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Lady Indians fight the good fight in Appling County



The Towns County 14 & Under Girls Softball team travelled to Appling County this past weekend to play in the Georgia Class C Junior Girls Fast Pitch State Tournament. The girls' first game they ran into a buzz saw in a very talented Trion team. Trion was led by great pitching, defense, and some timely

hitting. The Indians came out in the first inning and jumped on the Trion pitcher having the bases loaded and only one out. The next Indian hitter lined a rocket at the pitcher ending up in a double play and killing the Indians rally. The Trion pitcher settled down from that point on, holding the Indians to just one run in an 8 to 1 fi-

nal. The second game of the tournament the Indians faced a hot-hitting Telfair County team who topped the Indians by a score of 13 to 1. The Indians played with a lot of heart in the tournament facing triple digit heat and some very good teams. We are very proud of the Indians and look for great things in the future. TJJul14,K1SH

2010 Towns County Recreation Department Champions



Activity Day 3-Legged Race champions (10 & Under), Ella King and Wyatt Burch.



Activity Day, Women's Homerun Derby Champion, Ashton Denton



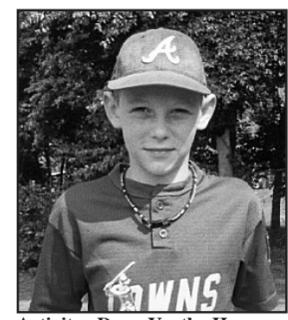
Activity Day, Men's Partners Horseshoe Champions, Bo Hughes (left) and Ronnie Shumate



Activity Day, Youth Homerun Derby Champion, and Youth Singles Horseshoe Champion Jonathan Everett



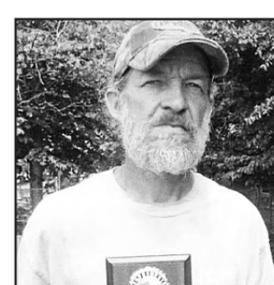
Activity Day, 3-legged Race Champions (13 & Under), Coby Denton (left) and Brody Graper



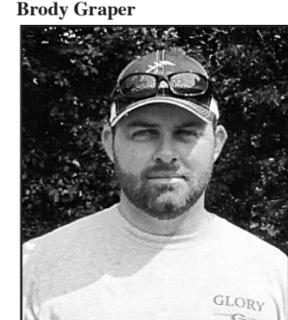
Activity Day, Youth Homerun Derby Champion (11 & Under), Brody Graper



Activity Day, Women's Singles Horseshoe Champion, Shannon Burch



Activity Day, Men's Singles Horseshoe Champion, Ronnie Shumate



Activity Day, Men's Homerun Derby Champion, Michael Denton

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter



David Reutimann celebrates his Chicagoland Cup victory furnished by NASCAR

Reutimann wins at Chicagoland

JOLIET, IL -- David Reutimann got his second career victory in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, Saturday night after holding off Carl Edwards to win the LifeLock.com 400. His other win came in the 2009 Coca-Cola 600 in Charlotte, after rain cut the race short, with Reutimann leading.

"The worst was that we got really free that last run," said Reutimann. "The 99 started gaining on us. We kept pedalling. Thankfully he didn't have enough time to get to us."

"The team just gave me a good car all weekend. They hunkered down and gave us some really, really good horsepower here and good fuel mileage and everything we need to win races. My hat is off to them, they did a tremendous job. We win and lose as a team."

Carl Edwards gained on Reutimann in the closing laps, but was a second behind when the race ended.

"I felt like we had a great car," said Edwards. "That held true for tonight. The car was really good. It's second, you know what I mean. It's okay, but it's not winning."

"Man, he just kept getting bigger in the windshield and I didn't have enough laps. I was trying so hard to catch him. I want to say a special congratulations to David. He is a class act, a really great guy."

Jeff Gordon had a strong car throughout the race, but was unable to keep up with either Reutimann or Edwards at the end.

"At times I thought we were really, really strong," said Gordon. "We struggled earlier in the day with the car being real loose. We seemed to fix that and became a top three or four car. We were able to chase Jamie down that one time when he was leading, get by him. I was pretty optimistic. I noticed in my mirror the 100 was following me and gaining on us. I knew he was the car to beat. He proved it those last hundred laps for sure."

"We just didn't have anything for those guys. We tried to make some adjustments on that last pit stop. We got really, really loose. I was just kind of hanging on for third there at the end."

Clint Bowyer, Jamie McMurray, Kasey Kahne, Jeff Burton, Denny Hamlin, Tony Stewart, and Paul Menard rounded out the top-10 finishers.

Points leader Kevin Harvick fought trouble all race long, at one point bringing his No. 29 Chevrolet to the garage to change the fuel pump and fuel pump cable. He lost 16 laps in the process and finished 34th, 16 laps down.

Jimmie Johnson may have had the fastest car, having led the first 92 laps, but he hurt his own cause twice before the race was 150 laps old. On the way to a green-flag stop on Lap 93, Johnson missed the entrance to pit road, and lost the lead to McMurray.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was never a factor during the race. He started 25th and finished 23rd.

Top-15 Chase contenders with seven races before the Chase begins: 1. Harvick-2745, 2. J. Gordon-2642, 3. Johnson-2557, 4. Hamlin-2542, 5. Kurt Busch-2524, 6. Kyle Busch-2488, 7. Burton-2465, 8. Kenseth-2446, 9. Stewart-2389, 10. Edwards-2345, 11. Biffle-2292, 12. Bowyer-2286, 13. Earnhardt-2271, 14. Martin-2249, 15. Reutimann-2190

Kyle Busch wins Chicagoland Nationwide Race

Kyle Busch beat teammate Joey Logano in a green-white-checkered-flag finish to win Friday night's Dollar General 300 Nationwide Series race at Chicagoland Speedway.

"It wasn't easy," said Busch, who can now claim second on the Nationwide Series all-time win all to himself, for his 37th career win pushed him past Kevin Harvick, who Busch had been tied with after winning June 26 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. "We had the track position when it mattered and the car got really, really tight on us. But, these guys never gave up. They knew I had it in me."

Brian Scott, David Reutimann, Jason Leffler, Carl Edwards, Kevin Harvick, Reed Sorenson, Jamie McMurray, and Justin Allgaier rounded out the top-10.

Danica Patrick finished a career-best 24th in her fifth series start.

Top-10 points leaders after 18 of 35: 1. Keselowski-2911, 2. Edwards-2684, 3. Kyle Busch-2496, 4. Allgaier-2457, 5. Harvick-2314, 6. Menard-2207, 7. Logano-2108, 8. S. Wallace-2049, 9. Gaughan-2015, 10. Leffler-1994

Dillon wins Iowa truck race

Austin Dillon, grandson of Richard Childress won Sunday's Camping World Truck race at Newton, Iowa. It was NASCAR's first visit to the track, and the first career win for Dillon, who was driving the black No. 3 Chevrolet.

Patrick brings it home in one piece

Danica Patrick finished 24th, two laps down in the Nationwide race at Chicagoland, but she did finish the race, and brought her car home without getting involved in any wrecks.

The 28-year-old IndyCar Series star, competing in her fifth career Nationwide race for JR Motorsports, remained out of trouble the entire night - including when she realized she had a flat tire and managed to come down pit road without incident.

"I learned so much about simple things, about how to get in and out of the throttle and just how important it is to not enter high but enter with a nice arc, little things like that, that make a world of difference," Patrick said.

"These cars are so on the edge, the grip level, there's not much there. So you put it in the slightly wrong position and it goes [around] on you. ... The last part of that race was good for me. I brought it home. I would have loved to have a top-20 [finish] but that's OK."

Earlier in the week, Patrick said she was disappointed with her performance in the previous four races, but had come to the realization that her NASCAR career is going to be a slow learning process.

Her best finish was 30th in her four previous Nationwide Series starts. She has been involved in accidents in three of the four races and did not finish two of them.

"It was just a really nice, calm night," said Patrick. "Nothing big happened. It was steady. We were running our whole laps. There was nothing big in the race that put us in a bad position."

"It was nice to do instead of having all these other things come at you and crashing and spinning and stuff like that. The last part of that race felt really good for me. I learned a lot from the other drivers out there watching their lines."

Weekend Racing: The Nationwide and Camping World teams are at Gateway Raceway, just outside St. Louis, MO. The Cup teams have an off weekend as they prepare for the Brickyard 400, at Indianapolis on July 25.

Fri., July 16, Camping World Trucks, race 11 of 25; Starting time: 8:30 p.m. ET; TV: Speed.

Sat., July 17, Nationwide Dodge Dealers 250, race 19 of 35; Starting time: 7:30 p.m. ET; TV: ESPN2.

Racing Trivia Question: What color is Todd Bodine's hair?

Last Week's Question: Who is the defending Camping World Truck Series champion? Answer: Ron Hornaday.

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Hooper new assistant coach at YHC

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Young Harris- In early May, the Young Harris basketball program made a new addition to its coaching staff. A new assistant coach was added to work alongside men's Head Coach Pete Herrmann. The coach added to the staff was former Reinhardt College men's assistant basketball coach Heath Hooper. The 23 year-old Hooper is a former basketball player and graduate of Reinhardt College.

"I was extremely excited for the opportunity to be in the program and to work under Coach Herrmann," replied Hooper when asked how he reacted to the news that he had received the assistant coaching job. Hooper will join Head Coach Pete Herrmann and Assistant Coach Andre Morgan in the upcoming season.

This is not, however, Hooper's first experience with assistant coaching. After four years of playing at Reinhardt College, he took on the role of

assistant coach for the Reinhardt Eagles program.

"I probably decided to pursue a career in coaching the summer after I graduated from Reinhardt," replied Hooper when asked how long he had been interested in coaching. Hooper served as an assistant coach for one season before coming to Young Harris. He plans to use the experience that he received at Reinhardt to make the transition to assistant coach at YHC.

"Reinhardt was an introductory to the world of coaching. I learned the basics of coaching on and off the court," said Hooper. "Reinhardt helped me to get my foot in the door which I am very grateful for."

"You can expect to see a fast-paced style of offense and hard-nosed players," stated an excited Hooper when asked what type of play to expect out of the team in the upcoming season.

Hooper is also a native of Young Harris and a former player and graduate of Towns County High School. Hooper grew up playing the game of



Heath Hooper
basketball around Young Harris and is excited to be a part of the program at YHC.

"I feel ecstatic to be a part of this ground-breaking experience. I know the community is excited and we are ready to get this program up and running. We want to make a name around the country for Young Harris College," replied Hooper when asked how it felt to be a part of a program that he has known from a young age until now.



Hooper with the 2009-2010 Reinhardt JV team

Mountain United Soccer registration

The Mountain United Soccer Association is still accepting registration forms for the Fall season. The association has provided youth soccer in Union and Towns counties for over 24 years. The program serves over 500 players annually.

The season will begin in early September. Teams will be filled based on date of receipt. A player must be at least

4 years old on August 1, 2010 to be eligible.

Registration forms were mailed to current members. Registration forms are available at the following locations: Blairsville - Blimpie, Branan Lodge, Hiawassee - Towns County Recreation Department and the Marathon Gas Station and Mountain Lakes Mortgage.

We will be hosting our annual Rock N' Roll Festival "Kickin' at the Park" on August 28th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bands will be performing good rock and roll music. Tickets are available by calling the organization.

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