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Towns County High School 2020 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September 4	Armuchee	Home	7:30pm
September 11	Bethlehem Christian Academy	Home	7:30pm
September 18	Our Lady of Mercy	Home	7:30pm
September 25	Mt. Zion, Carroll	Home (Homecoming)	7:30pm
October 2	Lakeview Academy	Away	7:30pm
October 16	*Lincoln County	Home	7:30pm
October 23	*Commerce	Away	8:00pm
October 30	REGION BYE WEEK		
November 6	*Greene County	Away	7:30pm
November 13	*Social Circle	Home (Sr. Night)	7:30pm
November 20	*Washington-Wilkes	Away	7:30pm

Register now for Rec Department Youth Basketball

Towns County Recreation Department Basketball Registration: August 1st - October 11th - \$60. Late Registration: October 12th - October 25th - \$75.

The Towns County Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in our annual Basketball season with GRPA. There will be evaluations held the second week of October. If you are interested in coaching, please fill out a coaching application at the Towns County Recreation Department & complete a MANDATORY background check ONLY after you have been selected as a coach.

Divisions: 6u Co-Ed: Ages 5-6 Born September 2nd, 2013 to September 1st, 2015. 8u: Ages 7-8 Born September 2nd, 2011 to September 1st, 2013. 10u: Ages 9-10 Born September 2nd, 2009 to September 1st, 2011. 12u: Ages 11-12 Born September 2nd, 2007 to September 1st, 2009. Please register online at www.TownsCountyRec.com or register in person at the Towns County Recreation Department. Towns County Recreation Department will be pro-



viding jerseys and shorts that players will be able to keep at the end of the season. If you have any ques-

tions please contact Matthew Youngblood or Tyler Garrett at (706) 896-2600 or by email at TCRrecreation2600@gmail.com.

In the event basketball is cancelled before the season begins, FULL refunds will be issued. Partial refunds will be available at Towns County Recreation Department staff's discretion if season is cancelled after uniforms are ordered. T(Sep2,F1)SH

Mountain Harbour Ladies Golf news

8-27-2020 results and highlights. Nineteen players counted their net par 3s and net par 5 holes for this individual format game Crazy Eights.

1st place with a 29 and shooting an overall 87 went to Nancy Hamilton \$12! Chasing Nancy with her 30 and an overall 90 went to Glenda Geddings \$10. We had a four-way tie at 3rd place with 34 points, splitting \$26. Connie Dockery \$6.50 happy to break 50 on the front 9 with a 46! Karen Miret \$6.50. Linda Robinson \$6.50. Martha Zimmer \$6.50. Dead Flipp'n Last with

44 points and 2 bucks to Vickie Hough.

Honorable Mention: Birdies were celebrated by Martha Zimmer on par 4 #3 tweet tweet! Chip-ins \$2 each: Karen Miret first chip-in EVER on the par 5 #14 double bogey net par! Connie Dockery #1 bogey net par. Martha Zimmer #4 par net par. Alison Taylor #7 par net birdie. TOP Scorers: Nancy Hamilton 87, Glenda Geddings 90, Martha Zimmer 95, Linda Davenport 97. Next week: Round 1 of the MHLGA Championship & President Cup. Round 2 is September 10th. T(Sep2,F4)SH

Winners of the "Putts for Paws Golf Scramble" Tournament benefitting Castoff Pet Rescue

Local golfers recently enjoyed a beautiful day of competition at the Putts for Paws Golf Scramble benefitting Castoff Pet Rescue. The tournament was held at Butternut Creek Golf Course. Coming in with a 19-under-par 53, the Hacking Dogs team took first place gross. The team consisted of Jackson Burks, Beck Burnette, Rod Burnette, and Stephen Nazerian. Shooting 56 and taking second place gross was the Schroter Chiropactic team of Wesley Rogers, Rob Schroter, Sam Siler, and Luke Watson. The Blairsville Eye Care team of John Hollier, Sonny Poe, Dave Bourne, and Randy Boland won first place net with an adjusted score of 55.

Jimmy McMorris from the Butternut Seniors team won the closest to the pin contest on hole 17. Luke Watson won the longest drive contest on hole 10. After the tournament, all of the players enjoyed lunch provided by Chick-fil-A of Blairsville. Castoff Pet Rescue would like to thank everyone who came out to play as well as the following hole sponsors: Nottely Oaks Animal Hospital, SWBC Mortgage, Skillet Café, Cathy and Strain, LLC, Mountain



The Mountain Life Realty team consisting of Bryson Lariscy, Chad Lariscy, Ned O'Brien, and Larry Savage competed in the Putts for Paws Golf Scramble.

Graphics, Dan Combs State Farm, Dr. Ronnie Dyer, CAS Custom Arrows, Hiawasee Animal Hospital, Wine Cottage, Art Miller, Hillcrest Clinic, Judy Brown, Castoff Pet Rescue Thrift Store, Gerry DeJong, Shannon Elliott, June and Jimmy Young, and Susan Williams/Travelmation. Castoff also thanks the following businesses that donated food and/or prizes: Chick-fil-A, Home Depot, Auto Zone, Nelson's Ace Farm & Garden, Zaxby's, The Hole in the Wall, Diane Touroo, Butternut Creek Golf Course, Ingles, Castoff Pet Rescue Thrift Store, Dan

Combs State Farm, UCBI, Bank of the Ozarks, and Pinnacle Bank. Castoff Pet Rescue is a nonprofit, no-kill animal rescue group based in Blairsville. They have relied on fundraising, donations, and adoption fees to save thousands of dogs and cats since 2006. Their thrift store, which opened in 2019, is raising money to construct a new shelter for the dogs and cats. The thrift store also offers pet ID tags and \$10 microchipping. Visit www.castoffpetrescue.org for more information.

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 led by Phil Stone. Team members contributing to the victory were John Harkins, Rick Kirschberg and Ron Slatt. Together they shot a blistering score of 64 which is 8 strokes under par. Congratulations!

Flight A Gross: 1st Place, Kathy Stewart, 2nd Place Judy Schmitt. Net: 1st Place, Bonnie Shore, 2nd Place, Glenda Geddings. Flight B Gross: 1st Place Evie Miller, 2nd Place Charlotte Maddox. Net: 1st Place Carol Millward, 2nd Place Alison Taylor. Birdie Lady Charlotte Maddox Hole #7. Low Putts with a tie goes to Judy Schmitt and Glenda Geddings. Chip In's goes to Barbara Boswell on Hole #10. Come on out and meet Vicky and all the gals for a round of golf as a guest. Contact Glenda Geddings at 706-896-7992. T(Sep2,G1)SH

NASCAR 2020

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Byron Wins At Daytona, Makes Playoffs

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - William Byron pulled out front on an overtime restart and held off a fast-closing Chase Elliott at the checkered flag as several accidents were happening behind them on the final lap.

There were two late wrecks that brought out the red flag and sent the race into overtime. During the last red flag period, Byron's team worried if his car had suffered damage in the second accident and if he should stay out for the restart instead of pitting. They elected to keep him on the track. The gamble paid off with Byron's first NASCAR Cup Series win and a spot in the playoffs.

"Well, incredible," said Byron. "On Cloud 9 for sure. There was a point in that race that I didn't really think things were going to work out in our favor to make the Playoffs, really have an opportunity next week. This was kind of one of those do-or-die situations. Kind of crossed that fork in the road tonight. We were able to be aggressive and make it happen."

Chase Elliott finished second, about one tenth of a second back. "It was obviously pretty wild there at the end, like it always is," said Elliott. "Really hard to know what's going to go, what isn't. Really unpredictable from my vantage point. Just kind of happened to be at the right place I feel to make up some spots on that last lap. Was in a position where I didn't think me making a move on William was going to benefit myself. It was better to kind of stick to him, get him shoved out in front of the 11 and those guys, hope he would be able to hold on from there."

Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr., Bubba Wallace, Ryan Blaney, Alex Bowman, Brendan Gaughan, Chris Buescher, and Brad Keselowski were the remaining top 10 finishers.

2020 CUP SERIES DRIVER PLAYOFF STANDINGS

The first round of playoffs, known as Round 16, begins at Darlington, Sept. 6. 1. Harvick-2057, 2. Hamlin-2047, 3. Keselowski-2029, 4. Logano-2022, 5. Elliott-2020, 6. Truex-2014, 7. Blaney-2014, 8. Bowman-2009, 9. Byron-2007, 10. A. Dillon-2005, 11. Custer-2005, 12. Almirola-2005, 13. Bowyer-2004, 14. Kyle Busch-2003, 15. Kurt Busch-2001, 16. DiBenedetto-2000.

Jimmie Johnson did not make the playoffs. The seven-time champion, suffered major damage during a wreck and finished the race 17th. He will not be able to battle for an eighth series championship in his final season.

HALEY TAKES DAYTONA XFINITY RACE

Justin Haley won Friday night's Xfinity race after his teammate, AJ Allmendinger, who was leading the race and was wrecked on the last lap by Ross Chastain. Allmendinger led a race-high 58 laps, but Chastain got into his rear bumper as they fought for the lead in the final corner. The contact sent both cars flying and out of contention. The third-place driver Michael Annett was also caught up in it. This allowed Haley, who was running fourth to get by for the lead and go on to his second win of the season.

The remaining top 10 finishers were: Gary Gaudin, Chase Briscoe, Riley



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Herbst, Harrison Burton, Ross Chastain, Michael Annett, Austin Cindric, Josh Williams, and Jesse Little.

Top 10 points leaders: 1. Cindric-968, 2. Briscoe-910, 3. Chastain-860, 4. Gragson-842, 5. Haley-757, 6. H. Burton-752, 7. Allgaier-750, 8. Annett-663, 9. B. Jones-652, 10. Herbst-582.

CREED WINS TRUCK RACE

Here are the results of Sunday's NASCAR Truck Series race held Sun., Aug. 30 at Madison, Illinois: 1. Sheldon Creed, 2. Brett Moffitt, 3. Austin Hill, 4. Sam Mayer, 5. Stewart Friesen, 6. Raphael Lessard, 7. Zane Smith, 8. Grant Enfinger, 9. Ty Majeski, 10. Tanner Gray.

Top 10 points leaders: 1. Hill-549, 2. Smith-521, 3. Moffitt-516, 4. Rhodes-483, 5. Creed-475, 6. Eckes-471, 7. Crafton-449, 8. Enfinger-422, 9. Ankrum-413, 10. Gilliland-411.

TWO HOOSIER BOYS

Chase Briscoe is a 25-year-old racer from Mitchell, Indiana, driver of the No. 98 Highpoint Ford Mustang he will race in the Sept. 5 NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Darlington. The blue-and-white paint scheme will resemble one made famous by fellow Hoosier and NASCAR Hall of Famer Tony Stewart during his run to the 2011 Cup Series championship.

Briscoe was 16 years old when a 40-year-old Stewart tore through the NASCAR Playoffs, winning the first two races of the 10-race playoffs and then three of the last four, including the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway where Stewart led four times for 65 laps and passed an incredible 118 cars to seal the title in a tiebreaker over Carl Edwards.

"I've always been a diehard Tony Stewart fan," said Briscoe, who now races for his idol at Stewart-Haas Racing, the team Stewart co-owns with Haas Automation founder Gene Haas. "When Tony sets his sights on something, there's nothing you can do to stop him, and that title run in 2011 was a perfect example."

While 24 years apart, Briscoe and Stewart grew up similarly. Both came from humble, middle-class families in southern Indiana and each began their racing careers in go-karts before making a name for themselves in the rough-and-tumble world of sprint car racing. Briscoe's hometown of Mitchell is 90 minutes southwest of Stewart's hometown of Columbus. And after each started their respective racing careers in open-wheel machines, they gravitated to NASCAR, where Stewart became a three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion with 69 victories

across NASCAR's top-three touring series - Cup, Xfinity and Truck.

"Being able to race for Tony is a huge benefit," Briscoe said. "We have the same background in sprint cars, so we kind of speak the same language. If I need some help on the pavement side with our HighPoint.com Ford Mustang, I can call Tony and he completely understands what I'm feeling in the car and can tell me what I need to do to adapt my dirt-track experience to the Xfinity Series."

If there's anyone who can explain the transition from dirt-track racing to NASCAR, it is Stewart. He is a four-time USAC champion and has won numerous sprint car races, including in the elite World of Outlaws.

"Chase is a really smooth driver who doesn't make many mistakes, but when he does, he learns from them and doesn't repeat them," Stewart said. "He's really mature and he's taken everything he learned last year during his rookie season and put it together this year."

"Darlington is so different from every track we go to," Briscoe said. "It's narrow, and the groove, the surface and the shape are unlike anything on the schedule. You've got to take care of your tires or you aren't going to be able to make any moves for position and move around on the track to find speed. Tony always did a good job of that. I'm ready for the challenge of Darlington and proud to honor him."

Racing Joke: Matt stopped by the florist to buy some flowers for his wife's birthday.

"You want to say it with flowers, sir?" the man asked. "How about three dozen American Beauty roses?"

"Make it half a dozen," Matt replied. "I'm a man of few words."

Weekend Racing: The Cup, Xfinity and Truck Series teams will be at Darlington, South Carolina.

Sat., Sept. 5; Xfinity Series race; Starting time: 12:30 PM ET; TV: NBC.

Sun., Sept. 6; Truck Series race; Starting time: 2 PM ET; TV: Fox Sports 1.

Sun., Sept. 6; Cup Series race; Starting time: 6 PM ET; TV: NBCSN.

Racing Trivia Question: Who won the first NASCAR race at Darlington?

Last Week's Question: Where is Ryan Blaney's hometown? Answer: He was born Dec. 31, 1993 in High Point, NC.

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Chatuge Shores Ladies Golfers play Strike 3

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association's game for last Tuesday's play was Strike "3". After round we selected "3" holes to throw out of the round.

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Vicky Healy, our President, with all smiles and so upbeat all the time. She will be our leader in 2021 making it her third year leading this league. Thank you Vicky for all you have done for us.