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Union County Lady Panther sophomore Emma Garrison more than picked up where she left off last year.

The defending Class AA State Champ ran off and left the competition, blistering the course in 20:46, leading Union County to a second place overall finish behind Chestatee at the first meet of the season.

"I felt that Emma (Garrison) ran a very strong race," Union County Head Coach Jackie Hughes said. "Her time was actually two minutes faster then her first race last year, and on a tougher course.'

Junior Rachel Todd finished 13th with a time of 25:54, sophomore Stephanie Busse was 16th at 26:46, Marissa Spaulding came in 18th with a time of 27:14, and 23rd place finisher Anna Danek rounded out the Top six for the Lady Panthers at 28:00.

Others placing were Cora Bauman, who finished 25th with a time of 28:30. Sage Royston was 27th at 28:53.

The team standings were: first place Chestatee with 23 points, second was Union with 71, Murphy, NC came in third with 79, Lumpkin was fourth with a total 104 points, Hayesville, NC took home fifth with 122, and defending Class A Public School State Champion Towns County was sixth with

by sophomore Cristian Garcia finished in fourth place with Garcia placed 10th with a

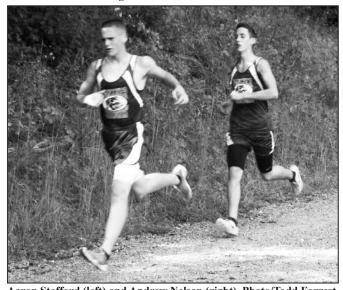
The Panther squad, led

time of 21:02 and Jacob Kelley was 11th at 21:10.

Jakob Brown placed 16th with a time of 21:58, Aaron Stafford was 21st, clocking in at 22:32, 23rd belonged to Matthew Rich at 22:38, Andrew Nelson was 25th at 22:48, and Ryan Rogers rounded out the Panther Top seven, placing 26th with a 22:57 finishing



Emma Garrison coming down the home stretch. Photo/Todd Forrest



Aaron Stafford (left) and Andrew Nelson (right). Photo/Todd Forrest

first with 26 points but second through fourth were only separated by 12 points.

Hayesville, NC was second with 69 points, Lumpkin County was third with 74 points, and fourth place Union Meeks Park has been rerouted

was fifth place Towns County with 159 points, and sixth place Murphy, NC with 178.

Rounding out the meet

the year I was quite pleased," Chestatee was a solid Coach Hughes said. "We have several new runners on both the boys and girls teams, and I was anxious to see how they handled a race situation. They did very well.'

This season the course at and turned into a two-lap race, in an attempt to increase the

"One of the reasons I changed the course this year "For the first meet of was to make it more challeng-



Rachel Todd

ing," Coach Hughes said. "I am hoping this will make us stronger as the season progresses. Also, most of our big races are two loop courses, so we should be prepared for those. I was pleased to see that quite a few of our runners gained places on the second loop yesterday." Union will be in action

next week in Hall County as Coach Hughes hopes to trim a few seconds off the finishing "As we continue to train

and increase our strength and endurance we should be able to bring our times down," Coach Hughes said. "Our next meet is at Chestatee, which is also a challenging course and there will be lots of strong competition. I will be looking for our times to improve a little in that

Cross Country off to the races at Meeks Park | Rivalry ... continued from page 14A

loose and sophomore Andrew Brown dove on the fumble.

'They didn't show us anything different than what we had planned for," Barnett said of Towns County's offensive attack. "We go week-by-week preparing for teams, so we started preparing for them on Monday.'

The miscue resulted in three Panther points when Walts nailed a 29-yard field goal at the 4:59 mark of the third quarter.

The Indians were finally Noblet powered his way into the endzone in the fourth quarter.

Prunier answered with his 92-yard kickoff return, electrifying the Panther faithful, putting the icing on the cake.

"It was a rivalry game and you don't want to have any regrets when it's all said and done,' Coach Allison said.

After Towns went 80 yards and scored on one play, Union's freshman quarterback Bo Lynch carried the ball four times for 56 yards before time expired. His rushing total was only surpassed by Whittle, who

amassed 83 yards on 11 carries. Drake rushed seven times for 35 yards, Mancuso had 17 yards on three tries, and freshman Nic Rodriguez rushed once for 4 yards. Mancuso went 6-for-8 through the air with half of his completions resulting in touchdowns. Drake was 3-for-6 for 11

vards. Sam Gilbert reeled in three passes for 55 yards and a score, Prunier also caught three balls for 20 yards and one touchdown. Rogers had one catch for 30 yards and a touchdown, junior Dalton Moose had a catch, as did

Defensively, middle line-

backer Barnett continued to find his way to the ball time after time, finishing with 12 tackles, sophomore Lance Rich recorded 9 tackles, junior Nic Sparks had 5 stops, and Stancil had four tackles.

Martin and Watson had a sack, Jones had four tackles, one for a loss, and a quarterback hurry. Evans had a tackle-for-a-loss and a hurry, and Senior Jonathan Floyd also added a tackle from the defensive line position.

Junior Will Stone had two able to sustain a drive when tackles, and Brown had a tackle and a fumble recovery. Sophomore Tyler McCoy, Drake, Moose, and Rodriguez recorded a tackle, while junior Luke Chatham had two tackles, and Dietz had three, with one resulting in a loss.

Next week the Panthers will travel west to face another rival in Fannin County. And just a few minutes removed from the Towns County win, Union already had Blue Ridge on their mind.

"We're going to enjoy this win tonight and start preparing for Fannin tomorrow," Barnett said.

The Panthers have won two straight against the Rebels and will be looking for their first ever three-game winning streak over Fannin since West Fannin and East Fannin were consolidated into one school. Last year, Union held a

23-7 lead at the half that turned out to be the final score. After an uplifting win over the Indians, Coach Allison knows

that Fannin County's Wing-T / Wishbone rushing attack is an entirely different monster from what they saw from the Indians. "This is a big win but we're going to see a much bet-

ter team next week at Fannin," Coach Allison said.



Rodriguez.

Trout stocking sites week of August 26-30, 2013

Fannin: Big Creek, Toccoa River, Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam), and Rock Creek Lumpkin: Etowah River and Nimblewill Creek Union: Cooper Creek and Toccoa River

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.

Marine Corps League Warriors Golf Tournament The deadline for sign-up for Entry fee is \$55 for individu-

the Warriors Golf Tournament is als or \$220 for the team of four. The the 13th of September. The tournament, starting at 1 p.m. on the 20th organization and fees and donations of September will be held at the Old Union Golf Course. The contest, a 4 person select shot is a fun-fest round of golf that benefits Veterans and their families that are in need.

Marine Corps League is a non-profit are tax free. Sign up now to insure your place in the tournament. For more information call Skip Belton 706-745-2273 or Charlie Sowers at 706-745-5123.

Mountain Gymnastics Center

offering Saturday morning classes

Starting Sept. 7th, MGC classes are as follows: 9 a.m. -10 a.m. Preschool (3-5 years).

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Kindergarten-and-up. Boys and Girls. 11 a.m. - Noon Cheer/Tumbling. Call for opening: 706-745-3325



UCMS Softball: Lady Panthers rally past Lumpkin After falling at Lumpkin

County earlier this season, Union County fell behind the Lady Indians 3-0 in the first inning of the second meeting, but scored nine unanswered runs to take the 9-3 victory. Jillian Lawn picked up

the win from the circle for the Lady Panthers who improve to 3-1 on the year.

Lawn, Braden Poteete, Aladriel Arnold, Ally Horinek, and Maci Everett each had an RBI for the Lady Panthers. Megan Lockaby and Courtney Moose both drove in two runs.

ins Day Golf Tournament on

ladies, group pictures were

made of all couples, with the

Butternut Creek Golf Course

in the background. Larry Gar-

ret, Golf Professional & Gen-

eral Manager of Butternut

all participants, thanked the la-

and gave out final instructions

to be followed before we en-

ples (48 players) who were very

anxious to get started with the

thought in mind - "We have got

to win this tournament in our

Flight". A shotgun start at 8:30

players came in from the

course to enjoy a great lunch

prepared by the View Grill up-

stairs in the Banquet Room of

the Union County Community

Around 12:30 to 1 p.m.,

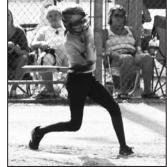
a.m. put us into the running.

We had a field of 24 cou-

tered the field.

Saturday, August 17, 2013.





Ally Horinek

Union County Middle School Softball photos by Todd Forrest

Sadie Hawkins Day At Butternut Creek Golf Course

hosted our Annual Sadie Hawking up as players looked at the golf scores being posted to the Winners Sheets; hoping they After enjoying a great would be in line for winning. breakfast, prepared by our Score cards were totaled up

by Scotty Thompson & Nicole

Green. The winners were: Kathie McAfee & James Bradley, score 68. 2nd Place Charlotte Maddox & Leon Creek Golf Course, welcomed Traylor, score 70. 3rd Place Vicky Donaldson & Eddie dies for a delicious breakfast Coffee, score of 70. (score card playoff)

2nd Flight: 1st Place Michelle & James Rowe, score of 63. 2nd Place - Patricia Plott & Lamar Paris, score of 66. 3rd Place - Ashley & Zack Richman, score of 69.

3rd Flight: 1st Place -Lydia Gray & David Farrell, score of 67. 2nd Place - Lilly Adams & Stephen Adams, Lilly Adams, our Tourscore of 70. 3rd Place - Carol nament Chairperson, was hap-& Bob Davies, score of 73. 4th Place - Joy & Cohen Davis, score of 76. 5th Place - Jill & Jim Jeffery, score of 76.

4th Flight: 1st Place

Excitement was build- Betty Taylor & Ryan Brown, score of 71. 2nd Place - Mary Lou Nash & Randy Curtis, score of 74. 3rd Place - Sharon & Jim McClure, score of 74. 4th Place - Susan Anderson & Bruce Dell, score of 76.

We also had a competi-1st Flight: 1st Place tion for the Closest to the Pin on all Par 3s, the longest drive (men) and most Accurate Drive

(women). The winners were: Men: Longest Drive James Bradley on 6. Women: Most Accurate Drive 7 - Lilly Adams. Closest to Pin 4 - Jim McClure. Closest to Pin 8 - Susan Anderson. Closest to Pin 12 - Sharon McClure. Closest to Pin 17 - Betty Williams.

The Butternut Creek Ladies would like to thank all the personnel of Butternut Creek for helping us with this

py to say that we had an enjoyable day playing the sport we love and getting together with friends! Hope to see you next vear! N(Sep4,Z9)gg



L-R: Zack & Ashley Richman, Lilly & Stephen Adams



L-R: Ryan Brown, Betty Taylor, Mary Lou Nash, **Randy Curtis**



L-R: James & Michelle Rowe, Patricia Plott, Lamar



L-R: James Bradley, Kathie McAfee, Charolotte Mad-







4-MAN SELECT SHOT, FLIGHTED PLAY

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PLAY IN THE 11^{TH} ANNUAL GLOW IN THE DARK GOLF TOURNAMENT AT BUTTERNUT CREEK GOLF COURSE. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE "SHOP WITH A COP" CHRISTMAS FUND. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUCTION WITH UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS. CHOOSES OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS TO GO ON A SHOPPING SPREE TO WALMART FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. PLEASE COME BE PART OF THIS FUN NIGHT OF GOLFING AND HELP THE CHILDREN.

> REGISTRATION FORMS SHOULD BE MAILED TO BLAIRSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT P.O. BOX 307 Attn Cindy BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

ENTRY FEE -\$350.00 PER TEAM (4 MULLIGANS INCLUDED) \$90.00 PER PERSON (1 MULLIGAN INCLUDED)

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SUPPER/REGISTRATION 5:30 **TEE TIME 6:30**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CINDY 706-835-1692, 706-781-8162 CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SHOP WITH A COP