

North Georgia Jackets finish 2nd in Grand Slam World Series in Panama City Beach



Front row left to right: Andrew Peterson, Dylan Patrick, Josh Daniel, Garret Rigdon, Dylan Chambers. Back row left to right is: Ricky Chambers, Dalton Stephens, Andrew Brown, Logan Exum, Chad Watkins, Lance Rich, Bunk Elliott.

The North Georgia Jackets 14 and Under baseball team participated in The 2012 Grand Slam World Series in Panama City Beach, Florida. Participating in the World Series on the North Georgia Jackets were Andrew Brown, Josh Daniel, and Lance Rich from Blairsville. Head coach, Bunk Elliott and assistant coach, Ricky Chambers, coached the North Georgia Jackets.

The World Series 14-and-Under age division was represented with teams from Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The North Georgia Jackets were defeated in their first 2 pool games, facing the Alpharetta Titans and then Cecil Fielder's DoubleDay Yankees. However, the North Georgia Jackets starting a winning streak in the championship bracket.

The Jackets won the next three games to ensure a 3rd place title in the World Series and headed to the final day of play. The Jackets were defeated in game 1 versus The Show, but continued playing for the championship by defeating North Gwinnett Bulldogs in Game Two which secured a 2nd place title. The World Series championship game featured the North Georgia Jackets versus The Show. After eight innings of baseball, the Jackets lost 5-4 and finished 2nd in the championship game of the World Series.

On behalf of the Jackets, we would like to say "THANK YOU" to the coaches, Bunk and Ricky, for everything—their time, dedication, leadership, and so much more!

The Jackets finished the 2012 season with an overall record of 29-13-1.

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at the high school. "We haven't had any problems with the folks up here," Tucker said. "We get plenty of support and are backed by the community. Whatever I need, someone always finds a way to make sure that I have it because they depend on me to coach their kids. I've got kids that

have come from Hayesville, Murphy, and Hiwassee Dam at these camps, but 80 percent are from Union." With the summer camp season wrapping up, it's time to begin focusing on the upcoming season. Coach Tucker also realizes that his players need some rest following an intense summer schedule.

"We'll practice a couple of days but we'll be off until the season starts," Coach Tucker said. "Both teams have played close to 48 games over the summer. I think we've gotten better but we aren't where we need to be yet. That's why we keep doing the individual camps and work on the little things."

Overall, Coach Tucker has been pleased with the success of his camps, which taught the fundamentals of basketball to boys and girls of all ages. "Everything has gone really good," he said. "I think the kids got a little tired but other than that, everything has gone really good."

Annual Sadie Hawkins Day Golf Tournament at Butternut Creek

Attention ladies! It's time again to "Pick a Partner" and sign up to play in our Annual Sadie Hawkins Day Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, August 4 at Butternut Creek Golf course. Format is Select Shot between you and your partner. Cost is \$50 each (\$100/couple). Prizes will be awarded to flight winners and closest to pins. Registration along with a delicious breakfast prepared by our ladies, will begin at 7:30

a.m. Tee time will be 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be prepared and served by the View Grill and served upstairs in the Banquet Room. To sign up call Bette Taylor at 706-745-2248 or 706-781-9910 or go by the pro shop and sign up with Blair or the guys who work at the pay counter. We need you! And hey, we have tons of fun! Come on out and join us for a good day of golf. NOJUL18,217/CA

Blairsville School of Dance kicks off seventh season with free registration day

For the seventh consecutive year, Blairsville School of Dance will be offering an Open House and Free Registration Day on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Open House gives the community an opportunity to tour the facility, meet the teachers and find out more

about the classes at Blairsville School of Dance. The studio is also excited to premier several new classes this season including Musical Theater, Jazz/Hip Hop Combo, Fairy Tale Ballet and Preschool Clogging. To celebrate its seventh season, students who register

for the upcoming season at the Open House will save the \$25 registration fee. In addition, BSod will offer a free Zumba class on Saturday at 10 a.m. BSod will also be holding auditions for its 2012-13 competition groups. Dancers interested in joining any of

the BSod Force competition groups should call (706) 835-1415 for audition information. BSod offers competition opportunities in clogging, hip hop, jazz and lyrical. Students may choose to compete in as few or as many dance styles as they wish. BSod is located in the Merchant's Walk Plaza at 90 Blue Ridge St. in downtown Blairsville. NOJUL18,215/CA

Trout stocking sites week of July 9-13, 2012

Fannin: Rock Creek, Toccoa River, and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam). Lumpkin: Etowah River and Nimblewill Creek. Union: Cooper Creek. Note: Information is subject to

change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NOJUL18,210/CA

NASCAR 2012

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Kahne wins at New Hampshire

Kasey Kahne's superior pit strategy helped him win Sunday's Sprint Cup Lenox Tools 301, ahead of Denny Hamlin.

Kahne took the lead on lap 245 of the 301-lap race, as fast-closing Hamlin ran out of time after starting deep in the field on a restart on Lap 240. Hamlin had dominated the race, but a miscommunication on pit strategy cost him valuable track position.

"The guys were on top of things today," said Kahne. "They made the right calls on pit strategy to get me out front."

"I knew Denny was strong, but after getting the lead I felt comfortable with my car. I felt like he was almost as good as we were, but I never felt like we were in danger of losing the race during the last few laps."

Hamlin's team put on four tires, while Kahne's crew only gave him two right side ones. When green flag racing resumed, Hamlin was 13th.

"Yes, we missed a call," said Hamlin. "I told them I needed two tires, and they gave me four, which put me behind Kasey. We had a good car and I'm pleased with what we've been able to accomplish. It seems like our team is getting better and better, but today, we just had a miscue."

Clint Bowyer led several laps, but he was not able to challenge Hamlin or Kahne near the end of the race, and had to settle for third.

"We were off a little bit with our total package," said Bowyer. "We got shuffled around during the last pit stop and that cost us."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished fourth. "The car was a hand full today," said Earnhardt. "We were off and couldn't run any better. Track position is everything here, and we couldn't seem to get where we needed to be."

Brad Keselowski, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Kevin Harvick, Greg Biffle, and Ryan Newman rounded out the top-10 finishers.

Top-12 Chase contenders after 19 of 36: 1. Kenseth-707, 2. Earnhardt-691, 3. Biffle-667, 4. Johnson-656, 5. Hamlin-628, 6. Harvick-622, 7. Stewart-618, 8. Truex-617, 9. Bowyer-614, 10. Keselowski-613, 11. Edwards-567, 12. Kahne-547.

KESELOWSKI HOLDS OFF HARVICK

Brad Keselowski used lap traffic to his advantage to win Saturday's Nationwide race at New Hampshire ahead of Kevin Harvick.

third, followed by Sam Hornish, Ricky Stenhouse, Kasey Kahne, Elliott Sadler, Justin Allgaier, Jamie McMurray, and Ryan Truex.

Top-10 points leaders after 17 of 33: 1. Sadler-628, 2. A. Dillon-625, 3. Stenhouse-612, 4. Hornish-596, 5. Allgaier-555, 6. Annett-529, 7. Whitt-514, 8. Bliss-458, 9. Patrick-413, 10. Scott-397.

TIMOTHY PETERS WINS IOWA TRUCK RACE

The top-10 finishers of Saturday's truck race at Newton Iowa: 1. Timothy Peters, 2. Ron Hornaday, 3. Matt Crafton, 4. Johnny Sauter, 5. Justin Lofton, 6. Jason Leffler, 7. Ty Dillon, 8. Joey Coulter, 9. Nelson Piquet, 10. Parker Kligerman.

Top-10 points leaders after 9 of 22: 1. Peters-353, 2. Lofton-341, 3. T. Dillon-339, 4. Buescher-313, 5. Kligerman-306, 6. Crafton-305, 7. Hornaday-296, 8. Coulter-292, 9. Piquet-284, 10. Paludo-262.

SHOULD DRIVERS HAVE OWN TESTING LAB

It's been over a week since AJ Allmendinger, driver of Penske's No. 22 Dodge tested positive for some type of drug usage. The results of the second sample have not been made public yet. Should the second one be positive, Allmendinger faces a long, uphill road to regain a NASCAR ride.

Carl Edwards talked to respected journalist Mike Mulhern last week about the problem drivers are confronted with.

"I've thought pretty hard about this. Let's be honest -- this is an imperfect world. People are imperfect, tests are imperfect," Edwards said.

Edwards is known as one of the physically fit drivers in the sport, with a ruthless workout routine.

With dietary supplements, like energy drinks and protein powders, apparently one of the possible issues in the Allmendinger case, Edwards points out "One of the first things my trainer told me was, 'Be careful. Anything you ingest is made somewhere, and you don't know what that factory was making the day before it made the product you're using'."

"Even if it's just a whey protein powder, or something like that, you have to really watch what you ingest."

"I think the drivers need to get together, and we need to have our own group -- that is paid by us -- that works for us...to be here, in tandem with the NASCAR drug testers. To test us at the same time."

"So we don't have just an A and B sample, but an A



Kasey Kahne, winner at New Hampshire.

and B testing facility. "And we can all agree on the facilities. That's no big deal. I don't think it would be a contentious thing."

"I think that would remove almost all doubt in any situation about a 'positive' test."

"If a driver had someone they could go to and say this is my representative, and they (both) test at the same time the same day (as NASCAR), and the results are the same, then we could say it's a 'positive,' and if they're not, that would give a different perspective."

"Until we do that, no matter what is found to be positive, no matter what the tests results are, there is always that little impression of maybe there was a mistake."

"Really, at the end of the day, what does a guy -- who doesn't drink, doesn't do drugs, doesn't have any chance of being in violation -- have to gain by subjecting himself to these tests?"

"He has the huge potential -- which is real, because this is an imperfect world -- of having a false positive, or having something happen."

"And that is really scary for a lot of guys in the sport... when you go in there and subject yourself to that."

Weekend Racing: The Cup teams have an off week. The Nationwide and truck teams are at the 1.5-mile Chicagoland Speedway.

Sat., July 21, Camping World Trucks 225, race 10 of 21; Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: SPEED.

Sun., July 22, Nationwide STP 300, 18 of 33; Starting time: 2 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: When was the first NASCAR race held at Indianapolis Motor Speedway?

Last Week's Question: Which Cup team has the most wins at Daytona Speedway? **Answer:** The Wood Brothers tops the list with 15.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at hodges@race500.com. NTJUL18,C1/CA



Jeep? Come join the Blairsville Jeep owners group

Do you wish you could be more adventurous with your Jeep? Then here is the perfect group for you to hangout with. No officers, no dues, just good fun-loving people who all own some kind of a Jeep!

We meet monthly every 4th Thursday night at Antonietta's Restaurant. If you need more information, please send an email to blairvillejeepowners@yahoo.com to Jim, this group's creator. NOJUL18,22/CA

Mountain United Soccer Rock N Roll Festival

The Mountain United Soccer Rock N Roll Festival is August 25th at The Lodge at Copperhead.

This is our annual fund raiser.. I am asking you if you would help us by being a sponsor.

Family sponsor: \$25.00 includes 2 tickets and your name on a banner.

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Poolside sponsor \$500.00 Includes 20 tickets, private pool area, your own banner and listing on advertising.

Event Sponsor \$1000.00 Includes tickets and listing and a promotional material etc.

Contact us for more information. This event is raising funds for our soccer program in Union and Towns County. It is also raising money for MS, and also for a child to travel to Milan to play. We are sharing this event, and the other two causes are raising money for us. Please be generous. Donation tickets in advance are 2 for \$5 and will be \$5 at the gate. Please reserve August 25th from 12 noon to 8 p.m. to come out and listen to 4-5 bands and have some fun. We are expecting a large crowd again this year. Help us help others. For more information, contact Richard Smith at 706-781-8152. NTJUL18,C3/CA

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Schroter wins Masters 50 Mr. Georgia

On Saturday, July 7th, Dr. Robert Schroter competed in and won the Mr. Georgia Bodybuilding Competition in the Masters, Over 50 division.

Robert is a local Chiropractor. Training in his home gym, the Iron Dungeon, he had set a two year goal, culminating in a five month long intense diet, training and cardio routine.

The competition was tight, as the 2011 Over 50 Winner was competing in his class, but Robert was able to edge him out for the light heavy weight class win and go on to beat the other weight class winners for the overall title.

The competition was at the World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA where over 120 competitors showed up for the highly coveted Mr. Georgia title.

Congratulations to Robert, Blairsville's own Over 50 Mr. Georgia! NOJUL18,210/CA



Dr. Robert Schroter