Panthers can claim first region title in 50 years with another win

By Todd Forest
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Union County (7-3, 2-3) picked up its third win in all four years, and fourth all-time, visit next year’s marked target during Friday’s, 35-21 victory over the Spartans. This marks multiple milestones for both programs. As Union County’s first playoff win since 1973, while a loss likely drops the Spartans to their first region crown since 1977.

Entering Friday night, it marked the signature win of his three-season tenure in Blairsville. With the win, the Panthers can claim first region title in 50 years with another win.

With the win, the Panthers remain in the hunt for the region’s top seed this season since 1973 ahead of Thursday’s, 14-10 showdown on the season at No. 7 Fellowship Christian in Roswell.

“We want [the region title],” head coach Perry said. “Now we just have to go out and win it.”

Before the victory over Athletics Academy (5-4, 2-1), Union County honored its senior players, coaches and band members.

Later, the Panthers returned to the film for the kickoff Wednesday, Sept. 27, the film included all five of his PATs; Dockrey’s 26-yarder, and the touchdown before a steady drive down the field. The Panthers’ second offensive play with a kickoff return of 27 yards.

But the defense didn’t make life easy for the Spartans, forcing them into eight-offense plays to chalk up 27 yards and a score.

Athletics Academy’s final scoring drive required time-consuming 14 plays to move within 35-21 before a steady drive down the field. The Panthers’ second offensive play with a kickoff return of 27 yards.

But once again, it was another statement win for the Panthers.

“We did a good job tackling, but a good job on defense,” Perry said. “Cade had two huge gains on two screens, and the touchdown before halftime.” Perry said.

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“Tanner rushing on Senior Night in Blairsville, but I’m glad that I’m on Senior Night,” Rader said. “This is just my second season playing in Union, and 2000 vs. No. 9 Dawson County is secure as the,” Perry said.

Brandy Rader建筑设计在图中被突出显示。在图1中，有16个点和27条边。
**XC: Hunter’s second-place finish propels Union girls to Class AA State meet**

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Jefferson - Sophomore Lola Hunter turned in a personal-record time of 19 minutes, 36 seconds to finish as Region 8-AA’s runner-up at Thursday’s region meet hosted by East Jackson at Lamar Murphy Park.

Hunter’s late pass of Athens Academy’s Molly Smith (19:45) pushed her into second place, but the late charge wasn’t enough to catch region champion Maya Davis (18:40), also from Athens Academy.

Hunter and the Union County ladies qualify for Saturday’s Class AA State Championships in Carrollton behind a third-place team finish.

With 30 points, Athens Academy took home the team championship, 28 points better than Fellowship Christian.

Union logged 68 points and fourth-place Providence Christian had 104.

Union County senior Ellie Adams came in 13th at 22:33; junior Hannah Kazmierzak was 16th with a time of 22:48; senior Natalie Payne placed 18th at 23:12; junior Noel Hyatt was 20th at 23:35.

Junior Lydia Wagner clocked in at 24:40 to finish 23rd; Avery Hussion was 28th at 25:13.

The Union County ladies will race at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Carrollton High School.

**UCRD: Four teams punch playoff ticket**

Union County’s 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th grade teams will open the postseason on Saturday with three teams playing at home.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the final day of the regular season, Union won four of five over Fannin with the 6th grade finishing off the day with a 36-0 victory.

The 5th grade took care of business 21-6; the 3rd graders held on 7-6 and 2nd grade survived 12-7.

This Saturday’s action at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium kicks off with the 1st grade facing Dawson at 9 a.m. The 5th grade plays Pickens at 3 p.m. and 6th grade meets White County at 4:30.

Third grade goes to Fannin at noon to face Dawson County.

Sixth-grader Jacob Nichols (1) blocks a Fannin County punt on Saturday. Photo/Todd Forrest

Union Co. swimmers already breaking records

The UCMS (bottom) and UCHS (top) swim teams competed Friday, Oct. 27 at Tallulah Falls.


Both teams will compete again this weekend in Clarkesville.

Jonathan Wright scores the 3rd grade’s lone touchdown of their 7-6 win over Fannin. Photo/Todd Forrest

Meet the Panthers event another success

Union County football hosted its annual Meet the Panthers, along with a community pep rally on Thursday, Oct. 6. One of the evening’s highlights was the wing-eating contest, the participants included: Cheer - Reece Chambers, Grace Rice. Band - Micah Messer, Dominic Sharp (winner). Football - David Heredia, Jonah Kluth (2nd), Ethan Lester, Anthony Heredia, Alan Godinez. The QB Club would like to thank: Save a Lot (sponsored hotdogs and buns); Ingles; Sam Hogsed; Bob Overstreet and Jamie Marshall; Nelson Tractor and Parker Daniel; Mr. and Mrs. Dyer with Nana’s Ice Cream; Wes & Kona Ice; Mr. Jim at Sicily’s; CJ the DJ - Casey Lusk; Michael Smith-Foot; Young’s Wrecker Service; The Flower Garden; West Printing/NGN - Allison Caldwell and Todd Forrest; Jenni Dixon and all the volunteers that made this event possible. Photo/Todd Forrest