

Union cross country bids farewell to seniors with a sweep at Meeks Park

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Both Union County squads defended their home turf last week with a pair of wins at Meeks Park, as they honored their seniors.

For the men, Lance Underwood was first overall at 17:37 and Julia Lindsey was fourth overall for the Lady Panthers at 21:42.

Cristian Garcia placed third at 18:36, Timothy Murphy fifth at 18:41, Jacob Kelley was seventh at 18:54, Adam Bachman was eighth at 19:09, Gehrig Patterson was 10th at 19:25, and senior Aaron Stafford was 14th at 19:42.

"Aaron (Stafford) is our only senior on the boys team and has run all four years and has been to the State meet twice so far," Union County Head Coach Jackie Hughes said. "He is hoping for a third trip this year. He is a fantastic leader and teammate, who sets a great example in the classroom, at practice, and during competition. His ability to lead, and do it with humor, will be missed a lot next year."

For the Lady Panthers,



Julia Lindsey

Stephanie Busse was seventh at 23:11, Anna Danek was ninth at 23:29, Marissa Spaulding was 10th at 23:46, Raphaela Aleman placed 16th at 25:05, Kaitlyn Gallagher was 20th at 25:38, and Cora Bauman was 21st at 25:51.

"The girls team has four seniors this year, two of them, Adele Bauman and Hannah Quigley are four year runners," Coach Hughes said. "Both of them have contributed in many ways to the team. Hannah has been like the sunshine of the team. She is always positive and continuously encourages her teammates. Adele

is a quiet leader who also has a very good sense of humor. The younger runners definitely respect what she has to say.

"Of my other two seniors, Marissa Spaulding has been with us two years, and this is Julia Lindsey's first year. Marissa made an impact in her first year by being in the top five runners and helping us qualify for the State meet. She is right up there again this year. She is also very creative and spirited, and is always coming up with fun ways to bring the team together and get them fired up.

"My fourth senior girl is Julia Lindsey. Julia and I had talked about her running cross country a couple of times before this year, but because of her involvement in band she didn't think she could fit in both activities. However, after running track last year she decided to give it a try. I am very happy that she did. She is a very talented runner, as well as being tough and competitive. She will definitely help us in our quest to get back to the State meet."

The Region 8-AA meet will be held on Oct. 29th at Riverside Military Academy.

Union County Saddle Club hosting Ranch Sorting event



On Saturday, October 25, the Union County Saddle Club will host an exciting Ranch Sorting event. If you haven't been to a ranch sorting before, you're in for a treat!

In ranch sorting, you have two roundpens set up like a figure 8. They are connected with a gap, or "hole," in the middle. Ten cows are numbered 0-9. A team of sorters, which consists of two people, sorts the cows in numerical order from one pen to the other. One person sorts while the other holds the hole to prevent a wrong number from coming across. The team has a set time limit to sort as many as possible. Whoever has the most cows after two rounds wins. If a wrong number crosses, then that team receives a score of zero for that round.

Ranch sorting is very beginner friendly. Anyone can do it and any horse can do it—even mules!

Anyone who wants to practice sorting can do so from noon until 3 p.m. on October 25. Cost for practice is \$10 for all youth and for UCSC members, and \$15 for all adult non-members. For each person who pays to practice on Octo-



Ranch sorting is fun, challenging and gives horses a job to do.

ber 25, a can of food will be donated to the Union County Food Bank.

Following the practice will be three different jackpots. The youth jackpot costs \$20 per team and may consist of two youth (15-and-under) or one youth and one adult (adult must hold the hole). There is a 90 second time limit and a 50% payback to the winners.

The novice jackpot costs \$20 per team and will have 60 second time limit and a 50% payback to the winners. A novice is considered any rider that has won money sorting no more than three times.

The open jackpot costs \$40 per team and is open to anyone (including youth and novices). There is a 60 second time limit and a 50% payback to the winners.

If you have any questions about the ranch sorting, contact Josh Peebles at 706-897-3244 or Josh.RPR.Peebles@gmail.com.

For more information

about the Union County Saddle Club, visit www.unioncountysaddleclub.org or attend a meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the arena. Membership is open to anyone interested. NT(Oct22,19)jg

Bowling scores

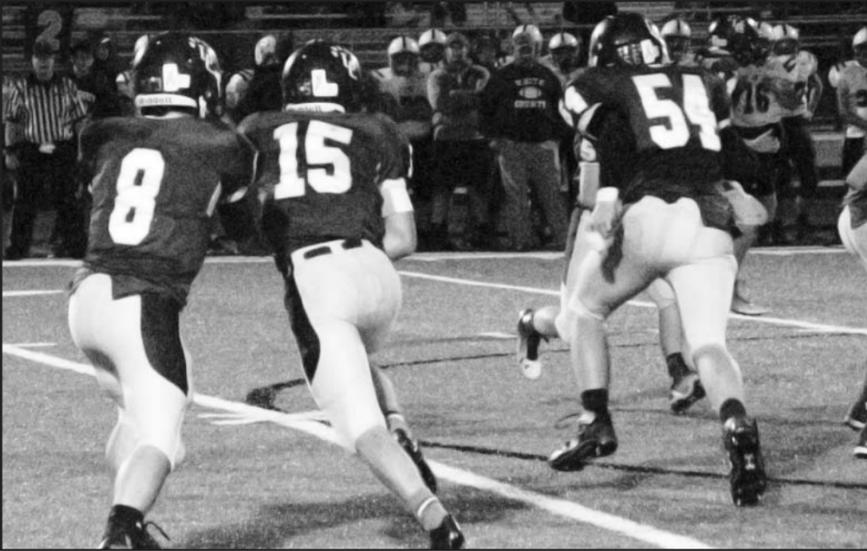
Monday Night Men: Chris Roberts 227, Kevin Mohan 257, Russ Southcott 213, Michael Whitehead 221, Kirk Bass 201, BJ Gilbert 242, Tom Griffiths 212, 213, 206, Chris Ellinwood 209, 223, Brett Hogsed 225, Jay Burrell 265, 215, Ernest Rice 219, Richard Tanner 212, Derick Rice 226, 215, Joe Teague 213, 212, John Stevens 244, 201, Ray Everett 233, 220, 216, Jeb Platt 246, 279, 199 Series 724, Mike Davis 249, 215, Gary Brown 226, 237, 200.

Monday Night Ladies: Pam Bierce 210.

Hazel Farmer Senior League: Ron Gaucher 204, Dewey Allen 204, Cliff Hall 200, Del Neiffer 236, 246, 200 Series 682, Janet Burrell 222, Nell Rice 193, 184, Paul Napolitano 208.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed League: Jerry Thomas 200, Mike Davis 225, 224, Bob Landis 226, Taz Matetzsch 256, Shay Roberts 200, Jeb Platt 211, 234, 241, Kirk Bass 214, 221, Russ Southcott 207, 228, 212, Stanley Tyler 244, Chuck Reeves 237, 213, 201, Mike Pope 215, Jordan Moore 247, Jaythan Burrell 202, 226, Jay Burrell 220, Ken Clark 200, 201, Tony Lynch 246, Ray Everett 212, Bonnell Thomas 205, Curtis Corn 235, 213, 200, Zach Moore 279, 236, 238, Series 753, Tim Moore 236, 214. NT(Oct22,21)CA

Union JV falls 34-14 to White County; off this week



Slade Thompson hands to Cole Dockery during Union's loss to White County last week. The Panthers JV and varsity squads are off this week. The JV visits Rabun on Oct. 30. Photo/Todd Forrest

National School Lunch Week tailgate party at UCHS



Union County Panthers' wide receiver Sam Gilbert and the rest of Union County High School enjoyed a tailgate party during their lunch period on Friday. The reason: it was National School Lunch Week and its theme for this year is "Get in the Game with School Lunch." With the big football game with Rabun County later that evening, the theme seemed appropriate. Photo/Todd Forrest

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and reaching third on a wild pitch, Chambers brought her in with a grounder to short.

Tanner finished 2-for-4 with 3 RBIs, 2 runs, and a triple. After tying Gowder's team record for triples in the previous game, Tanner's bases loaded triple in the sixth inning gave her six three-baggers for the year, passing Gowder's 7-year old team record.

King was 3-for-4 with a homer 2 RBIs, Crystal Busbee finished 2-for-5 with an RBI, 2 runs, and a double, Lawn picked up two more hits, going 2-for-4 and scoring twice. Garrett scored once, doubled twice, and tripled during a 3-for-4 performance. Kelsey Nix scored after being hit by a pitch, Chambers drove in a run, and Courtney Busbee walked twice and scored.

Now Wesleyan is all that stands in the way of the Lady Panthers and their first Elite 8 since 2010. And when it comes down to simply playing ball, without the pressure of getting past the first round, Coach Stewart likes her team's chances.

"I have not watched Wesleyan this year," Coach Stewart said. "I have several scouting reports from coaches that have played them and we feel like we're definitely going to be able to compete with them and advance to the Elite 8. This year we've scored about 40 more runs than them and given up 20 less runs. They only have two seniors and were matched up with Oglethorpe County last season and it took (Wesleyan) three games to beat them. They will be well coached and fundamentally sound. But our girls believe in themselves and believe in victory."



With Chambers bringing her A-game and the defense playing error-free, Darlington stood little chance last week. Photo/Todd Forrest



Freshman Jillian Lawn's bat gave Darlington fits. Photo/Todd Forrest

Free Yoga class at Mountain Yoga

Once, I thought yoga was boring and relaxing so I mistakenly thought it was easy! Finally after seeing how yoga practitioners seemed to move with ease, I thought, I want to move with ease, too! At that point I'd been an avid swimmer and runner for the better part of my life and my knee and shoulder joint hurt constantly. After tiring of constant pain in my joints I thought I'd try it.

It wasn't easy or boring! I found that not only did my pain go away but I was fitter than ever. I didn't miss

the weights from the gym, my muscles felt strong and my joints didn't hurt after a car ride! The most unexpected part was what yoga did for my mental state. Getting fit while upping my energy level and my ability to relax, I'll Namaste to that. Pop on into Mountain Yoga for a free yoga class and to see how yoga is for everybody!

My name is Heather Devereaux and I teach an alignment-based flow yoga class. We are Mountain Yoga, just south of town square, Hwy. 129S, 706-897-8799. NT(Oct22,21)CA

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By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Keselowski wins, advances in chase

TALLADEGA, Ala.— Brad Keselowski knew his only chance of advancing to the next round of the Sprint Cup Chase was to win Sunday's Talladega race. Maybe it was his driving skill, luck, or a fast car, but the driver of the No. 2 Ford was not to be denied another visit to victory lane.

There were two green-white-checked restarts that extended the length of the 188-lap race to 194 laps. On the first, he gained the lead from Ryan Newman, and was leading when a major wreck happened behind him, involving Dale Earnhardt Jr., Greg Biffle, Michael Annett, and Paul Menard.

On the race's last g-w-c restart, Keselowski took the green flag first. Newman was able to get by him for the lead, but as the cars entered the backstretch on the final lap, Keselowski pulled back out front, and held the lead until the finish line was reached.

"Because of the adversity last week, this is a special win," said Keselowski. "This Ford was fast. I knew if we could get through without any wrecks, we could win."

"If the guys can keep up this level of performance, we will win this thing."

Matt Kenseth came on strong in the last few laps to finish second.

"We would have preferred a win, but this keeps us in the Chase, and I feel like we're still in charge of what happens to us for the rest of the season."

The remaining top-10 finishers were: Clint Bowyer, Landon Cassill, Ryan Newman, Travis Kvapil, Kurt Busch, Marcos Ambrose, Kevin Harvick, and Joey Logano.

On lap 59, Jamie McMurray had a tire go down and lost control of his car. Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski spun avoiding him, but were able to continue.

Kyle Busch got caught up in a wreck on lap 105 that was not of his doing. His car was damaged extensively, and he finished 40th.

CHASE DOWN TO EIGHT DRIVERS
There are four races left. The Chase enters its third round with only eight drivers.

The eight drivers that are still in the Chase have had their points reset. 1. Logano-4000, 2. Harvick-4000, 3. Newman-4000, 4. Hamlin-4000, 5. Kenseth-4000, 6. Edwards-4000, 7. Gordon-4000, 8. Keselowski-4000.

The four drivers that were eliminated after the Talladega race are: Kasey Kahne, Kyle Busch, Jimmie Johnson, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Kahne finished 12th. He led twice for 12 laps, but needed

to win in order to advance.

Kyle Busch saw his hopes for his first championship end on lap 104, when he was involved in a wreck.

"The other two cars spun in front of me," said Busch. "I got caught up in someone else's wreck, and had no place to go."

Jimmie Johnson led 84 laps, the most of any driver, but was shuffled back at the end.

"On the next to last restart, I felt like if I was going to have a chance, I needed to drop back and get hooked up with a teammate," said Johnson. "That way we could have pushed our way to the front. But it didn't happen."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished 31st and was eliminated.

"I don't really know what happened when I got hit," he said. "I know we were racing three and four wide, so I guess it was just hard racing."

The next Chase round will consist of the three upcoming races at Martinsville, Texas, and Phoenix. After those three races, the field will be narrowed to four drivers, with the top-finishing driver in the last race of the season at Homestead declared the champion.

PETERS SPRINTS TO TRUCK WIN

Timothy Peters won his first truck race of the season as he sprinted to the finish in a green-white-checked finish ahead of Taylor Malsam and Spencer Gallagher, Saturday at Talladega.

Tyler Reddick, Ryan Blaney, Erik Jones, Chris Fontaine, John Wes Townley, Darrell Wallace, and Joe Nemechek were the remaining top-10 finishers. Top-10 leaders after 18 of 22: 1. Crafton-674, 2. Blaney-658, 3. D. Wallace-646, 4. Sauter-638, 5. Peters-597, 6. Coulter-593, 7. Quiroga-574, 8. Kennedy-562, 9. J. Burton-555, 10. Hornaday-494.

TERRY LABONTE CALLING IT QUITS

Terry Labonte finished 33rd last Sunday at Talladega. It was his 890th Cup race, and he said it was the final one.

As a tribute to Labonte, the team created a special paint scheme honoring his career, but NASCAR vetoed it. It seems like they have a long-standing rule that the car's paint scheme must be the same on both sides.

Throughout Labonte's storied career, beginning in 1978, he has finished in the top-10 on 361 occasions; 22 of those finishes ended with a trip to victory lane.

His very first start in the Cup Series was at the Darlington Raceway with Duck Industries. At the young age of 21, Labonte finished fourth in the No. 92 car owned by Billy Hagan. A few short years later, in 1984, Labonte went on to win the first of



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his two championships in the No. 44 Piedmont car, also owned by Hagan.

Following the '84 championship, Labonte encountered many ups and downs in NASCAR. The sport became more and more competitive with multi-car teams growing and sponsorship needs increasingly demanding. In 1994, Labonte signed with Hendrick Motorsports. This was an incredible turning point in his career, culminating in 1996; when Labonte went on to win his second championship in the No. 5 Kelloggs Chevy.

With 12 years between his two championships, the second title was a significant triumph that helped define his career. Many of today's NASCAR fans and industry leaders still remember and cherish the second championship.

"I told (car owner Frank Stoddard) at the beginning of the year this was going to be my last season, which I told him that last year, too, so this is about the third time I've run my last race," Labonte said. "But I told him at the beginning of the year this would be my last season...It's been fun. It's been exciting. I still love the sport. I wish I was 10 years younger."

Weekend Racing: The Sprint Cup and Truck teams are at the .52-mile Martinsville, Virginia track. The Nationwide teams do not return to action until Nov. 1.

Sat., Oct. 25; Truck Series race 19 of 22; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: FoxSports1.

Sun., Oct. 26; Sprint Cup race 33 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

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

Last Week's Question: What older site was Talladega Superspeedway built upon? It sits on an old Army base, which was built on a much earlier Cherokee Indian burial site. Some people believe that many of the bad wrecks are caused by unhappy spirits that are interred under the track. Several years ago a tribal chieftain held a ceremony on the grounds of the track, aimed at appeasing the offended spirits.

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