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Indians and Panthers try to get in a softball scrimmage

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It was pouring down rain at the house, bright and sunny at the YHC softball field and looked like a good day for a softball scrimmage against the UC Lady Panthers. Wrong! Half way into the second inning, the skies opened and the bottom fell out, forcing a cancellation of the field soaked game. The score after one inning was 3-0 in favor of the felines. The field was too muddy for a reschedule so the game was called.



The Indians got a break as the floods came and the game was temporarily called.



Emily Smith watches in frustration as a Lady Panther slides in safely at home. Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant



Chelsey Noblet watches as the ball heads for the plate.



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SPORTSWATCH

Softball

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| Towns County 0 (rain) (Scrimmage) | Union County 3 |
| Towns County 0 | Social Circle 12 |
| JV Towns County 6 | JV Social Circle 19 |
| Union County 4 | Banks County 0 |
| Union County 10 | White County 5 |
| Gilmer County 0 | Flowers Branch 2 |
| Jefferson 2 | Providence Christian 1 |
| West Hall 16 | Johnson 1 (3) |
| West Hall 1 | Habersham Central 0 |
| West Hall 11 | Lambert 1 (5) |
| North Hall 3 | Chestatee 1 |
| Hart County 12 | East Hall 0 |
| Banks County 9 | Habersham Central 0 |
| Fannin County 8 | Gainesville 0 |
| Blessed Trinity 12 | Chestatee 0 |
| Hebron Academy 4 | East Hall 2 |
| West Hall 1 | Habersham Central 0 |
| Fannin County 11 | Holy Innocents 1 |
| White County 6 | Chestatee 5 |
| Hart County 4 | Rabun County 0 |

Lanier Point Softball Invitational

Gold Bracket

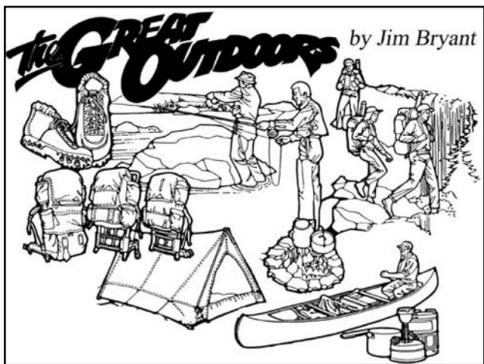
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| Union County 4 | Fannin County 1 |
| White County 9 | Hart County 1 |
| Blessed Trinity 12 | Hebron Academy 2 |
| Dawson County 5 | Banks County 2 |
| Union County 6 | White County 3 |
| Blessed Trinity 4 | Dawson County 0 |
| Fannin County 3 | Hart County 2 |
| Hebron Academy 3 | Banks County 2 |
| Hebron Academy 6 (7 th) | Hart County |
| Fannin County 2 (5 th) | Banks County 1 |
| White County 6 (3 rd) | Dawson County 2 |
| Blessed Trinity 8 (1 st) | Union County 7 |

Silver Bracket

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| Dawson County 6 | Gainesville 0 |
| Blessed Trinity 9 | Pepperell 1 |
| West Hall 9 | Holy Innocents 1 |
| Chestatee 4 | East Hall 3 |
| Rabun County 6 | Pepperell 3 |
| Habersham Central 9 | Gainesville 0 |
| West Hall 10 | Chestatee 0 |
| Habersham Central 10 | Rabun County 0 |
| East Hall 11 | Holy Innocents 3 |
| Pepperell 7 | Gainesville 3 |
| Holy Innocents 13 (7 th) | Gainesville 7 |
| East hall 5 (5 th) | Pepperell 1 |
| Chestatee 4 (3 rd) | Rabun County 1 |
| Habersham Central 11 (1 st) | West Hall 1 |

Football

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| Towns County 15 (Scrimmage) | Union County 30 |
| Buford 51 | Grovetown 0 |



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Baking light methods in the woods

CAN OVENS

Can ovens are a lightweight way to cook. They are especially useful to backpackers who wish to travel light. They are very small and best used on a one to one basis. They are used for baking foods. They can be easily created by placing food inside one can or pan, then placing a larger can over the top to act as an oven. There are several types of can ovens.

Dutch oven can: A small can filled with your food is placed inside another larger

can. The larger can should have a foldable lid. It is recommended that several 1" rocks or briquettes be placed in the bottom of the larger can. Next place the can containing the food on top of the rocks and close the lid on the outside can. This keeps the food baring can off the immediate bottom. Place several hot coals on top of the larger can to even out the heat.

Arch oven: An easy way to make this oven is to place your foods on a wire rack, then form an arch with heavy alu-

minum foil over the rack. Place it over your coals, with the shiny side of the foil facing downward towards the food. Be sure the foil is fastened down securely before placing on the coals, because the rising heat will cause the foil to blow off. If you are handy with tin snips, you can cut a one gallon can in half and make a sturdier arch. Simply place your food on the wire rack and set your "dome" over it.

Hanging can in a can: This is a fun little cooker. You need a one gallon can and a smaller can which will fit into the big can. First cut both ends from the big can. Next add about six holes with a beer opener to the bottom of the can. Now take the small can and place three holes an equal distance around the top of the can. Affix three metal coat hanger wires through the three openings, keeping the wire an equal length. The length of the wires will depend on the size of the bigger can. The food to be cooked is placed inside the small can and hooked on to the top lid of the big can. Put the entire apparatus over the hot coals. You may increase the temperature by piling the coals up the sides of the big can.



Makayla Moody lets a fly ball get past her as the Cats took a 3-0 lead in the first inning.



NASCAR 2009 By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

KYLE BUSCH OUTRUNS MARTIN AT BRISTOL

BRISTOL, Tenn.— Kyle Busch outduled Martin in a dramatic two-car battle at Bristol Motor Speedway after the final restart of the 500-lap race with four laps left. In doing so, Busch gained his fourth victory of the season.

"Mark Martin—what a class act," said Busch, who won for the 16th time in the Cup series. "He deserved to win this race. I'm sorry he came home in second. I know how he feels. I drove as hard as I could."

"He had a chance. He could have done it (moved Busch out of the way). But he didn't. He raced me clean."

Busch showed he is not out of the Chase picture, and Martin strengthened his hold for a Chase spot. Busch moved up two positions to 13th, 34 points behind 12th-place Matt Kenseth.

"He gave me plenty of room, and I got sideways," said Martin, who led a race-high 240 laps. "We finally got a decent finish in a great race car. ... But anybody that thinks I was soft out there on the race track wasn't watching. I raced my guts out."

Martin also gained two spots to 10th in the standings. The top-12 drivers after the Sept. 12 race at Richmond qualify for the Chase.

Martin was honored before the race for making his 1,000th NASCAR start. It marked his 746th Sprint Cup race, 231st Nationwide Series and 23rd Camping World Truck Series event. He is the third driver to achieve this mark, behind only Richard Petty and Michael Waltrip. In all three series, Martin has won 93 points-paying events.

"I wanted to win the race so bad," said Marcus Ambrose,

the third-place finisher. "850 horsepower, hot tires, a concrete track. I just got greedy on the right foot and spun the tires. Last restart I just tried to baby it to make sure I just solidified my position. I managed to get past Greg (Biffle) on the inside there. He was pinched down. That's all I needed to do."

"I'm learning as I go. When you get an opportunity to run at the front like that with six laps to go, you can't learn that anywhere else but when you're out there doing it. You're up against the best. When you make a mistake, you're exposed. But really proud to have finished third tonight and had a good last restart."

"I just tried always to keep my nose clean. I don't want to ruin anybody's race. I want to race as hard as I can. When my night is on, I'm going to race as hard as anyone and take those chances, try to do it clean. I did it at Watkins Glen on Kyle. I did it tonight."

"When I get my chance at the front, I try to do the right thing. I try to race 'em hard but fair."

Greg Biffle ran fourth, followed by Denny Hamlin, Ryan Newman, Kurt Busch, Jimmie Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Matt Kenseth.

Jimmie Johnson failed to win at Michigan last weekend due to fuel miscalculations, and endured more late problems at Bristol. Johnson pitted with the rest of the leaders, but his team had difficulty with the right-rear tire, and he was forced back down pit road.

Points leader Tony Stewart was plagued by early radio troubles, which forced him to pit. He lost two laps and was later caught speeding on pit road. Later

in the race, his car developed electrical problems, and he finished 33rd.

Top-15 Chase contenders with two to go: 1. Stewart-3564, 2. Johnson-3344, 3. J. Gordon-3310, 4. Hamlin-3141, 5. Edwards-3110, 6. Kurt Busch-3103, 7. Newman-2995, 8. Biffle-2986, 9. Montoya-2975, 10. Martin-2971, 11. Kahne-2963, 12. Kenseth-2945, 13. Kyle Busch-2911, 14. Vickers-2906, 15. Bowyer-2833

RAGAN WINS, KYLE BUSCH WRECKS

David Ragan finished ahead of his teammate Carl Edwards in Friday night's Nationwide Series race after Kyle Busch was involved in a wreck.

Ragan led the final 56 laps of the NASCAR Nationwide Series event at the .533-mile speedway, but Edwards was the big winner, as he trimmed Kyle Busch's lead in the series standings from 339 to 248 points. Busch was the victim of an early accident and finished 28th, 59 laps down.

"It was a fun night to drive such a fast racecar," said Ragan, who chose the outside line for the final restart, as the race went four laps beyond its scheduled distance. "The outside had been great all night. I really struggled passing cars on the bottom."

A hard wreck on Lap 52 forced Busch to give back much of the gains he made in the Nationwide standings last week when Edwards wrecked on Lap 3 of last Saturday's race at Michigan International Speedway.

Busch had just passed Harvick for the lead and was barreling out of Turn 4 when Bristol rookie Chase Austin, with a tire down on his No. 07 Chevrolet, pulled down the track into Busch's path. The resulting violent colli-

sion sent Busch's Toyota hard into the frontstretch wall. Reed Sorenson's Chevy also was collected in the wreck.

Busch climbed from his car and disappeared into his transporter, as NASCAR red-flagged the race for more than 15 minutes for track cleanup. It was a kinder, gentler Busch who emerged some 10 minutes later.

"I saw a slow car up high, and he came right across the nose, right in front of me," Busch said. "I didn't know where to go except where I was going. I had Harvick on my outside, and he was able to miss it. Pretty unfortunate there that we got caught up in that mess."

Top-10 points leaders after 24 of 35: 1. Kyle Busch-3900, 2. Edwards-3652, 3. Keselowski-3597, 4. Leffler-3353, 5. Allgaier-2843, 6. S. Wallace-2785, 7. Keller-2727, 8. Bliss-2713, 9. Gaughan-2649, 10. McDowell-2608

Weekend Racing: The Cup teams have an off weekend. The Camping World Trucks are at the 1.5-mile Chicagoland track, while the Nationwide Series teams travel to Montreal, Canada.

Fri., Aug. 28, Camping World Series Chicagoland 250, race 16 of 25; Starting time: 8:30 pm (EDT); TV: Speed Channel.

Sun, Aug. 30, Nationwide Series NAPA Auto Parts 200, race 25 of 35; Starting time: 2 pm (EDT); TV: ESPN2.

Racing Trivia Question: How many NASCAR Truck championships has Ron Hornaday won?

Last Week's Question: Which Cup team does Brian Vickers drive for? The No. 83 Red Bull Toyota.

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Swallow Creek WMA Hunt

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources will hold an archery hunt on the Swallow Creek Wildlife Management Area, Sept. 12 thru Oct. 16.

Area deer, bear, and hogs are the legal game. Hunter sign-in is required prior to hunting and sign-out of harvested game is required on date of kill. Statewide limit applies on deer and bear. No limit on hogs.

For more info, contact the Gainesville Game Management Office

Middle School Football 2009-10



Opponent	Date	Time	Place
Prince Avenue	Sep 1	5:00	Home
Lakeview	Sep 10	5:00	Home
Rabun County	Sep 15	5:30	Home
North Georgia Falcons	Sep 24	5:30	Away
Hebron Christian Academy	Oct 1	5:00	Home
Athens Christian	Oct 6	5:00	Away