

Junior High Soccer

Windber 3, Southern Fulton 1
Cody Burgoyne connected for the lone goal for the Southern Fulton Indians last Thursday during a 3-1 defeat by Windber.

Southern Fulton 6, Berlin 2
Southern Fulton 1, Berlin 0
Southern Fulton made it a clean sweep Tuesday in a doubleheader against Berlin Brothers with six Indian teammates finding the back of the net. In game one, Jordan Lake had two goals, while Cody Burgoyne, Matthew Garland, Briar Kirk and Hunter Murray each had one. In game two, Courtney Strait scored the lone goal for the Indians.

Boys Soccer

Northern Bedford 2, McConnellsborg 1
Northern Bedford pulled off a narrow victory over McConnellsborg last Wednesday, sliding past the Spartans for a 2-1 Sideling Hill League victory. Matt Kendall had the lone goal on an assist by Drew Wink. Goalie Devin Petty-John rallied for five saves.

Forbes Road 1, Hyndman 0
With slightly under four minutes left in the first half last Wednesday, Forbes Road Cardinal Dillen Burger scored an unanswered goal on an assist by Donovan Bricker to defeat Hyndman. Goalkeeper Tanner Henry posted nine saves for the Sideling Hill League victory.

Fannett-Metal 1, McConnellsborg 0
McConnellsborg Spartan Devin Petty-John rallied for 17 saves in goal against the Fannett-Metal Tigers, who clinched Monday's Sideling Hill League game 1-0. The loss dropped the Spartans' season record to 7-10-1.

Everett 4, Forbes Road 2
Forbes Road managed two goals following the halftime break but still fell to the Everett Warriors Monday evening by the final score of 4-2. William Sharman and Donovan Bricker both had a goal, while teammates Joshua Bussard and Alex Bookheimer added assists. Goalkeeper Tanner Henry finished the Sideling Hill League game with seven blocked shots.

Girls Cross Country

Southern Fulton 47, West Branch 67, Juniata Valley 71, Bellwood 73, Mount Union 100
Southern Fulton clinched the very first Inter County Conference Meet held last Wednesday at Mount Union, blowing away rivals from West Branch, Bellwood Antis, Juniata Valley and Mount Union. Chelsey Hollenshead was the top finalist for Southern Fulton with a third-place medal and a time of 20:29. Lacey Beatty had a fourth-place victory, and Keena Elbin ran a close fifth with a final time of 21:26.

Boys Cross Country

Bellwood Antis 26, West Branch 75, Mount Union 111, Southern Fulton
J.C. Munson garnered a ninth-place victory for the Southern Fulton boys cross-country team, which finished in last place during the Inter County Conference Meet held in Mount Union last Wednesday. Munson had a finish time of 18:20.

Field Hockey

Forbes Road 7, Huntingdon 1
Forbes Road scored three unanswered goals before halftime last Tuesday and knocked in four more after the break to defeat the Hunt-

ingdon Bearcats 7-1. Kelsey Lilley and Kaili Hockensmith both had two goals for the Cardinals, and Elissa Colledge, Stephanie Clippinger and Erin McQuait each added one. Gabrielle McIntire made three blocked shots in goal for the win.

State College 7, Forbes Road 0
Forbes Road's four-game winning streak came to an end last Wednesday with a dismal 7-0 loss at the hands of State College. Gabrielle McIntire posted a season-high 22 saves in goal for the Cardinals.

Girls Soccer

North Star 2, McConnellsborg 0
North Star controlled the offense and scored a goal in both halves of last Thursday's game to defeat McConnellsborg in non-league action. Goalkeeper Sam McQuade tallied 10 blocked shots for the Lady Spartans.

Rockwood 2, McConnellsborg 0
Rockwood scored two unanswered goals following the halftime break last Tuesday to down the McConnellsborg Lady Spartans. Goalie Sam McQuade made seven saves during the 2-0 non-league loss.

Girls Volleyball

Everett 3, Southern Fulton 1
In spite of rallying for a win in game two last Thursday, Southern Fulton's effort fell short during a 3-1 loss to the Everett Warriors. Alexis Knisely and Natasha Bard both had 10 kills, while Cierra Covalt handed out 19 assists. Jeni Hager contributed 11 digs, and Ashley Wigfield tallied four blocks.

McConnellsborg 3, Tussey Mountain 0
McConnellsborg clinched its seventh straight victory last Thursday with a decisive 3-0 win over the Tussey Mountain Titans. ALeese Dickerson tallied 10 digs, four blocks and 17 kills, and Michelle Baker added nine kills and 16 digs. Lisa DeShong posted 27 assists and nine digs.

McConnellsborg 3, Northern Bedford 0
McConnellsborg picked up yet another Sideling Hill League win last Tuesday with a decisive 3-0 ousting of the Northern Bedford Panthers. Lisa DeShong handed out 10 assists and had nine digs, while ALeese Dickerson had 14 kills. Michelle Baker added six kills, nine digs and three aces. Brittany Ott finished with 15 assists.

Southern Fulton 3, Tussey Mountain 2
Southern Fulton fought back from a two-game deficit to prevail over the Tussey Mountain Titans by the final score of 3-2. Natasha Bard tallied 10 kills, while Cierra Covalt added 23 assists and 11 service points. Natalie Keebaugh and Ashley Wigfield both had 11 service points, and Wigfield also contributed three aces.

Soccer Ratings

Conemaugh	15	1
Fannett-Metal	13	1
Rockwood	11	3
Berlin	12	3
NBC	8	0
Salisbury	6	7
McConnellsborg	7	9
Forbes Road	6	8
Chestnut Ridge	6	9
Hyndman	6	9
Windber	5	10
Everett	5	10
North Star	4	10
Johnstown	1	15

Racing Roundup

By Brad Vores
Lincoln Speedway pulled the curtain on the 2008 central Pennsylvania racing season Saturday night and it was business as usual for Fred Rahmer.

The 10-time track champion raced to the win in the 25-lap 410 Sprint car feature in easy fashion for his 17th overall win this season.

Rahmer's No. 51 sprint car was wreched by his 12-year-old son, Freddie, for their first win as a driver/crew chief combo. Rahmer's mechanic, Tim Elwell, left the team last weekend.

Rahmer started fifth in the feature and raced his way around Lance Dewease on lap 11 and drove a near three-second margin of victory for his 161st career win in the Pigeon Hills.

Dewease finished second over Chad Layton, Mark Smith up from 11th and Jim Siegel. Elwell joined the Smith team during the week and will maintain the car next season.

Completing the top 10 were Cris Eash, Alan Krimes, Greg Hodnett, Todd Hestro and Brian Montiethe.

Sam Gallagher capped off a championship season in the Thundercar event with his fifth win of the season over Duane Watson, Mike Slaybaugh, Rick Weaver and Larry Neiderer.

Lincoln opens the 2009 racing season on Saturday, February 22.

Williams Grove Speedway street Stock champion invaded Susquehanna Speedway Saturday night and left with the big \$3,000 payday in the Miller's Racing Parts Fall Classic.

Hoffman, of Newville, only led the final two feet of the 50-lap event, but that was all that mattered in his sixth overall win on the season.

Hoffman got by leader Paul Morgan on the final turn to win the event, with Morgan second over brother Craig Morgan, Scott Thunberg and Newville's Wes Alleman.

Jason Zook won the Xtreme Stock car 40-lap feature over Tommy Slanker, Sam Rial, Ron Vance Jr. and Ricky Bender.

Dave Leidy Jr. topped the four-cylinder stock feature over Eric Holenbach, Ricky Harper, Bryan Michael and Kory Sites.

Kyle Purks started on the front row of Saturday night's URC Sprint portion of the 5-25s at Grandview Speedway and picked up his first win of the season in the final event for the series this year.

Purks led the nonstop event in the win over Becca Anderson, JJ Grasso, Robbie Stillwaggon and Michael Carber.

Coming up this Saturday and Sunday will be the Octoberfest 350 at Hagerstown Speedway for the 410 Sprints, Late Models, Big Block and Small Block Modifieds. Entries have been rolling in for all divisions, with all qualifying taking place on Saturday and features being run Sunday. Racing begins at noon each day.

That's it for the racing world for this week as we cross our fingers and toes for another Penn State victory this weekend in Ohio! It's been an exciting ride so far to an 8-0 season, so hopefully they can keep it going. Until next time, all news can reach me at Bvores@aol.com

Great Cove Golf News

The results of the G.B. Par 3 tournament held on Sunday were first flight: first - Team Pro Shop; Kenny Smith, John Hovis, second; Dave Gentile, Matt Hale, third; fourth place was Team Pro Shop 2. Second-flight winners were Darrell McLaughlin, Robert Johnston, first place; Chris Munson, Larry Lecompte, second place; Terry Sheeder, Andrew Ritchey, third place; fourth place - Jesse Newman and Scott Cramer.

Third-flight winners were John Duffey, David Washabaugh, first; Eric Schooley, Rusty Tarner, second; Anthony Shives, Wan Cortez, third place; and Brian Batdorff and Harold Batdorff, fourth place.

What's with Dale Jr.?

Great things were expected from Dale Earnhardt Jr. this season. "I'm not going to put a number on how many races we're going to win, but I'd say four would be a good number," said his crew chief Tony Eury Jr. prior to the start of the 2008 season.

But after 31 races into the season, he has only one win and that came while he was leading the rain-shortened Lifelock 400 at Michigan.

Earnhardt Jr. has had even less success in the Chase, struggling after finishing fifth in the opening race at New Hampshire. Since then, he's been 24th, 13th, 28th, and 36th after crashing at Charlotte.

The frustrations of crew chief Tony Eury Jr. could be heard over the team's radios just after Earnhardt Jr. drilled the wall off turn 2 last week at Charlotte.

"Unbelievable," Eury Jr. said. "The things that have happened to us."

His chances at the 2008 Sprint Cup championship after Charlotte went from slim to none, as he is 10th in points, 354 behind the leader, going to Martinsville.

During the New Hampshire race,

Johnson Dominates At Martinsville



Jimmie Johnson

By Gerald Hodges
THE RACING REPORTER

MARTINSVILLE, Va. - Jimmie Johnson's Sunday win at Martinsville has put him well on the way to a third consecutive Cup title.

Johnson completely dominated the 500-lap race, leading seven times for 339 laps for his sixth win of the season.

"This track has been good to me," said Johnson. "What a car we had today. We don't want to think about winning the championship for another two or three races, but it's getting closer."

Johnson expanded his lead in the points to 149 over second-place driver Greg Biffle.

Jeff Burton, who entered the day second in the standings and 69 points behind Johnson, was in contention for a top-10 finish before a late penalty for pitting outside his box.

He was penalized a lap and fell to third in points, three behind Biffle.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. had one of his best runs of the year by finishing second.

"It was a day when nothing seemed to bite us," said Earnhardt. "We didn't have any tires blow out, and I was able to stay out of trouble. We have some scrapes on the left side of the car, but the right side is clean."

"It was one of our best days. We didn't have anything for Jimmie, but we still had a good racecar."

Carl Edwards, Jeff Gordon, Denny Hamlin, Casey Mears, Kevin Harvick, Matt Kenseth, Martin Truex Jr., and Clint Bowyer rounded out the top-10 finishers.

Top-12 Chase contenders with four remaining races: 1. Johnson-6073, 2. Biffle-5924, 3. Burton-5921, 4. Edwards-5875, 5. Bowyer-5827, 6. Harvick-5817, 7. J. Gordon-5798, 8. Stewart-5735, 9. Earnhardt-5694, 10. Kenseth-5665, 11. Hamlin-5653, 12. Kyle Busch-5628

Top-10 Craftsman Truck Series leaders after 21 of 25: 1. Benson-3178, 2. Hornaday-3113, 3. Crafton-2951, 4. Bodine-2946, 5. Skinner-2896, 6. Darnell-2877, 7. Crawford-2856, 8. Setzer-2694, 9. Sprague-2668, 10. Cook-2575

Game Commission Releases Results Of Alleged Mountain Lion Attack

In announcing the current results of its ongoing investigation into an alleged mountain lion attack on Oct. 9, Pennsylvania Game Commission officials have announced that there is no evidence that the alleged attack on Samuel Fisher, 42, of Sadsbury Township, Lancaster County, occurred.

Game Commission officials were called to an area of Mount Pleasant Road, when Fisher alleged to have shot one large cat and then was attacked and injured by a second large cat.

A Pennsylvania State Police helicopter was brought into the area to search for the presence of the alleged animal using a FLIR Infrared Thermal Imaging Camera. Search dogs specifically trained to find and follow the trail of cats detected no cat activity in the area other than a small house cat.

"I wouldn't change it, I love it. I love the pressure. That means I'm in the middle of it."

Now this.

When your name is Dale Earnhardt Jr., everything you do is magnified. Your wins. Your losses. Your on-track performance. Your off track performance.

When Earnhardt changed teams last year, the announcement was carried live on national television. Everything he does is major news. A lot of fans think he is too preoccupied with his business interests, including his new Whiskey River nightclub.

But let's focus on the positive. Earnhardt Jr. has 18 career Cup victories. In all of NASCAR history, only 38 drivers have more.

There are some fans that feel he's been much more competitive with Hendrick than he was with DEL, particularly during his last season with the team.

But there are some loyal to Earnhardt Jr. who feel he has come up short with Hendrick. They feel he should have won more than one points race and one pole so far this season. He should have been able to run more aggressively, win more races and even rise to No. 1 in points.

This year decidedly has not been a good one for Earnhardt Jr. Despite engine failures and several tire blowouts, Earnhardt, remains unbeaten. Most of his fans like Connie C. of Colorado also remain positive.

"From the very beginning starting at Speedweek, he had a great momentum going," she said. "Right out of the gate he was proving to himself, Hendricks, and the world he was ready to get that championship. There is no question that he knows how to see 'the air' just like his daddy did."

"A combination of luck, equipment, pit strategy, and consistency is needed to win this championship. I believe the bad luck and the tire blowouts are stopping this from happening. I heard Tony Jr. say he thinks it's impossible for them to get it this year. I do think he is the right crew chief for Dale even though others might disagree. He's come so close so many times. It is nice that Dale's confidence was so high this year."

Racing has changed since Dale Sr. won his seventh championship. It is more of a team effort than driver achievement. I don't see what has happened to Earnhardt's team as being entirely his fault. Things have occurred both on and off the track that weren't of his making.

Dale Jr. is a good driver. Hendrick Motorsports is one of the best teams

in NASCAR. With Rick Hendrick, he has one of the best mentors in the business. Sooner or later, his luck is going to turn around. That's the nature of racing.

Let's cut him a little slack and see what next year brings.

Next week: Who's Hot and Who's Not

Weekend racing: The Craftsman Trucks and Sprint Cup teams head to Atlanta Motor Speedway, the fastest track on the circuit. The Nationwide teams are at Memphis, Tenn.

Saturday, October 25, Craftsman Trucks Atlanta 200; starting time: p.m. (EST); TV: Speed.

Saturday, October 25, Nationwide Series Kroger 250; starting time: 3 p.m. (EST); TV: ESPN2.

Sunday, October 26 Sprint Cup Pep Boys Auto 500; starting time: 1 p.m. (EST); TV: ABC.

Racing trivia question: How many Cup championships did Darrell Waltrip win?

Last week's question: Where is Jeff Burton's hometown? Answer: South Boston, Va.

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