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## Mountain Lions finish the week with 3 wins, 2 losses

Michael Squires belted a walk off grand slam to give Young Harris College a 10-8 victory over Catawba Valley in the first game of a doubleheader on Wednesday at Zell B. Miller Field.

The Mountain Lions went into the bottom half of the seventh and final inning trailing 8-5, but Brett Armour and

Will Gretsich opened the frame with back-to-back singles. After Chris Holloway struck out, Ethan Herron singled to drive in Armour. Matt Lowery followed with a single to load the bases, setting up Squires' heroics.

Squires was 3-for-4 in the game, adding a double to his game-winning blast. Herron was 4-for-5 with two runs

and two RBIs, and Robby Swab picked up two hits.

Holloway drove in two runs, while Will Callaway and Brandon Curson each picked up an RBI. J.W. Laney drove in five runs for Catawba Valley.

Josh Rudnik (1-0) picked up the pitching victory for the Mountain Lions. He entered the game with two runners on base and nobody out in the seventh, and was able to get out of the inning without any damage.

Young Harris starter Cole Outz allowed four runs on six hits in 4.1 innings. He struck out seven batters and walked four.

John Garmon took the loss for Catawba Valley. He allowed five runs in one inning of work.

In the nightcap, Young Harris used a nine-run sixth inning to blow open what was a tied ballgame and complete a doubleheader sweep of Catawba Valley with an 18-9 victory on Wednesday.

Squires, who ended the opening game with a walk off grand slam that gave YHC a 10-8 victory, belted a two-run shot in the first inning and finished the contest with four runs batted in. Lowery and Rudnik also homered in the second game. Lowery finished with four RBIs and Rudnik drove in



Six-foot, six-inch right-hander Cole Outz talks it over with Mountain Lions' Coach Rick Robinson and catcher Brett Armour during Wednesday's doubleheader with Catawba Valley College at Zell B. Miller Field. Outz went 4 and 1/3 innings in the victory. Photo Lowell Nicholson

three runs.

Daniel Marsh was 2-for-2 with two RBIs and Zach Bricknell and Armour each drove in a run for the Mountain Lions.

Marsh McDonald was 3-for-5 with two RBIs to lead the Buccaneers at the plate.

Adam Camara, the last of three pitchers used in the game by Young Harris, picked up the victory to improve to 4-2 on the season. Camara allowed two hits in 1 and 2/3 shutout innings.

The Mountain Lions' starter, Justin Crosby, allowed seven runs (four earned) on 11 hits in four innings. Kendrick McDonald gave up two runs in 1 and 1/3 innings.

The game was scheduled for seven innings.

Bradley Carpenter took the loss. He faced two batters, allowing a hit and hitting one batter.

On Saturday, South Georgia College swept a twin bill from the Mountain Lions to drop YHC to 30-11 overall and 8-7 in league play.

The Mountain Lions won the series opener on Friday by a score of 14-7.

## United Community Bank supports FORE



Rick Martin (right) President of United Community Bank - Towns County presents a check to Austin Arrowood (left). Austin is accepting this check as a sponsorship of the FORE Higher Education Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held on April 17, 2010, at The Ridges Resort & Club, Mountain Harbor Drive in Hayesville. This tournament is a fundraising event, and proceeds will fund a scholarship that will be presented to a 2010 graduating senior at Towns County High School.

Austin is a senior at Towns County High School, and he serves on the Junior Board of Directors for United Community Bank.

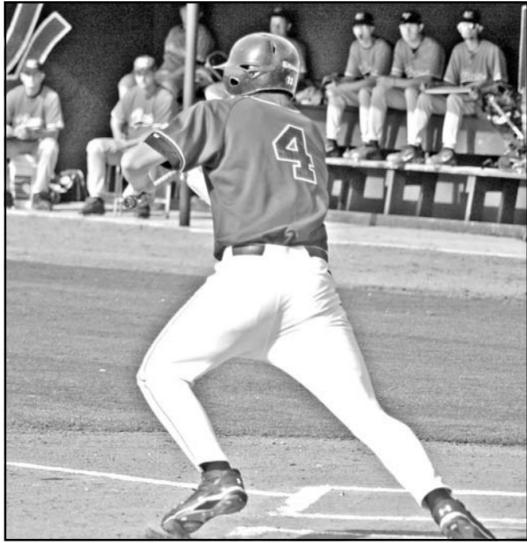
Because he has a strong desire to give back to his

school and community, Austin has developed this scholarship and golf tournament to assist a fellow classmate. Austin has chosen this as his Senior Project, and he has full support of the school administration.

Recipient of the scholarship will be chosen by a council of six faculty members at Towns County High School.

United Community Bank is proud to assist Austin with such a worthwhile project. To sign-up for the tournament and/or to make a contribution, contact Austin at 706-835-9446.

United Community Bank has an unwavering commitment to Towns County, and is proud once again to help support the activities of our communities and school. TApr14,FJSH



Young Harris College's Matt Lowery lays down a bunt in Wednesday's action against Catawba Valley College at Zell B. Miller Field. The Mountain Lions swept the doubleheader. Photo Lowell Nicholson

## NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter



"Flyin'" Ryan Newman, Phoenix Cup winner

### "Flyin'" Ryan is back

AVONDALE, Ariz.— Ryan Newman, once dubbed, "The Rocket Man," because of the number of poles he won in a single season, flew by Jeff Gordon on a green-white-checked restart at Phoenix to break a 77-race Cup winless streak.

"I saw the white flag, and I was like I don't have that far to go," said Newman. "On every restart when I was on the inside, I couldn't get going. But on that last one I got going, held my line, and that was all we needed. It was just the right time, right place."

"This is the most emotional win of my career."

Capitalizing on a late caution that extended the race three laps past its scheduled distance of 375 laps, Ryan Newman and crew chief Tony Gibson snatched victory from Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch with a two-tire call under the final caution.

Both Busch and Johnson took four tires on Lap 373, under caution for Scott Riggs' blown tire in Turn 4 one lap earlier. Gordon, who took two tires and left pit road with the lead, spun his tires on the decisive restart on Lap 377, allowing Newman to surge into the top spot.

For the second consecutive race Jeff Gordon finished in the runner-up spot.

"I just spun the tires on that last restart," said Gordon. "I knew it was over by the time we got to turn-1."

Johnson charged from seventh to third during the green-white-checked-flag finish. Mark Martin, also on two tires for the final restart, ran fourth, one position ahead of Juan Pablo Montoya. Matt Kenseth, Carl Edwards, Kyle Busch, Clint Bowyer and Joey Logano completed the top 10.

Busch and Johnson had dominated the two long green-flag runs that preceded the two-lap dash to the finish. In fact, Busch, who tied Johnson for most laps led with 113, stayed out front from the time he passed Johnson on Lap 262 until Riggs' accident 110 laps later.

"I can't freaking believe this," Busch shouted on the radio to crew chief Dave Rogers when the ninth and final yellow flag flew. "What do you want to do?"

Busch and Rogers opted for four tires. Busch restarted 8th, too far back to even challenge the leaders.

Johnson made the same call for his No. 48 team.

"I was excited to see the caution come out, because it was an opportunity to win," Johnson said. "I decided—I made the call for four tires. It's the first time that I can remember in a long time that I actually said what I wanted for a pit stop, with the way Martinsville played out and Bristol and last night's (Nationwide) race (where four-tire calls proved successful). I knew with the green-white checked there weren't a lot of laps, but I felt we might get a caution with everybody racing so hard."

"So I made the call for four and made the most of it. We got from seventh to third and just did what we could. So, not a bad night at all. Excited to see us stretch out the points a little bit and get another top-five finish here."

Racing for the first time since March 31 surgery to repair a torn ACL in his left knee, Denny Hamlin completed the race in 30th place, two laps down.

Asked after the race if he was in pain, Hamlin replied, "More than I can tell you. I'm pretty sure I didn't do any damage or anything like that, but I'm absolutely exhausted right now."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished 12th and held on to 10th in the Cup standings. ... A one-lap penalty for pitting outside his box dropped Jeff Burton to 25th at the finish. ... Polesitter AJ Allmendinger came home 15th. ... Kyle Busch, Logano and Edwards supplanted Paul Menard (29th Saturday), Kurt Busch (35th) and Brian Vickers (37th) in the top 12. ... Newman improved six positions to 16th in points.

Top-12 Chase contenders after 7 of 36: 1. Johnson-1073, 2. Kenseth-1037, 3. Biffle-961, 4. Harvick-961, 5. J. Gordon-948, 6. Bowyer-885, 7. Burton-873, 8. Edwards-873, 9. Stewart-869, 10. Earnhardt-865, 11. Logano-862, 12. Kyle Busch-855

### Kyle Busch wins Nationwide Thriller

Kyle Busch drove one of the best races of his career as he overcame a potentially devastating penalty with 50 laps left to win the Phoenix Nationwide Series race.

"All I know is I paid NASCAR back by winning," Busch said. "Man, this car was pretty awesome tonight. It was super, super fast. Hopefully, that was an exciting win for

the fans. I don't know how we could have made it any better of a show right there."

Busch led the field to a restart on Lap 137 from the outside lane, but Keselowski nosed ahead before the cars reached the start-finish line. Cars in the outside lane stacked up behind Busch, triggering a 10-car wreck that necessitated a stoppage of nearly 10 minutes, as track workers cleaned up the debris.

NASCAR ruled that Busch failed to restart the race in the designated area between two red lines on the frontstretch wall and awarded the top position to Keselowski. On the subsequent restart on Lap 145, NASCAR posted Busch's No. 18 Toyota for a pass-through penalty for jumping the restart.

The penalty dropped Busch to 19th in the running order, 20 seconds behind Keselowski. Over the next 38 laps, Busch improved to 11th before NASCAR called a caution for debris on Lap 188.

In fact, the only segment of the race Busch didn't lead resulted from an out-of-sequence pit stop on Lap 17. Keselowski inherited the top spot for 15 laps, but Clint Bowyer stalled in Turn 1 to bring out the second caution, and Busch regained the lead by remaining on the track.

Kevin Harvick passed Keselowski and came home second. Brendan Gaughan ran fourth and Greg Biffle fifth. Polesitter Carl Edwards, Paul Menard, Scott Lagasse Jr., Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Joey Logano completed the top 10.

Keselowski took the lead in the series standings by four points over Edwards.

Top-10 points leaders after 6 of 35: 1. Keselowski-974, 2. Edwards-970, 3. Kyle Busch-959, 4. harvick-929, 5. Allgaier-923, 6. Menard-804, 7. Logano-728, 8. Biffle-718, 9. M. Wallace-664, 10. Lagasse-663

**Weekend Racing:** It's on to the 1.5-mile Texas Motor Speedway for the Sprint Cup and Nationwide teams this weekend. The Trucks do not race again until May 2.

Sat., Apr. 17, Nationwide Series O'Reilly 300, race 7 of 35, Starting time: 3 pm ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sun., Apr. 18, Sprint Cup Samsung 500, race 8 of 36, Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: Fox.

**Racing Trivia Question:** Where is Cup driver Paul Menard's hometown?

**Last Week's Question:** Which Cup team is Martin Truex Jr. driving for this year? Answer: He is driving for Michael Waltrip Racing.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net. NApr14-G9

## Square dance and clogging

Join us every Monday in Hiawassee, GA, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center for free square dance and clogging practice. This is not Western Square Dance rather the old traditional calls our great grandpas and mas used in our Appalachian Smokey Mountains sometimes called Big Circle. The Senior Center is located 2 blocks behind the town square Main St. Hwy. 76, beside the TC Courthouse, 48 River Street. Sponsor: Towns County Historical Society, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA 30546 706-896-1060, info@townshistory.org.

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Mountain High Hikers schedules two hikes each Tuesday, occasional specialty hikes, and regular trail maintaining trips - all in the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Check the website [www.mountainhighhikers.org](http://www.mountainhighhikers.org) for schedule and meeting locations. NApr14-G4gg

## Patricia Rush to speak to Writer's Club

Author Patricia Rush will be the guest speaker at the Georgian Mountain Writer's Club, Wednesday, April 14th. Dr. Rush will speak about the "Path to Publishing", encouraging all writers to pursue getting their manuscripts printed.

Dr. Rush is the author of *Journey To Wholeness, Quit? No Way*, and the soon to be released *No Turning Back*.

The Club meets at 10 a.m. at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 3717 Highway 515 East, Blairsville.

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## Trout stocking sites week of April 5-9, 2010

**FANNIN:** Big Creek, Boardtown Creek, Hemptown Creek, Rock Creek, Toccoa River Tailwaters (Below Lake Blue Ridge Dam), Toccoa River.

**LUMPKIN:** Dockery Lake, Etowah River and Management, Niblewill Creek and Management.

**UNION:** Cooper Creek,

## YHC sweeps Gordon College in women's tennis 9-0

Young Harris College won all of its singles matches in straight sets en route to a 9-0 victory over Gordon College in a women's tennis match in Barnesville on Wednesday.

The Mountain Lions opened the match with a pair of 8-1 doubles wins by the teams of Kinsley Black and Brianna Brinkley and Sarah Deese and Holly Smith. YHC picked up a third doubles point with a default victory in the third position.

Black, Brinkley, Deese, Smith and Michelle Allen all won their singles matches in straight sets, keeping Gordon from winning no more than three games in any set. YHC won the No. 6 singles match by default.

The Mountain Lions are scheduled to return to action Friday afternoon against North Georgia.

### Doubles:

1. Black/Brinkley (YHC) def. Clipper/Griswold (GC) 8-1
2. Deese/Smith (YHC) def. Millikin/Sowell (GC) 8-1
3. YHC won No. 3 doubles by default

### Singles:

1. Kinsley Black (YHC) def. Clipper (GC) 6-0, 6-2
2. Brianna Brinkley (YHC) def. Griswold (GC) 6-1, 6-0
3. Sarah Deese (YHC) def. Millikin (GC) 6-2, 6-0
4. Holly Smith (YHC) def. Sowell (GC) 6-2, 6-3
5. Michelle Allen (YHC) def. Edwards (GC) 6-1, 6-0
6. YHC won No. 6 singles by default

## Mountain Lions top Saints in a grueling tennis matchup

With the team score even at 4-4, Young Harris' Koen Gottenbos won a grueling match that went into a third set tiebreaker to give his Mountain Lions a 5-4 win over NCAA Division II North Georgia on Friday.

The Mountain Lions held a commanding 3-0 lead after doubles play, but when only Will Dixon earned a singles point for YHC after the first five singles matches were completed, the final result hinged on the outcome of Gottenbos' match against Andy McMaster in the No. 5 slot.

An emotional Gottenbos looked like he was cruising after winning the first set 6-0, but McMaster gathered himself and won the second set 6-2 to force a deciding frame. Gottenbos and McMaster traded the lead in the deciding set and in a match that was so close both on that court and in the team score; it was fitting that a tiebreaker would decide the winner. Gottenbos won the tiebreaker 7-5, giving Young Harris a big victory over their opponent from the NCAA Division II Peach Belt Conference.

Dixon's victory came in the second position, and also went three sets. After dropping the first set, Dixon came back to defeat Brandon Sloan 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Those two singles wins

proved to be the difference in the match, but it was doubles play that really propelled the Mountain Lions to the win.

Laurenz Schraepen and Gottenbos teamed to defeat Grant Partrick and Sloan 8-4 in the top position. YHC's No. 2 tandem of Dixon and Mitchell Midkiff teamed up to defeat Parker LaSure and Adrian Saulais 8-1; and Felix Reichl and Matt Howard handed McMaster and David Konigberg an 8-4 loss.

YHC won't have much time to celebrate the victory, as it hits the road for two matches in two separate states Saturday. The Mountain Lions will face the University of the South in Seawee, Tenn., in the morning, before jumping in the van and driving south to Gadsden, Ala., to face Marion Military.

### Doubles:

1. Schraepen/Gottenbos (YHC) def. Partrick/Sloan (NG) 8-4
2. Midkiff/Dixon (YHC) def. LaSure/Saulais (NG) 8-1
3. Reichl/Howard (YHC) def. McMaster/Konigberg (NG) 8-4

### Singles:

1. Grant Partrick (NG) def. Laurenz Schraepen (YHC) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3
2. Will Dixon (YHC) def. Brandon Sloan (NG) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1
3. Adrian Saulais (NG) def. Mitchell Midkiff (YHC) 6-4, 6-3
4. Parker LaSure (NG) def. Felix Reichl (YHC) 6-1, 6-1
5. Koen Gottenbos (YHC) def. Andy McMaster (NG) 6-0, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5)
6. David Konigberg (NG) def. Matt Howard (YHC) 6-3, 6-3

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