

Soccer: Lady Panthers take out frustrations at Darlington

Union County's offense stalls in 1-0 loss at Fannin County

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The Lady Panthers suffered a 1-0 region loss at Fannin County on Tuesday, putting Union County's playoff chances in jeopardy.

At 5-2 overall and 1-2 in Region 7-AAA, Union County will need to win two of its final three region contests to have a shot at reaching State. That won't be easy with the No. 3 and No. 4 teams in Class AAA left on the schedule in GAC and Lumpkin County.

The Lady Panthers will also host North Hall on March 20th.

ROME - Lady Panthers 8, Darlington 0: Following a tough loss to Fannin County, the Lady Panthers used a trip to Rome on Friday to get back on track.

Madison Yost recorded her fourth hat trick of the season while Brenna Innis and Layne Baenninger each turned in a two-goal performance.

Yost got the scoring underway, less than four minutes in, off an assist from Layne Baenninger.

During the 20th minute, Yost fed Mattison Ruff for the second goal before Innis tacked



Union County senior and Brevard-signee Brenna Innis (left - No. 4) watches her free kick sail into the back-left corner of the net during the first half at Darlington. Photo/Todd Forrest

on two unassisted goals.

Leading 4-0 at the intermission, Union County went back to work less than four minutes into the second half with a Baenninger goal off a Maddie Sutton assist.

A little more than three minutes later, Innis fed Yost for a 6-0 advantage with 32:45 to play.

Senior keeper Emmi

Schakat recorded a rare assist when a long punt was chased down by Yost, resulting in her third goal of the game -- and 19th of the season -- at the 29:01 mark.

The Lady Panthers' eighth and final goal came with 26:41 remaining when Ruff found Baenninger a score.

BLUE RIDGE - Lady Panthers 0, Fannin 1: The

Lady Rebels improved to 7-2 by avenging a 2-0 loss at Union County on Feb. 13.

Fannin County put the Lady Panthers on their heels early, eventually breaking through for a goal less than five minutes before halftime.

That would be the only goal of the game as the Lady Rebels recorded their first region win of the season. They

would shutout East Hall, 6-0 later in the week to improve to 2-0 in region and 8-2 overall.

Looking ahead - Union County travels to Pickens County on Tuesday at 5 p.m. to face a winless Lady Dragons squad.

Pickens County recently lost 3-0 at Fannin County - one day removed from the Lady Rebels' 1-0 win over Union

County.

On Thursday, the Lady Panthers resume region play when they visit 4th ranked Lumpkin County (7-1, 1-0) at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Indians own a 3-2 victory over North Hall along with a 3-0 shutout of Towns County.

Their only loss was a 1-0 defeat at Lakeview Academy.

Soccer: Brenna Innis signs with Brevard



Union County outside midfielder Brenna Innis (seated middle) with parents and coaches during her signing last Wednesday. Photo/Todd Forrest

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After four years as a starter for Union County High School, outside midfielder Brenna Innis is taking her talents to Brevard, North Carolina for the next four years.

Innis was a member of two region championship and State

Elite 8 squads at UCHS while participating in the DiVarsity and GACA soccer all-star games.

"Brenna has been one of our top all-around midfielders that our school has had," Lady Panthers head coach Tim Hunter said. "She excels at her free kicks and her passing and runs will make her a great fit at the college level."

"One of her best traits that gets overlooked, is how great she is on defense in the midfield. She

is honestly one of the single best outside midfielders that I've ever coached."

According to Innis, Wingate College was the first school to catch her eye, which led her to a camp where she was noticed by Brevard.

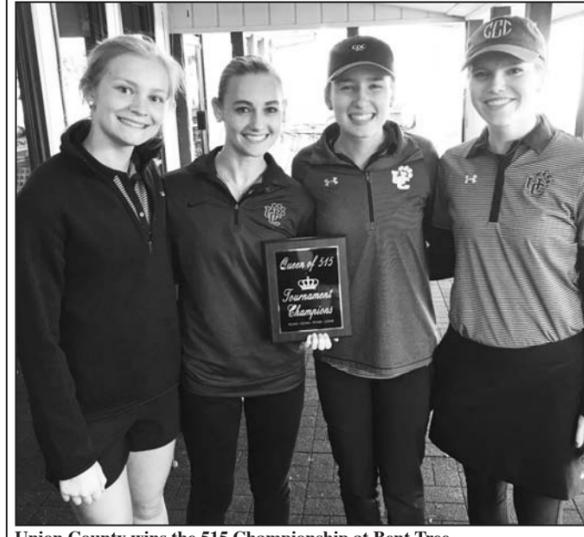
"I visited (Brevard) twice but it was the second time that I fell in love with the campus and everything about it," she said. "I was interested in Valdosta State,

Wingate, and then Brevard was actually the third school that I looked at."

"I just want to thank God, my parents, my family, and all of my teammates from club and high school soccer," she added.

Innis plans on majoring in Early Education and joins her sister Erin, who is a senior at Agnes Scott College where she started 63 games and appeared in 71 during her college soccer career.

Golf: Union Co. girls claim 515 Championship



Union County wins the 515 Championship at Bent Tree

The Union County girls' golf team of Megan Rowe, Ally Horinek, Carson Chambers and Grace Wischmeyer won the 515 Championship at Bent Tree (Pickens) on Saturday, March 3 where

Rowe, Horinek, and Chambers posted the three lowest scores to lead them to victory over Pickens, Fannin, and Gilmer.

"This was their first match of the season, so it showed us what we need to work on at practice to improve," coach Greg Chambers said. "I am proud of them for winning, but they know that we have a lot of work to do to achieve our goals."

The boys, led by Grayson Blocker's team-low score, finished third.

Last weekend, Union County's girls finished fourth at White County's Warrior Invitational at Mossy Creek G.C. in Cleveland.

Union (262) was two strokes back of third place Columbus (260) and six strokes behind second-place Dalton (256). Union placed four shots better than fifth place Walton (266) and 10 better than sixth place Tallulah Falls (272).

Host team White County took first with a 239.

Union County Baseball 2018 Season Stat totals (through West Hall on 3-8-18)

#	Roster	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
7	Patrick Baggett	8	31	24	12	10	2	0	0	8	6	0	0	2	0	7	2	.500	.613	.583	1.196
18	Hunter Kelley	8	20	18	7	6	1	0	0	6	4	1	1	3	0	1	4	.389	.450	.444	.894
2	Chayton Schafer	8	16	12	4	3	0	0	1	5	2	0	2	1	0	2	4	.333	.400	.583	.983
26	RJ Banton	8	31	20	6	5	0	1	0	7	6	3	1	1	0	8	5	.300	.548	.400	.948
3	Del Ruff	8	20	14	4	4	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	2	5	.286	.500	.286	.786
11	Cayden Rich	7	11	8	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	.250	.455	.250	.705
16	Jonathan Everett	6	12	9	2	2	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	.222	.273	.222	.495
8	Cole Davis	8	18	14	3	1	2	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	0	3	1	.214	.353	.357	.710
12	Coleson Daniel	7	14	14	3	1	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	.214	.214	.357	.571
6	Alec Scott	8	13	10	2	1	1	0	0	3	5	1	1	0	0	2	3	.200	.385	.300	.685
24	Ean Harkins	8	14	10	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	4	2	.200	.429	.200	.629
4	Candler Colwell	8	29	22	4	2	2	0	0	5	3	2	0	2	0	4	10	.182	.357	.273	.630
10	Logan Dyer	8	26	18	2	2	0	0	0	4	6	2	3	0	0	4	6	.111	.333	.111	.444
16	J Everett	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
19	JJ Littles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
5	Jackson Colwell	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	.000	.000	.000	.000
1	John Mancuso	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
17	Pierson Allison	5	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	2	2	.000	.400	.000	.400
Totals		8	266	201	53	41	10	1	1	52	52	14	8	13	1	42	58	.264	.421	.338	.759

#	Roster	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	BS	SV%	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	WHIP
8	Cole Davis	12.0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	11	7	7	12	10	0	4.083	1.917
24	Ean Harkins	12.0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	6	6	4	15	10	1	2.333	1.750
5	Jackson Colwell	9.1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	10	12	9	13	4	0	6.750	2.464
26	RJ Banton	7.0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	6	3	0	4	4	0	.000	1.429
12	Coleson Daniel	4.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	0	3	0	.000	.750
3	Del Ruff	4.0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	10	8	8	3	2	3	14.000	3.250
11	Cayden Rich	2.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	3	3	4	4	0	7.875	2.625
17	Pierson Allison	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	6	4	4	4	2	0	14.000	5.000
		0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
		0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Totals		53.0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	.000	55	43	35	55	39	4	4.623	2.075



UC girls at Mossy Creek Golf Course in Cleveland.

UC box score vs West Hall at Coolray Field

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Chayton Schafer	2	0	0	0	0	2
Alec Scott	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jackson Colwell	1	1	0	0	0	1
Patrick Baggett	3	1	2	1	0	0
RJ Banton	3	0	1	2	0	0
John Mancuso	0	0	0	0	0	0
Del Ruff	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cayden Rich	1	0	1	0	0	0
Candler Colwell	3	0	0	0	0	2
Cole Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ean Harkins	2	0	0	0	0	0
Coleson Daniel	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pierson Allison	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hunter Kelley	3	1	1	0	0	2
Logan Dyer	2	0	0	0	0	2
Jonathan Everett	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	26	3	6	3	0	13

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Cole Davis	3.0	98	.531	4	5	5	3	7	0
Ean Harkins	2.0	30	.633	2	0	0	0	2	0
RJ Banton	2.0	31	.548	2	0	0	1	0	0
Jonathan Everett	0.0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7.0	159	.553	8	5	5	4	9	0