

Towns County Sports

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Lady Indians... continued from 4B

Safety Guidelines
The GHSA reversed course on its concession stand prohibition, placing the responsibility on each individual school. As a result, TCHS will have a scaled-back concession stand this fall.

Social distancing, however, is still mandatory per the GHSA.

With spectators forced to spread out along the fence line, the school has removed all screens from the fence to allow for optimal viewing, Livingston said.

"We're going to make things as convenient as possible for our fans," he said. "We want people to come out and support these girls because they deserve it. They've worked very hard and they are



a very high-character group. I have them representing Towns County. I believe the community will be impressed and will be proud to

Towns County 2020 football schedule (revised)

Towns County	
Indians - Blue & White	
9/04	At Hayesville, NC
9/11	Armuchee
9/18	Our Lady of Mercy
10/02	At Lakeview Academy
10/09	Bethlehem Christian
10/16	Lincoln County
10/23	At Commerce
11/06	At Greene County
11/13	Social Circle
11/20	At Washington-Wilkes

Register for the Clay Dotson Open Golf Tournament

Young Harris College invites community members to register for the 16th annual Clay Dotson Open on Monday, August 10 at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, GA. This highly anticipated golf tournament is YHC's premier fundraising event for student scholarships.

This event is the perfect opportunity to have fun while supporting a great cause. Participants will play one of Georgia's top courses in one of the state's most beautiful locations. Due to public health protocols, the tournament schedule has been adjusted. A continental breakfast will be served at 9 a.m., tournament rules and announcements will be delivered at 9:30 a.m., and there will be only one flight, which will start at 10 a.m.

The cost to play in the tournament is \$200 per person or \$800 for a team of four. Teams with three or more YHC alumni qualify for the Tom Forkner, Sr. Alumni Challenge and a special discounted rate (\$150 per alumnus/alumna player). In the spirit of competition, YHC will award prizes for low net score (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) and will offer a putting contest with prizes. Con-



YHC President Dr. Drew L. Van Horn stands with UCB President Adam Born and YHC Vice President for Advancement Mark Dotson as UCB contributes \$10,000 to support the Clay Dotson Open.

tinental breakfast and a boxed lunch are included in the registration cost, as well as a team photograph.

"We greatly appreciate all of our tournament sponsors and participants," said YHC's Vice President for Advancement Mark Dotson. "This year, I want to give a special shout out to United Community Bank for signing on as a Diamond Sponsor. UCB has been a generous and consistent supporter of YHC's Clay Dotson

Open since 2010. I can't thank them enough for the countless opportunities they continue to provide to our students and our campus community."

Sponsorships, player registrations, mulligans and more are available for purchase at yhc.edu/claydotsonopen. If you have any questions or need additional information about the tournament, please contact Mark Dotson at (706) 379-5355 or mcdotson@yhc.edu. NT(Aug5,21)CA

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association Low Putts



Fran Brown is a new member to our league. The last two weeks she has won numerous times and what a lovely lady and funny too! We are glad you joined our league and beautiful course.

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association Tuesday league day game was Low Putts.

The weather was hot and the golf was also. Winners are: Flight A: 1st Place

Kathy Stewart, 2nd Place Barbara Boswell, 3rd Place Martha Zimmer. Flight B: 1st Place Fran Brown, 2nd Place Carol Millward, 3rd Place Linda Miles. Chip Ins: Bonnie Shore Holes 13

& 17, Fran Brown Hole 11. Birdie Lady: Kathy Stewart. Congratulations ladies!

We welcome all skill levels and it's not too late to join our league. Call Glenda Geddings at 706-896-7992.

VFW Golf League news

The Veterans Golf League plays every Thursday morning at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. The league is open to all veterans who are members of the VFW or American Legion and their auxiliaries regardless of post affiliation. The course is in great condition and this week's winner was the team lead by Paul Yellena. Team members contributing to the victory were Ron Slatt, Frank Bianco and Jim Risenberg. Together they shot a blistering score of 62 which is 110 strokes under par. Congratulations! TA(Aug5,G1)SH

Mountain Harbour Ladies play Individual Stableford

The prospect of thunderstorms did not deter 19 ladies from playing golf at our beautiful Mountain Harbour golf course. Kudos to General Manager Randy Vaughn and Director of Golf Curtis Phillips and their grounds crews. If you've not enjoyed a round of golf lately, it's time that you revisit because not only the good work of management and crew but a group of homeowners have also contributed heavily to removing overgrowth, dead trees and brush to further enhance the beauty of this gem of a golf course!

Today's game was an individual points competition, in which each player scores against par by earning one point for net bogey, two points for net par, three points for net

birdie, and four points for net eagle. Each player pays \$4 for the game and fifty cents towards a chip-in. Winners are announced and payouts given after the round completed. Results are as follows:

- 1st place - \$20 Connie Dockery 101/39 points
- 2nd place - \$15 Diana Azor 87/34 points
- 3rd place - \$10 Mary Ann Strider 103/33 points
- 4th place - \$8 Nancy Outlaw 89/32 points
- 5th place - \$6 Jean Sullivan 104/31 points*scorecard playoff #8 bogey net birdie
- 6th place - \$5 Linda Davenport 91/31*scorecard playoff #8 bogey net par.
- 7th place - \$4 Nancy Hamilton 96/31*scorecard playoff #8 double bogey net bogey.

Honorable Mention: Karen Whittaker won closest to the pin on par 3 hole #11 at 14' 10" her efforts brought her a par and \$5.

Gloria White was not feeling good about this tricky par 3 #7, but saved the hole by "chipping in" for double bogey net bogey and picking up \$9.50 for her sharp shooting! Beekie Suverkrup was the lone birdie winner today on par 4 #13.

MHLGA also welcomed new member Linda Robinson from Hiawassee and Lilburn, Ga. to the group today. MHLGA continues to play every Thursday through October 1st, 2020. For league information and membership contact Beekie Suverkrup at beckieup@gmail.com. TA(Aug5,F3)SH

NASCAR 2020

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Keselowski Is Tops At New Hampshire

LOUDON, NH - Brad Keselowski showed how strong his No. 2 Penske Ford team was in Sunday's 301-lap Cup Series race. He coasted to the finish line over 2-seconds ahead of five-time winner Denny Hamlin to claim his 33rd series victory. "We've had a lot of good racing this year, but I told everyone that when we really got the car the way we wanted it, look out," said Keselowski. "We just kept working and working until we were able to take it to a new level."

"We really needed this win and to be able to race in front of fans feels so good. It's so much going on in this world that I'm glad I can come out and race for them."

Keselowski led eight times for 184 laps. He took the lead for the last time on lap 221 and led the remaining 80 laps around the 1.058-mile track.

Hamlin led 10 times for 92 laps. Several times, he and Keselowski were about equal on speed, but after the last pit stop, it was Keselowski's time to shine. "We didn't have what we hoped for," said Hamlin. "We'll work on it next week and hopefully, we come up with a little better car. The car was good, but we weren't able to get by Brad. We needed a little more."

Third place finisher Martin Truex Jr. was assessed a one-lap penalty after a crewman let a tire get away from him during a routine pit stop on lap 100. "We're seeing improvement," said Truex, who has one race win. "This is a winning team and we will be winning more races. I know how the guys on this team feel, and they love winning."

Joey Logano was fourth, followed by Kevin Harvick, Matt DiBenedetto, Aric Almirola, Cole Custer, Chase Elliott, and Tyler Reddick. William Byron was 11th, while his teammate Jimmie Johnson finished 12th. Johnson continues to be plagued by bad luck. It seems he is always at the wrong place at the right time. During lap 63 he attempted to pass Clint Bowyer on the low side. Contact was made and Johnson spun, losing a lap.

Matt Kenseth and Kyle Busch also had a bad afternoon. Kenseth spun out twice. The last one came on lap 203 and he parked his No. 42. "Rowdy" Kyle was the first driver out and wound up finishing in last place. He had a tire go down on lap 16, causing him to hit the outside wall. Denny Hamlin won the first stage, with Keselowski getting the second one.

Top-10 leaders: 1. Harvick-803, 2. Keselowski-722, 3. Hamlin-688, 4. Blaney-685, 5. Elliott-660, 6. Logano-653, 7. Truex-648, 8. Almirola-614, 9. Kurt Busch-581, 10. Kyle Busch-563.

KYLE LARSON ON A ROLL IN SPRINTS

Kyle Larson celebrated his 28th birthday Friday night by winning his seventh race in the All Star Circuit of Champions sprint car series.

Larson led the final 18 laps at 34 Raceway in West Burlington, Iowa, for his 12th victory in 18 starts with the 410 winged sprint car series owned by Tony Stewart. He has won the past six races in the series and the last seven he's entered.

Since the beginning of June, Larson has 22 victories in 36 starts while barnstorming through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa and several other states to race in various sprint car series and some USAC midget events. Larson said he remains interested in a NASCAR comeback, though he hasn't explored the options for a return to stock cars.



Keselowski Tops At New Hampshire



Kyle Larson On A Roll In Sprints

"But at the same time, I'm also having a ton of fun right now."

BELL IS MOVING UP

Christopher Bell has endured his share of ups and downs, as any freshman driver might undergo in the NASCAR Cup Series. But over the last 14 races, the No. 95 Leavine Family Toyota has climbed from 32nd in the standings to 23rd. But with Bell's dirt track upbringing, he's accustomed to limited laps.

"I think this no practice thing definitely fits my background," Bell said. "I think it's up and down, and if you look at our results, we've arguably ran a little bit better since they stopped practice."

"One thing that I do think it hinders me a little bit on is I just don't have a feel for these cars, and it takes a little bit to figure out where the limit is, especially at these race tracks where we're going with new rules packages. It's definitely a little bit different."

Still, Bell benefits from having a veteran such as Jason Ratcliff on the box, given the bizarre nature of this season. The 52-year-old crew chief, who oversaw Bell's Xfinity Series tour, continues to be a guiding force for the driver.

Bell's greatest lesson this season? "Expect the unexpected, for sure," Bell continued. "2020 has been absolutely crazy. It started off crazy with the President coming to the Daytona 500. That was a surreal moment and very cool experience to be a part of and then on top of that, it ended up getting rained out so then we didn't race until Monday night for the Daytona 500."

"Then the pandemic hit and we had a huge break in the season. I've very thankful that NASCAR is allowing us to keep going to the race track. It's been up and down for me since then. We've definitely made gains since the beginning of the year."

Bell's best result was a fourth-place finish at Pocono Raceway, one of five top 10s since the break.

From The Pit Box: NASCAR will offer a form of controlled pit stops for two upcoming events.

They were announced during the off-season but delayed as a result of the Covid-19. NASCAR confirmed the first two events that would take place without live green flag pit stops would be

the Aug. 8 Xfinity Series race at Road America and the Aug. 30 Truck Series race at Gateway.

The pit stop rules discourage the use of specialized over-the-wall crew members while also placing limits on the type of services that a car or truck can receive during each pit stop. Essentially, drivers cannot gain or lose positions on pit road based on the timeliness of their stop but rather based on their team's strategic decisions, instead.

Racing Joke: Brad walks into the race car shop on Wednesday with two bandages over his ears. The office manager asks what happened. He replies, "I was ironing a shirt when the phone rang. 'I accidentally answered the iron.'"

The office manager considers this and then asks, "Well, that explains the one ear, but what happened to the other?"

Brad replies, "I had to call the doctor."

Weekend Racing: The NASCAR Xfinity Series will be at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, while the Truck and Cup teams will be at the 2-mile Michigan International Speedway.

Fri., Aug. 7; Truck Series race; Starting time: 6 PM ET; TV: FoxSports1.

Sat., Aug. 8; Xfinity Series race; Starting time: 12 PM ET; TV: NBCSN.

Sat., Aug. 8; Cup Series race; Starting time: 4 PM ET; TV: NBCSN.

Sun., Aug. 9; Cup Series race; Starting time: 4:30 PM ET; TV: NBCSN.

Note: We use the official times posted by NASCAR, but several times in the past, those times have been changed without advance notice. We apologize for any errors.

Racing Trivia Question: What year did Richard Petty win his last Cup Series championship?

Last Week's Question: Who are the three current Cup Series drivers that raced with Dale Earnhardt Sr. before his death in 2001? Answer: Matt Kenseth, Kurt Busch, and Ryan Newman.

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