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Youth football has an up and down day

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Saturday brought an unexpected loss to Towns County Youth Football.

Though the 5-6 year-olds won their game against Jackson County, the 7-8 year olds and the usually-dominant 9-10 year-olds lost to Rabun County.

For the 5-6 year-olds, Dawson Devane ran for two touchdowns and a one point conversion. Brett Young likewise had two touchdowns, one

off of an interception that he ran back 55 yards. Robert Burns had a 5-yard touchdown. Cooper Floed ran 35 yards for a touchdown.

"Every kid on the team got to run," Director Jimmy Smith said. The 5-6 year olds finished that game with a winning score of 43-12.

The 7-8 year olds lost 30-0 to Rabun, ending their season. "We worked hard all year," Smith said. "Next year we'll be a lot better."

Surprisingly, the 9-10 year-olds lost to Rabun 34-0. They gave up four turnovers,

and Rabun scored off of each one.

"They scored 20 points on us in four minutes," Smith said. "We haven't had a bad game all year. We had one bad game, maybe that's the one we needed to get out of the way."

The 5-6 year olds and the 9-10 year olds are both in the playoffs.

The first playoff game will be held on Saturday at Fannin County.

The 5-6 year olds will play at 9 a.m. and the 9-10 year olds will play at 1:30 p.m.



Dallas Manus thanks the community for all their help



Dallas Manus' race car

The Tri County season has come to an end and it's been a great year for my first season in Crate Late Model. It was a learning year and a year to be patient and a year to be thankful that I was able to do what I love and have fun and so many of my friends came to watch. Sorry I didn't get a win but had some good runs and top 10s. We ended up 7th

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NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

McMurray takes Talladega Cup Race

The anticipated last lap, shootout, never occurred in Sunday's Sprint Cup race. Unlike the Truck race the day before, which saw only seven undamaged trucks finish the race, there were only two minor skirmishes in Sunday's race, involving a total of five cars.

Jimmie Johnson, who started fifth, was leading the race when a caution came out on the last lap.

That was it. "You never know what's going to happen here, and being able to win without battling to the finish line is surprising," said McMurray. "I really felt like it would be a showdown between me and the 88-car (Dale Earnhardt Jr. or the 17 (Ricky Stenhouse).

"They both had fast cars and I knew if one of them pulled out and got hooked up with each other, I would be in trouble."

But trouble never came for McMurray. Instead, it was Austin Dillon that took the big hit coming out of turn-2 on the last lap, which brought out the race-ending caution.

Dillon, who was driving the No. 14 for Stewart-Haas racing was either touched from behind by Stenhouse, or lost the air on his spoiler and went airborne. After coming back to earth, he hit the outside retaining wall.

Casey Mears was also involved.

The only other accident occurred early in the race between Marcos Ambrose and Juan Montoya.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who said before the race, that he had a winning plan, finished second.

"We had a good car and was going to race as hard as we could," said Earnhardt. "I don't know what would have happened if the yellow hadn't come out, but I doubt that we would have stayed in line all the way to the finish."

Stenhouse was third, followed by Paul Menard, Kyle Busch, David Ragan, David Gilliland, Martin Truex, Ryan Newman, and Clint Bowyer.

Jimmie Johnson finished 13th and took over the Chase points lead. Matt Kenseth, who finished 20th, now trails Johnson by four points.

With only four races left in this year's Chase, it looks like the champion will be either Johnson or Kenseth. Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick have an outside chance, but don't bet the farm on either of them.

Top-10 Chase leaders with four races left: 1. Johnson-2254, 2. Kenseth-2250, 3. Kyle Busch-2228, 4. Harvick-2228, 5. Gordon-2220, 6. Earnhardt-2202, 7. Biffle-2201, 8. Bowyer-2197, 9. Kurt Busch-2193, 10. Edwards-2186.

SAUTER WINS TALLADEGA WRECK FEST

Johnny Sauter won Saturday's Truck series race at Talladega.

He survived three big wrecks including one on the last lap that saw only seven trucks finish the race without damage.

"When we just entered the tri-oval coming to the start/finish line, I saw smoke and trucks spinning everywhere," Sauter said. "I saw Matt (Crafter) was gone, and I was like, 'Uh, oh, this isn't good.' It's unfortunate."

It all began when Jeb Burton got into Miguel Paludo and shot up the track into Kyle Busch, who was pushing Dakota Armstrong.

Paludo's truck flipped over and slid for over a hundred yards on its roof down the frontstretch.

Kyle Busch was one of the drivers involved. He was running fourth at the time everything started. He was able to climb from his truck, but sat down against the wall for several minutes. Later, he said the breath was knocked out of him.

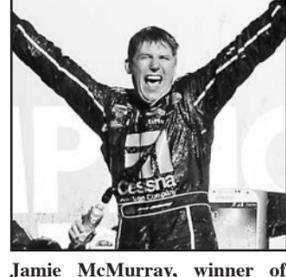
"When you see the checkered flag, and you see things going in front of you, you just keep your foot on it," said Busch. "I drove it all the way to the start/finish. I guess I knocked the wall down there on pit road. That wasn't very fun. There were a couple of really good licks that I took, so there's no sense in sitting in a hot vehicle, you might as well get out and get some fresh air."

Due to the number of trucks involved, it took NASCAR over 15 minutes to sort out the finishing order.

They scored David Starr second, followed by Ross Chastain, Parker Kligerman, Dakota Armstrong, Jimmy Hill, John Wes Townley, Max Gresham, Matt Crafter, and Kyle Busch.

Ty Dillon, who led the most laps finished 14th.

Top-10 leaders after 18 of 22: 1. Crafter-680, 2. T. Dillon-623, 3. Buescher-622, 4. Burton-598, 5. Paludo-592, 6. Sauter-588, 7. Blaney-576, 8. Peters-574, 9. D. Wallace-566, 10. Gaughan-553.



Jamie McMurray, winner of Talladega Cup race

The past few weeks have been difficult ones for Martin Truex Jr., driver of the No. 56 Michael Waltrip Toyota.

Just imagine how you would feel if suddenly you lost your job through no fault of your own.

Truex's sponsor NAPA Auto Parts decided not to return as sponsor of his car after MWR was charged with attempting to manipulate the race results at Richmond by NASCAR.

"It's been tough here lately, but we'll go back after them this weekend," he said. "All you can do is pick yourself up, dust yourself off and go back and try again. We've had a rough go of it lately, but it could always be worse. Hopefully, out of all this bad stuff that has happened, something good will develop."

And that good comes in the form of an agreement to drive the No. 78 Furniture Row Chevrolet in 2014. A formal announcement is expected Tuesday.

Joe Garone, FRR's general manager, said an offer has been extended to Truex but there remained a few details to work out.

"To move to another driver of Martin's caliber makes us more solid in the sport," Garone said. "If we are able to get something done, I think that's part of what that hire does."

"We're starting this next season as strong as we are now. There are a lot of places we've identified that we can be better at and during the second half of this year we've been able to correct a lot of them. I think we'll be able to hit the ground running next season with Martin."

Brian Vickers, another MWR driver has suffered a blood clot in his right calf that will sideline him for the rest of 2013. He hopes to return for the 2014 season.

Meanwhile, the times ahead may be difficult for MWR. The \$14-\$16 million dollar sponsorship

Towns County @ North Cobb stats

Passing Stats

#	CMP	ATT	%	YDS	YDS/ATT	LNG	TD	FUM	INT	Dropped
No passing plays found										

Rushing Stats

#		ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
8	Noblet, Jackson	12	336	28	67	5
10	Shook, Cruz	8	88	11	53	1
11	Barrett, Brett	5	48	9.6	30	0
21	Roberts, Dylan	1	16	16	16	1
32	Denton, Kobe	1	11	11	11	0
Total		27	499	18.5	67	7

Receiving Stats

#	REC	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD	FUM
No receiving plays found						

Defensive Stats

#		Tackles					Misc.	
		TOT	SOLO	AST	SACK	TLOSS	FF	BK
-	No athlete assigned	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
7	Hobbs, Harrison	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
8	Noblet, Jackson	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
10	Shook, Cruz	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
11	Barrett, Brett	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
12	Baldwin, Vonya	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
18	Rogers, Daulton	3	1	4	-	-	-	-
21	Roberts, Dylan	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
24	Underwood, Shea	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
53	Canterbury, Cody	1.5	1	1	-	1	-	-
55	Keyes, Evan	5	3	4	-	-	-	-
60	Davis, Kyle	3.5	2	3	-	1	-	-
77	Gurley, Jaryd	1.5	1	1	-	-	-	-
78	McConnell, Kevin	1.5	1	1	-	-	-	-
80	Bradshaw, Garrett	2	2	-	-	1	-	-
Total		31	21	10	-	3	-	-

CROP Walk 2013 – more than a stroll



Crop Walk participants

These beautiful, sunny, clear-skied, fresh air fall days inspire us all to get out and take a walk in the park. On Sunday, September 29, that is exactly what the congregation of the "Church without Walls" did. Following the 10:30 a.m. service led by the Rev. Fred Whitley, participants in this year's CROP Walk set out from the lakeside pavilion of Lake Winfield Scott and circled the first campground loop for a refreshing hike in one of the most beautiful spots in north Georgia. After returning to the pavilion, everyone enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch, whose main course had been personally prepared by Rev. Whitley.

An annual event in the Towns and Union Counties area since 1991, the CROP Walk raises funds for the use of Church World Service, an emergency relief agency officially recognized by the US government. An ecumenical and inter-faith organization, CWS is often the first to arrive after natural or political disasters. Such was the case following the tsunami in Indonesia, the earthquake in Haiti, Hurricane Mitch in Honduras, and Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf. In disaster areas such as these,

CWS provides tents, blankets, food, water, and health kits. In addition to emergency relief, this agency also helps the needy around the world by digging fresh water wells, setting up self-sustaining agricultural programs, detecting and removing land mines, advocating for human rights, and providing small business loans to industrious people breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

25% of all funds raised are returned to the local area. With a total exceeding \$172,000 raised to date, more than \$43,000 have helped support local food pantries and related agencies, responded to innumerable individual referrals, filled the pantries for all 13 Habitat for Humanity families (Towns-Union Counties chapter), and provided baskets of food on special occasions throughout the year.

This year's sponsorship from local businesses and churches has been extraordinary. We extend our special thanks to the following: in Blairsville – Aspen Hearth and Home, Bi-Lo, Blairsville Animal Hospital, City Plumbing and Electric Supply, Friendship Class/First UMC of Union County, Harmony Grove Baptist Church, Home

Depot, Ingle's, Leon's Floors, Mountain Building Supply, Otis Knights Tree Service, Persaud Jewelers, Rich Furniture and Cabinet Shop, Scott Carter Enterprises, Sunrise Grocery, The Ugly Mug, United Community Bank, Walmart, Wet 'n' Wild Car Wash; in Gainesville – Aldersgate Class/First UMC of Gainesville; in Suches – Corinth Baptist Church, High Valley Resort, The 180 Diner, T.W.O.; in Young Harris – Brasstown Valley Resort, Dare To Be Different Hair Salon, Enrico's Italian Restaurant, Gibson's Diner, Habitat for Humanity/Towns-Union Counties Chapter, Heavenly Bake Shop, Mary's Southern Grill, Mountain Regional Library employees, Park Sterling Bank, Sharp Memorial UMC, Young Harris City Hall employees, Young Harris College employees, Young Harris Florist, Wine Cottage. Also, we thank all who participated in the special raffle benefiting this year's fundraiser. The winners are Jim Reynolds, Gayle & Bob Nichols, and Carole Gibson of Young Harris and Scott Carter of Blairsville.

This year's slogan of the CROP Walk is "Ending hunger one step at a time." Together we are making that a reality.

loss of NAPA has already been felt and will clearly affect the structural reorganization of the team.

What's obvious is that MWR is going to have to operate with less money and less talent as it moves forward. With the loss of Truex, the quality of drivers will be less. The loss of a good driver and over a third of their income is going to show up.

I would not expect MWR teams to be serious contenders in 2014, but rather a middle of the pack group of racers.

Weekend Racing: The Trucks and Cup teams are at Martinsville, the smallest track on the NASCAR circuit (.52-miles). The Nationwide teams do not race again until Nov. 2.

Sat., Oct. 26, Truck Series race 19 of 22; Starting time: 1:30 pm ET; TV: Foxsports1.

Sun., Oct. 27, Sprint Cup

race 33 of 36; Starting time: 1:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: Which year did Matt Kenseth win his only Cup championship?

Last Week's Question: When is Tony Stewart scheduled to return to Cup racing? **Answer:** He expects to be able to race in the Daytona 500, Feb. 20, 2014.

Stewart just returned home after spending a week in the hospital for an infection, but said he expects to be ready in time for the season opener.

You may e-mail any questions to the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com. NT(Oct23,C1)ac

Youth basketball registration

The Towns County Recreation Department will be having youth basketball registration through Saturday the 26th of October 2013. You may register your child at the Towns County Recreation Department. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. til 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. til 4

p.m. Fee for the program will be \$45. Age divisions will be 10 & under divisions (8, 9, & 10 year olds), 12 & under divisions (11 & 12 year olds. This is for both male and female.

For more information please contact The Towns County Recreation Department at (706)-896-2600. T(Oct23,F1)SH