.

Qigong practices can be classified as martial (KungFu, Karate, etc.) medical, or spiritual. All styles have three things in common: they all involve a posture, breathing techniques, and mental focus. The slow gentle movements of Qigong can be easily adapted, even for the physically challenged and can be practiced by all age groups.

Qigong's great appeal is that everyone can benefit, regardless of ability, age, and belief system or life circumstances.

Qigong is held at the Towns County Recreation Center every Tuesday Morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Our instructor is Michelle Holmes. The cost is only \$5 per session.

For more info, please contact the Towns County Recreation Department at 706-896-2600 or Michelle Holmes at 706-835-7658.

Purple Cats in softball split with South Georgia Tigers

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Mountain Lions lead early in both Sunday outings.

Sunday softball for the YHC Lady Mountain Lions turned out to be a mixed blessing. The led early in both games but relinquished it in game two and dropped a 5-7 loss after taking a 7-5 win in the first game.

In the first game the Cats jumped out early but had to battle late to put down a South Georgia

Tigers comeback. Sam Woolf went 2-2 at the plate and Whitney Robinson took the win off the mound.

In game two, the Cats again jumped to an early lead, utilizing two pitchers through the first six innings, Rikki Powers and Caitlin Duvall.

The visitors from well south of Atlanta then jumped on the third Cat hurler, Whitney Robinson in the seventh inning and plated four runs for the 7-5 win. Robinson got tagged with the loss off the mound.

Sam Woolf went 2-2 in Sunday conference

game against the Tigers of South Georgia.

Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

