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Football...continued from 10A

9 yards on a broken play. A holding penalty set the Indians back where Gibson was able to connect with Shook again but was short of the first down.

Bloodworth again hit a huge punt and the Jackets took over possession on their own 16-yard line.

The Indians defense stepped up and held the Jackets and forced them to punt yet again. The Indians junior running back Vonya Baldwin called for a fair catch on the Indians own 45-yard line with 6:27 left in the third quarter. Gibson was then able to pick up 16-yards with a QB keeper off the right side for another first down. A left side trap to Bloodworth gained another 6 yards and then Gibson hooked up with Shook again to move the ball to the Jackets 5-yard line. A false start penalty and a 6-yard running play loss moved the ball to the Jackets 21-yard

line where the Indians failed to pick up the first down on fourth and 21. The Jackets took over on downs at the end of the third quarter.

The start of the fourth quarter saw the Jackets on the move and eventually score. The extra point attempt was blocked by Noblet and the Jackets led 20-6 with 11:53 left in the game.

The Indians showed what they are made of on the following possession. Starting on their own 35-yard line, the Indians were called for holding. A loss of 3 yards on the following running play and it was second and 23 from the Indians own 22-yard line. Gibson then found Bradshaw for a pick up of 6-yards. On third and 17, Gibson found Noblet for a first down and a gain of 17 yards which moved the ball to the Indians 45-yard line. A 13-yard keeper by Gibson moved the

ball to the Jackets 42-yard line for another first down. A high snap then backed the Indians up to the Jackets 49-yard line where the Indians soon found themselves with an almost impossible fourth and 23. A calm Indians' Head Coach Kyle Langford called a sweep right and Gibson hit junior wide receiver Bret Barrett for a 39-yard gain and a first down on the Jackets 10-yard line. A beautiful 10-yard reception to Shook from Gibson put another TD in the books for the Indians and another missed extra point left the score still in the Jackets favor 20-12 with 7:30 left in the game.

The Indians played some excellent defense on the next series of downs against the Jackets and got the ball back on their own 25-yard line with 2:25 left in the game. Gibson proceeded to find Shook again for a gain of 9-yards. Follow-

ing an Indian time-out, Gibson tried to hit Barrett and the ball was tipped into the waiting hands of the Jackets. The interception ended any hopes for the Indians and the Jackets won 20-12.

The offense looked solid during the game with Gibson going 12 for 20 for 227 yards and rushing for 42 yards and a TD. Shook had 6 receptions for 125 yards and one TD while Noblet ran 12 times for 60 yards.

On defense Noblet, Bloodworth and Barrett all had 5 tackles each.

"We don't have any regrets, we played hard and I feel bad for the guys because they played hard enough to win and we didn't," said a proud Langford.

Next up is the home opener against Union County on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support the Indians.



The Indians bring down a Hayesville ball carrier last Friday night.
Photo/Joe Collins

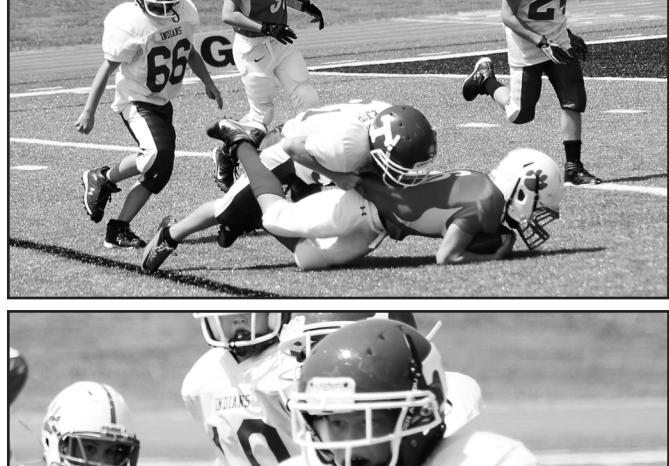


Junior Jackson Noblett forces a Yellow Jacket player out of bounds.
Photo/Joe Collins



Towns County during the first official coin toss on Hayesville's new turf. Photo/Joe Collins

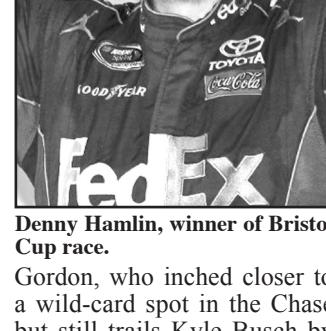
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"I'm going to run over him every chance I've got from now till the end of the year -- every chance I've got."

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A Yankee in Nascar

Gene Monahan, the former head trainer for the New York Yankees baseball club

lowing exercise classes each week at the Towns County Recreation Center.

YOGA CLASSES – We have 2 separate class times instructed by Pat Tomczyk. EVENING CLASS- Each Monday from 4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

MORNING CLASS Each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month.) MORNING AEROBICS CLASSES – Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Hours of orientation: Mondays: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thursdays: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Please enjoy. Towns County Recreation Department.

Come Exercise With Us
The Recreation Department wants to remind everyone that we are offering the fol-

Coed Youth Basketball Registration

The Towns County Recreation Department will begin registration for the Youth Coed Basketball League for children ages 5 thru 7. (Must turn 5 by November 1st of 2012 to be eligible). Boys and girls will be placed together on teams. Teams will have volunteer coaches who will lead, teach and direct their team. Registration will begin on August 27

and run thru Saturday, September 8. Fee for the program will be \$25 per child (this includes a uniform). You must register your child and volunteer to coach during this period.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (706) 896-2600 Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. till 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Motorsports

Monahan retired last fall after 49 years with the organization. A lifelong racing fan going back to his childhood days in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Monahan moved from his two-bedroom condominium in Hackensack, N.J., to a large house in Mooresville, N.C., last November to be close to NASCAR teams.

In April, 2012, he became a consultant for Hendrick and works about 15 hours a week, serving as an athletic trainer for the 45 or so pit crew members employed by the race team.

"Why a guy like Gene?" said Andy Papatheanassiou, a Hendrick director who oversees the recruiting, development and training of pit crews. "Because as we strive to keep these crews performing at the top level of their game in the pit stop world, injury and recovery is a big part of that equation. And that's where someone like Gene, with his expertise and background and his enthusiasm for what he does, is invaluable."

Weekend Racing:

The trucks have an off weekend, while the Cup and Nationwide teams are at the 1.54-mile Atlanta Motor Speedway for night races.

Sat., Sept. 1, Nationwide Atlanta 300, race 24 of 33; Starting time: 6:30 p.m. ET; TV: ESPN2.

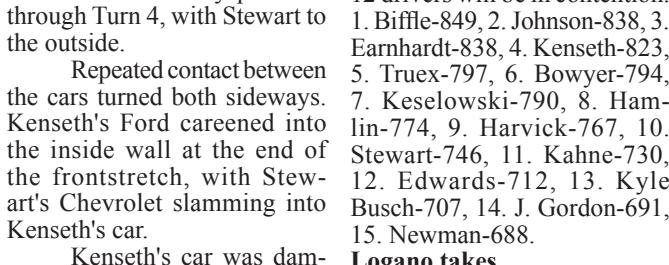
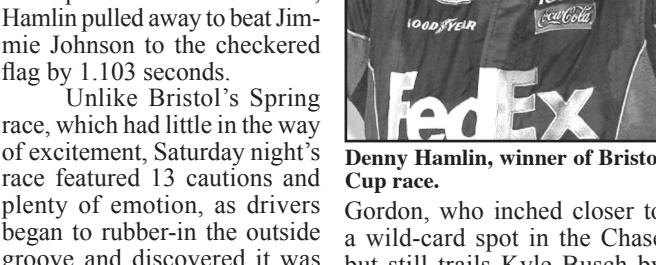
Sun., Sept. 2, Sprint Cup Advocare 500, race 25 of 36; Starting time: 6:30 p.m. ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: How many Cup teams does Richard Petty Motorsports field?

Last Week's Question: Which team will Cup driver Jamie McMurray drive for next season? Answer: He will remain with his current team, Earnhardt-Ganassi Racing, for at least one more year.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at hodges@race500.com.

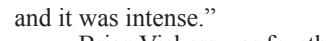
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