

Soccer: Dawson escapes with a sweep in the finale despite boys game going down to the wire

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For the second time this season, Union County's boys soccer team found themselves in a battle with a top 3 team in the state.

After falling 2-1 to No. 3 East Hall last month, the Panthers, playing for nothing but pride in the season finale, were all even with second ranked Dawson County with less than three minutes to play.

That's when the Tigers caught a break and were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty box. After Union was unable to clear the kick, Dawson found pay dirt on a second chance opportunity with 2:32 remaining.

The Panthers only threatened once with a free kick of their own with 45 seconds to play but a Union header sailed high over the crossbar.

Despite never leading in the game, the Panthers answered Dawson's first two goals before running out of time on the third.

The Tigers struck first during the 16th minute but less than 12 minutes later, Union County converted a throw-in into a goal when sophomore Colby Ives tied the game from point-blank range off an assist from Jacob Ross.

All even to open the second half, senior goalkeeper Nick Rodriguez made a diving stop, less than five minutes in, but Dawson managed to regain the lead with 31:12 on the clock.

Rodriguez and the Union defense refused to break during a Tiger onslaught moments later when Dawson got off two quality shot attempts in a 29-second span.

After a near-goal from Parker McCombs, Rodriguez came through with another stop at the 22:35 mark - keeping Union within one.

Just over two minutes later, Rodriguez was rewarded for his play when a Sam Seiler free kick from 25 yards out led to a McCombs goal to even the score with 20:13 remaining.

Between the 14:58 and 8:56 mark, Rodriguez denied



Senior Braedyn Robbins scored the only goal vs Dawson. Photo/Todd Forrest



Senior keeper Nick Rodriguez kept Union in the game. Photo/Todd Forrest

three consecutive Dawson shot attempts. That allowed the Panthers an opportunity to take the lead but freshman Kobi Robbins' shot missed high off a free kick at the 7:25 mark.

With 4:45 to play, Seiler's shot was stopped by the Dawson keeper on another Union free kick.

Unfortunately, the Tigers took advantage their free kick at the 2:32 mark; and the rest is history.

Earlier in the evening, the Lady Panthers entered the halftime locker room trailing Dawson, 1-0.

However a different

Lady Tigers team emerged in the second half and proceeded to drop nine goals on the home team for a 10-1 victory.

Union's only goal came while trailing 9-0 with less than eight minutes to play.

Senior Braedyn Robbins laced a kick into the back-right corner of the goal from the left hashmark, approximately 20 yards out.

Anzly Sherman was credited with the assist.

For the first time in 5 years neither team will reach the state tournament with the girls finishing 6-6 and the guys 5-7.

Golden Club Bowling League completes 2016-17

Golden Club Bowling League completes their 2016-17 schedule and the following winners were declared:

1st Place: Blue Ridge Trophies - 43½ Wins; Capt. Rose Marie Terry; 2nd Place: Heavenly Bake Shop - 35 Wins, Capt. Bonna Graham; 3rd Place: Something Special - 34 Wins, Capt. John Robinson; 4th Place: McRobert's Counseling - 32½ Wins, Capt. McRoberts; 5th Place: Sprite's Folks - 32 Wins, Capt. Gale Glascock; 6th Place: Holy Rollers - 31 Wins, Capt. Jerry Clark; 7th Place: Fun Crew - 30 Wins, Capt. Ed Gerhard; 8th Place: Fannin - 29 Wins, Capt. Chris McKee; 9th Place: Kevin Panter Ins. 27 Wins, Capt. Larry Dumas; High Average: Chris McKee and Rose Marie Terry; Most Improved: Larry Dumas and Lily Clark; Individual Awards: Scratch Series Men: Cleaston Burger 678; Ray DaSilva, 667; Pete Thomas, 671; Scratch Series Ladies: Rose Marie Terry 561; Margie Slodysko 471; Denise Praizler 450; Scratch Game Men: Chris McKee 268; Robert Slodysko, 246; Jerry Clark 234; Scratch Game Ladies: Bonna Graham 209; Mary Fischer 180; Susan Robinson 162; Hdcp Series Men: Steve Fischer



Blue Ridge Trophies, winners of the 2nd half: Jeanette Harris, Pete Thomas, Rose Terry, Margie Slodysko

770; Wendell Barnes 769; Ed Salettel 75; Hdcp Series Ladies: Cheryl Salettel 739; Claudia Parks 735; Karen Hall 678; Hdcp Game Men: Clifton Deal 301; John Robinson 293; Larry Dumas 282; Hdcp Game Ladies: Jackie

Keene 275; Carol Shields 262; Lily Cark 262.

Our summer league will begin Wednesday, May 17th. If you are interested in bowling, please call Rose Marie Terry 706-745-4268.

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Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies: Susan Ganitch 226, Series 558, Linda Nichols 202, Rainy Hughs 223, 4-3-17 Susan Ganitch 222.

Monday Night Men: Bonnell Thomas 238, 213, Series 634, Tim McVey 228, Brian Cuthbert 212, 202, Series 606, Richard Tanner 215, 202, Mel White 218, Doug Tanner 224, Andrew Haire 200, Stanley Tyler 224, 206, Brandon Hartness 205, Randy Jones 209, Joe Teague 201, 253, Gene Clifton 215, Jeff Boyle 216, Taz Matetzsch 223, 265, 4-3-17 Bob Bischoff 214, Greg Wittenburg 236, 214, Jeff Boyle 221, 214, Taz Matetzsch 215, 247, 200, Jerimiah Platt 257, 211, 212, Richard Tanner 204, 203, 203, Mel White 237, 209, Doug Tanner 233, 213, 225, Series 671, Joe Teague 215, 202, 213, Derick Rice 224, 256, 225, Series 705, Bonnell Thomas 207, Tim McVey 211, John Delphino 236, Brandon Hartness 258, 201, Ken Clark 201, Jay Burrell 224.

Young@Heart Seniors: Gene Langford 214, Bob Landis 216, 226, Bart Rodgers 233, 233, Series 657, Herb Popkey 224, Del Neiffer 215, Mel White 206, 213, Paul Napolitano 203, Bob Bischoff 208, 204, Bill Cox 202, Bryan Cuthbert 200, Bill Bongiovanni 208, Ron Weppleman 200, John Delphino 226, Mo Rodgers 245, Bart Rodgers 268, 277 Series 716, Ken Thigpen 217, Stanley Tyler 201, Bob Landis 206, 257, 245, Series 708, Gene Langford 225, Sarah Chumbley 204, Bob Bischoff 205.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Greg Wittenberg 232, 236, Stanley Tyler 203, 200, Tony Lynch 237, 222, Jimmy Southern 201, Brett Hogsed 210, 225, Shay Roberts 222, 246, Series 639, Curtis Corn 202, Justin Miller 236, Mary Everett 200, Steve Brandt 200, Ray Everett 203, 202, Brandon Hartness 203, 211, Tee Turner 203, Herb Hopkey 255, Paul Lierd 210, Brandon Hartness 210, 233, 4-6-17 Paul Lierd 268, Greg Wittenberg 225, 215, Dan Wilson 235, Daniel Curtis 200, Stanley Tyler 210, Tony Lynch 234, Curtis Corn 209, 208, Bonnell Thomas 245, Ray Everett 225, 237, 218, Doug Roberts 225, Jimmy Southern 216, Brett Hogsed 225, 225, Shay Roberts 237, 243, 182 Series 662.

Bass Tournament

Young Cane Lodge #597 is hosting a Bass Tournament on Saturday, April 29th, 7 a.m. til 3 p.m. at Lake Chatuge, Woods Grove Ramp. \$50 per boat, 50% payback. Proceeds benefit the Young Cane Lodge #597 Scholarship Fund.

For more information contact Richard Wheeler at 706-897-1894. NTApr26,27CA

2017 Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo May 5th

Mark your calendars! Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy. 60 near Suches, will host a Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo on Friday, May 5, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, rain or shine.

The free event will be open to all U.S. Military Veterans and Active Duty Service men and women. Participants must register for free upon arrival and bring their own fishing gear and bait. Enjoy fishing in Rock Creek for the beautiful rainbow and brook trout that will be stocked at the hatchery especially for this event.

All Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations will apply. Free lunch will be provided by Friends of the Hatchery and Trout Unlimited. All other non-eligible family members are welcome to fish after 12 noon for remaining stockers.

For more information, please contact Chattahoochee



Vietnam Veteran Larry King attends the Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo each year. Forest National Fish Hatchery by phone at 706-838-4723, website at www.fws.gov/chattahoocheeforest, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh. NTApr26,27CA

Union County Baseball 2017 final stat totals (hitting/pitching)

#	Roster	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	K	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
26	RJ Banton	23	79	65	27	22	4	0	1	18	11	4	4	2	0	9	11	.415	.506	.523	1.029
4	Candler Colwell	25	89	76	29	23	6	0	0	15	16	2	1	0	0	11	28	.382	.472	.461	.932
7	Patrick Baggett	25	98	85	32	24	6	1	1	14	21	1	6	2	0	11	11	.376	.449	.506	.955
17	Crawford Colwell	25	90	75	25	23	1	0	1	16	12	6	2	2	0	6	31	.333	.425	.387	.812
24	Ean Harkins	16	21	18	6	4	1	1	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	3	5	.333	.429	.500	.929
16	Jonathan Everett	9	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	.333	.333	.333	.667
10	Logan Dyer	25	95	65	19	16	3	0	0	8	23	4	2	0	0	25	23	.292	.511	.338	.849
8	Cole Davis	24	73	63	18	16	2	0	0	9	8	0	3	3	0	9	7	.286	.375	.317	.692
12	Coleson Daniel	13	29	26	7	6	1	0	0	8	3	0	2	2	0	2	8	.269	.321	.308	.629
19	Carter Wright	11	25	20	5	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	.250	.348	.300	.648
20	Dawson Groves	25	76	66	15	13	2	0	0	12	3	2	4	4	0	6	18	.227	.311	.258	.568
2	Slade Thompson	19	45	42	8	5	3	0	0	5	5	0	0	1	0	3	16	.190	.244	.262	.506
3	Del Ruff	18	56	37	7	7	0	0	0	11	11	11	2	1	0	6	7	.189	.429	.189	.618
18	Hunter Kelley	7	9	6	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	.167	.444	.167	.611
22	Josh Nachtrieb	7	8	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	3	.167	.375	.167	.542
6	Alec Scott	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
11	Cayden Rich	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
5	Jackson Colwell	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
1	John Mancuso	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	.500	.000	.500
31	Kyle Walker	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
9	Pierson Allison	14	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	1	.000	.667	.000	.667
Totals		25	808	662	201	166	30	2	3	126	144	34	28	18	0	98	175	.304	.417	.369	.786

#	Roster	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	BS	SV%	H	R	ER	BB	K	HBP	ERA	WHIP
26	RJ Banton	42.0	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	.000	51	36	23	27	21	7	3.833	1.857
8	Cole Davis	29.1	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	.000	34	37	25	21	29	6	5.966	1.875
24	Ean Harkins	23.2	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	27	21	18	18	15	1	5.324	1.901
11	Cayden Rich	13.2	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	9	12	6	18	14	1	3.073	1.976
22	Josh Nachtrieb	12.0	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	25	23	18	6	16	4	10.500	2.583
12	Coleson Daniel	7.1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	10	11	11	8	5	6	10.500	2.455
17	Crawford Colwell	5.2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	4	6	6	8	3	1	7.412	2.118
9	Pierson Allison	5.1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	11	9	9	5	5	0	11.813	3.000
3	Del Ruff	5.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	1	1	4	1	1.400	.800
5	Jackson Colwell	5.0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	6	11	5	12	5	0	7.000	3.600
31	Kyle Walker	3.0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	4	6	1	3	1	0	2.333	2.333
20	Dawson Groves	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	3	0	.000	.500
7	Patrick Baggett	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	7	3	2	2	1	0	7.000	4.500
16	Jonathan Everett	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	4	3	1	0	1	21.000	3.000
19	Carter Wright	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Totals		157.0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	.000	193	179	128	131	122	28	5.707	2.064

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