



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Cats bounce back to snare the Middle Georgia Warriors

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Schultz, Smith, Lowery homerun derby in sixth gives 13-2 win.

After taking it on the chin on Friday night, the #4 YHC Mountain Lions bounced big in game two with a 13-2 win over the #14 Warriors from Middle Georgia College. In the first inning, Bryson Smith reached second on an over-throw at first and was plated by Daniel Warzon with a sac RBI, 1-0. In the second, the visitors hammered an RBI to tie the game at 1-1. The second run for the Cats came easily as Derrick Lowery was batted home by the Warrior pitcher, 2-1. This time in the third inning, the Warriors tied the game at 2-2 before CJ Smith, who went the distance, could control the visitors off the mound. The Warriors stranded two runners in scoring position.

Kenny Swab ended the Warrior effort in the fourth

when he threw out a bunt to Clay Remole. Derrick Lowery then walked for the Cats and a single in the gap by Travis Echols moved Swab into scoring position for Clay Remole. A sac by Remole plated a YHC run 3-2. A shot by Shane Hammond sent Echols home in a dust cloud that was a questionable out for the Cats. A close-up of the play showed Echols' hand clearly on the plate well ahead of the tag by the catcher. After singles by Matt Lowery and Austin Schultz, an RBI by Kenny Swab plated Matt Lowery, 4-2. The see-saw nonsense came to an abrupt halt in the nine run sixth inning. After Scoop was HBP, Matt Lowery singled to right and Austin jacked the first of three HRs out of the park in the inning. The 2-run HR over left gave the Cats a 7-2 lead with two outs. Next batter up, Bryson Smith followed with a solo homerun over center and it was adios to the Warrior pitcher, 7-2. The greedy Mountain Lions were still not finished with the HR derby as Derrick Lowery sent a 3-run HR over the center field fence,

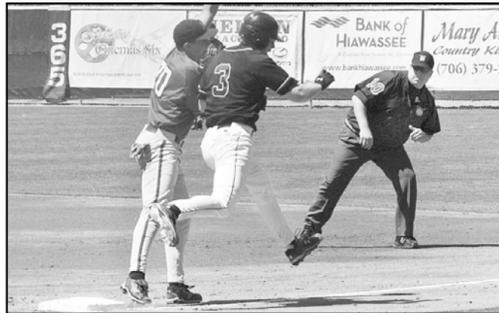
11-2. More Cat hits meant another quick pitching change for the visitors and the loud mouth in the stands went silent for the remainder of the game. A 2-RBI double by Scoop Pharr brought the score to the winning 13-2 mark in the first of the DH. *Coach Rick Robinson earned his 500th win.* The Mountain Lions out hit the Warriors 14-6.

Freshman, Matt Crouse opened for the Cats in game two and pitched for five innings,

giving up only two hits. The 6-5 win didn't come easily as the Mountain Lions trailed by two in the sixth inning. The game turned when Travis Echols and Matt Lowery singled and Scoop Pharr bunted them into scoring position. Singles by Austin Schultz and Matt Lowery knotted the game at 5-5. Relief pitcher, Derrick Lowery came to the hill in the top of the seventh and belted a "T" in the bottom half for the walk-off 6-5 win.



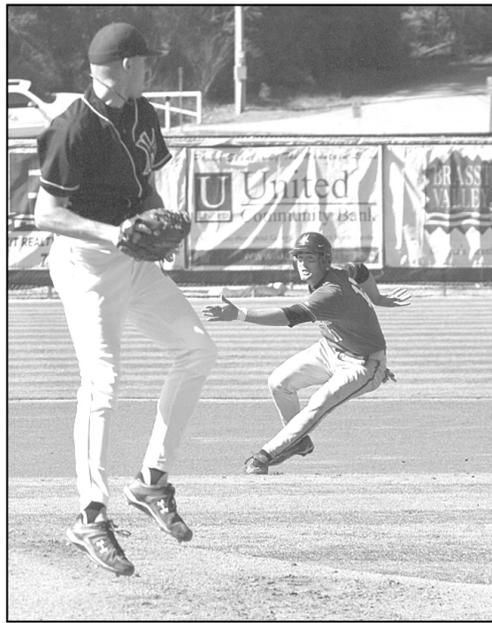
Travis Echols is called out in dirt flying play at the plate.



Bryson Smith gets a break as the Warrior misses the catch at first.



Austin Schultz tries to put the tag on a sliding Warrior at second base in 13-2 win.



Matt Crouse goes high for a line drive as a Warrior realizes he is caught in a DP. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

Lady Cats sweep Gordon College Highlanders on road trip

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Mountain Lions take two conference road games.

As the Easter season began the (19-11) Lady Mountain Lions hit the road for a couple of conference games against the Highlanders from Gordon College. The first game had to go into extra innings before a winner could emerge. Whitney Robinson pitched for the Cats in the first outing and Jamey Chapman (3-5) led the Cat offense in their 12-hit attack while scoring twice for the Mountain Lions. Jamey Chapman and Chelsea Davidson each scored in the extended ninth inning to cap-

ture the hard fought win, 7-6. Rikki Powers started on

the hill in game two and Caitlin Duvall took over late in the six

hit game for the 5-2 save. In the night-cap, catcher Sam Woolf went 3-4 at the plate with an RBI and one run scored for the purple Cats.



Sam Woolf went 3-4 at the plate in Cat 5-2 win over the Lady Highlanders. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Jamey Chapman crosses the plate as Sam Woolf watches in extended ninth inning win.

Mountain Lions and Bulldogs split DH on the road

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Conference split with GMC runs Cat record to 20-12.

The YHC Lady Mountain Lions were on the road again, this time against the Lady Bulldogs from Georgia Military College. A tough second inning for the Lady Cats allowed the host team to plate six runs in the 9-5 loss. Jessica Swancey and Tara Mullinax tried to get the Cat win with two hits each but the Bulldogs hung on for the win in game one of the DH.

In the second outing, the Mountain Lion bounced back for the split off an early lead behind the pitching of freshman, Rikki Powers. For the first five innings, Powers was the power on the hill with five no-hit stanzas. The Bulldogs staged a comeback a sixth inning rally when they put five runs on the scoreboard. The Cats turned to their other two pitchers, Whitney Robinson and Caitlin Duvall to put down the rally and take the 8-5 win. Big at the plate on offense were Jennifer

Watford, Chelsea Davidson and Sam Woolf who each posted three hits in the game. Jamey Chapman, Brittany

Allen and Whitney Robinson also added to the Cat hitting array with two hits each. The split with Georgia Military

College puts the Cat conference record at 7-3 heading into the final weeks of play for 2009.



Jennifer Watford was big on defense and posted three hits on offense in split win. Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant



Chelsea Davidson played the field and the plate with three hits in 8-5 win over GMC.



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by Jim Bryant

Collegiate Baseball

YHC 12	Cleveland State 5
ABAC 0/5	Georgia Perimeter 2/13
Andrew 6/9/7	South Georgia 3/4/3
Cleveland State 10/7/4	Motlow State 9/3/7
Georgia Perimeter 2	USC Salkehatchie 4
Gordon 18	South Georgia 19
Middle Georgia 2/13	USC Salkehatchie 1/7
Truett McConnell 5/3/1	Walters State 9/2/4

Collegiate Softball

YHC 7/5	Gordon 6/2
YHC 5/8	Georgia Military 9/5
Aiken Tech 5/6	USC Salkehatchie 2/2
Chattanooga State 6/2	Jackson State 1/0
Chattanooga State 7/9	Cleveland State 0/0
Darton 5/1	Georgia Perimeter 1/8
Georgia Military 1/6	Middle Georgia 2/8
Truett McConnell 0/0	Gordon 1/1
Truett McConnell 6/5	Middle Georgia 7/9
Andrew 1/2	Middle Georgia 14/8

Prep Baseball

Lakeview Academy 9	Hebron Academy 8
Lakeview Academy 13	Social Circle 0
Banks County 12	Oglethorpe County 7
Banks County 10	North Oconee 9
Banks County 1	Jefferson 6

Martha Moss honored



L to R: Eller and Moss

Photo courtesy of Jerry Kendall

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One of Towns County's all time great basketball players was recently honored by the placement in the trophy case at the Towns County High School Gym of a display detailing her long and distinguished twelve year career. The impact of her play reached both the state and national levels.

It has been nearly thirty years since Moss graduated from TCHS and almost five years since she was honored among the first sixty eight inductees into the Northeast Georgia Sports Hall of Fame at the Northeast Georgia History Center on the campus of Brenau University in Gainesville. The display in the gym includes a copy of the picture and brief commentary included on the plaque at the Hall of Fame plus an extended look at her multiple accomplishments.

Among her numerous personal accomplishments in high school were starting all 109 games played by the Towns County Lady Indians during her four years on the team, holding the verifiable career school scoring record at the time of her graduation, and second team all state honors. Among the accomplishments of the TCHS teams during her career were three sub-region tournament championships, the only region championship for the Lady Indians prior

to this year, and two state tournament appearances when just two teams from each region qualified for the tournament.

During two years each at Truett McConnell College in Cleveland and Berry College in Rome, Moss was twice named to a national all tournament team and received All American honors as both a player and academically at Berry. The ultimate team accomplishment came during her freshman year at Truett McConnell College when the Danettes won the 1980 national junior college women's basketball championship. Her first three college teams all made it to their national tournament with her fourth falling short after she was sidelined by an injury to a team they had defeated earlier when she was in the lineup.

Finally, the display includes a picture of Moss with her three coaches who were in attendance at the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. Long time Lady Indians Head Coach Dion Eller was the only girls basketball coach in the county for many years and served as her only coach in eight years of play in Towns County. Moss and Eller are pictured together in front of the display in the TCHS Gym. Her other coaches were Colbey Tilley at Truett McConnell and Brenda Paul at Berry.

Robinson earns 500 wins at YHC

Mountain Lions coach runs career record to 534-153

Special to the Herald (Young Harris, GA) — Young Harris College Baseball Coach Rick Robinson notched his 500th win at YHC on Saturday as the Mountain Lions beat Middle Georgia 13-2.

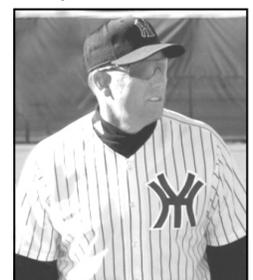
Robinson, who came to Young Harris in 1999, has a career record of 534-153. His record at Young Harris is 501-127.

The Mountain Lions are currently ranked #4 in the NJCAA Coaches Poll. The team was 2008 NJCAA Region XVII Champions.

Under Robinson's tenure, Young Harris has won eight GJCAA Championships, five region XVII Championships, one East Central District Championship, and has one JUCO World Series appearance.

About Young Harris College: Founded in 1886, Young

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