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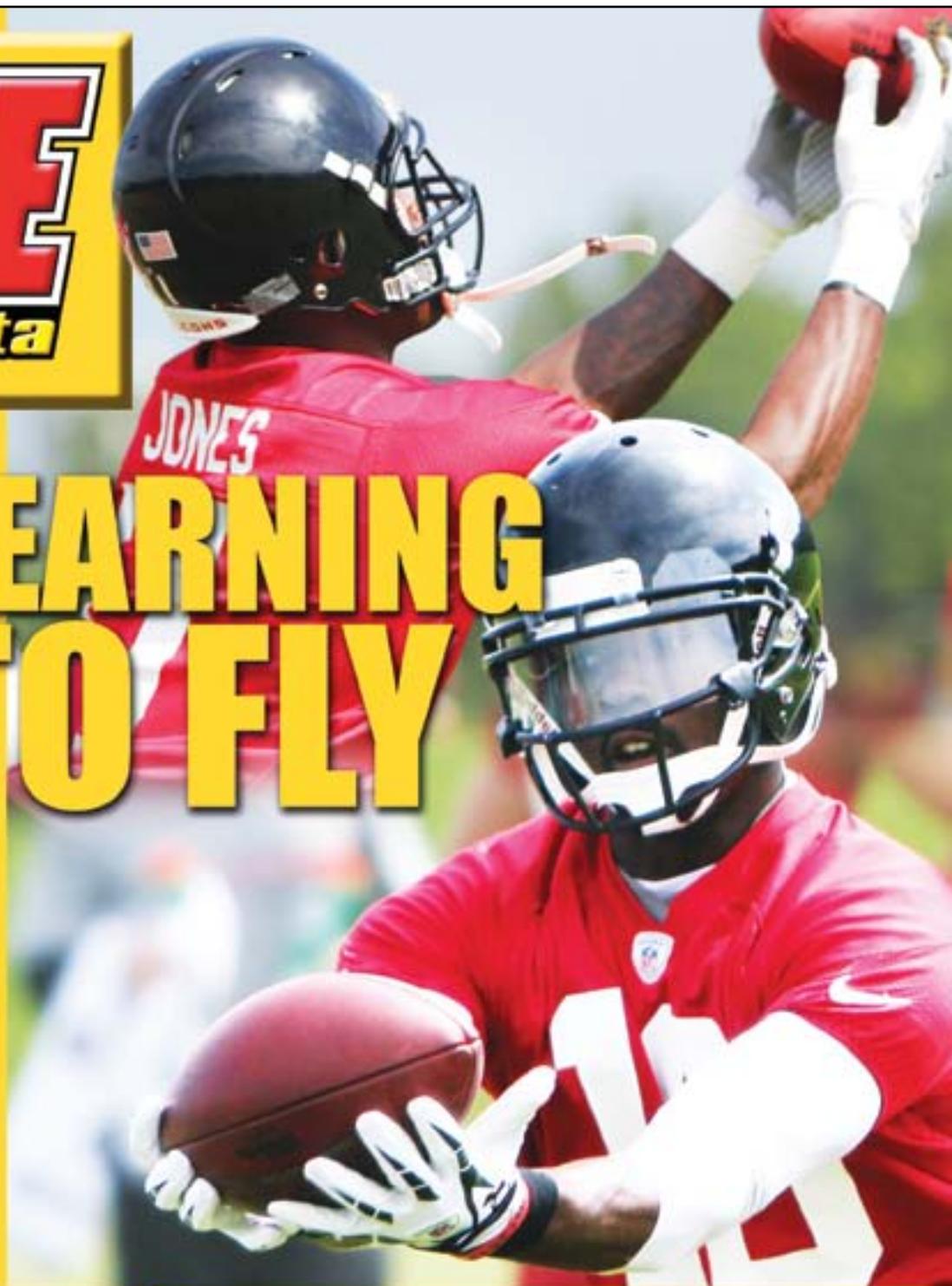
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**SHOT OF THE
WEEK...**

POWER THROUGH: The Dream's Tiffany Hayes suffers through a recent loss at Philips Arena. Hayes and her team has struggled to a 5-8 start, and 1-4 record thus far in June. Photo courtesy of Sonny Kennedy.

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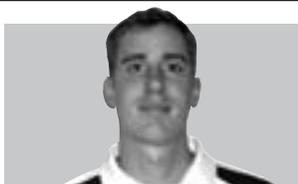
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THE FLETCH



Slain player leads the headlines

By Fletcher Proctor

Sadly, the top story on Twitter and newspapers across the state over the weekend wasn't a positive one as word came down that former Lowndes offensive lineman Ed Christian was shot and killed in Alabama. The 2009 AJC Super 11 standout signed with Auburn out of high school, but was killed after he tried to intervene during a disagreement that led to the deaths of three people. Papers from Columbus to Valdosta to Gainesville carried the story.

I remember calling a 2009 game at McConnell-Talbert Stadium between the Vikings of Lowndes and the Northside-Warner Robins Eagles. Though Christian's team lost, I spoke

with some of the members of the Lowndes radio team about Christian, who had just de-committed from Florida State. The radio crew and coaches had nothing but positive words to say about him. Just three days later, Scott Janovitz and I had him on The Official Visit on 790 The Zone to talk about his decision to de-commit from FSU. At the time he told us he liked Auburn, where he would eventually sign. Christian redshirted at Auburn during the 2010 season before injuries forced him to retire from the game of football.

So many times people lose track of these names and faces once National Signing Day passes, especially if some of these athletes

go to a different school or drop off the radar. Christian was one of the athletes that I would imagine many forgot about after he was forced to retire from football due to injuries.

Hopefully, this tragedy opens some eyes that these high school athletes are not merely slabs of meat to be divvied up by the nation's top recruiters each February. Perhaps fans on message boards will also take it easy on kids that don't go to their school or that do and fail to live up to unreal expectations. I credit Christian for continuing to stay at Auburn to pursue a degree despite a medical disqualification. He was living up to the student portion of student-athlete, and if the reports of his trying to break up the confrontation were true, then he should be viewed as a tragic hero.

SUMMER HOURS ...

It is always nice when summer hits and suddenly I can get 790 on my radio while driving into the office. Listening to Chris, Nick and Steak breaking down the NBA playoffs is always such a joy opposed to listening to 680's morning show fill as much air time as possible with crackpot reality television recaps. I have no problem with reality tele-

vision show recaps....on FM morning shows. On AM sports talk radio, though, I kind of like it when the morning show hosts talk about, you know, SPORTS.

SCHEDULES FILLED OUT ...

GPB and GPB.org have been bringing top-notch games to viewers across the state for years, but the 2012 slate of games could be the best batch yet. While the schedules are still being finalized, several of the matchups that have been locked in are some that will have Georgia high school football fans running around parking lots in anticipation. The GPB.org schedule will get things off and running with an incredible first three weeks as the crew heads to Flowery Branch (as the Falcons face Northside-Warner Robins), Buford (as the Wolves face Gainesville) and Calhoun (for the defending Class AA champions' game against Carrollton). GPB.org will also make stops at Chattahoochee, Brookwood, Alpharetta and Lassiter. Centennial, Central Gwinnett, Walton and Johns Creek are a few of the teams you will see this season.

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FABILOUS



Venezuelans in Major League Baseball

By Fabianna Blanco

Fabianna Blanco grew up in Venezuela before coming to America in 2008 to attend the University of Oregon. She is currently enrolled at the University of North Texas, where she will graduate this December with a broadcast journalism degree from the Mayborn School of Journalism. Here is her story on baseball, which is a big deal in her homeland.

Baseball has been Venezuela's most popular sport dating back to the early 20th century. Since 1939, 273 baseball players from Venezuela have played in Major League Baseball.

Venezuela has its own professional baseball league, called Venezuelan Professional Baseball League (VPBL), which is a winter league established in 1945. Los Leones del

Caracas is the most successful team, with Valencia's Navengantes del Magallanes a close second. Every time these two teams play, Venezuelan baseball stadiums get so crowded, there are people waiting outside of the gates just to listen to the game.

One of the most recognized Venezuelans to play in America is Ozzie Guillén. During his career, Guillén played shortstop for the White Sox (1985-97), Baltimore Orioles (1998), Atlanta Braves (1998-1999) and Tampa Bay Devil Rays (2000). After his playing days, he managed the Chicago White Sox to the 2005 World Series title before leaving Chicago for the Miami Marlins this season.

The Luis Aparicio Award was established

in 2004, name after the only Venezuelan baseball player to date that has been enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The award is given annually to honor the best Venezuelan-born player following each season.

CURRENT STARS ...

The Atlanta Braves currently have three Venezuelan players on their 40-man roster. The most recognized is former all-star Martin Prado, who has played left field and third base for the Braves this season. As of Wednesday, Prado had played in 60 games this year for Atlanta, slugging four home runs while posting a .318 average. He has also registered seven stolen bases this season.

The Detroit Tigers have the most Venezuelan players on their roster with five. Six-time all-star Miguel Cabrera leads the way. Cabrera was selected to the National League all-star team in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, as well as the AL all-star team in 2010 and 2011. The 29-year-old is widely considered to be one of the best hitters in baseball. His batting average this season now stands at a strong .323, to go along with 13 home runs and 51 RBIs. He has hit at least 30 home runs in seven of his previous eight seasons while batting .320. He has been an MVP-caliber

player since he debuted at 20-years old, receiving MVP votes in all nine of his Major League seasons. He has finished in the top five of the MVP voting the last three years.

Former Major League Baseball player Alfredo (Al) Jose Pedrique didn't have a tremendous career as a player, but has gone on to find success as a manager. Since his retirement, he has managed in the Diamondbacks, Astros and Royals organizations. He was most recently the Houston Astros' bench coach.

There would be more Venezuelan players in Major League Baseball if not for the country's current crime situation. The high crime rates are common in most parts of Venezuela, and the country has been struggling with a decade-high in homicides. There have been about 118,541 civilian deaths since President Hugo Chávez took office in 1999, according to the Venezuelan Violence Observatory, a group that compiles figures based on police files. It has, on occasion, affected baseball players. In November 2011, Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos was kidnapped in Caracas while playing in a winter league. After two days, he was rescued by police in the mountains of the state Carabobo.

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New faces bring optimism to Falcons

By Ryan Caiafa



After a 2011 campaign that saw the Falcons post a 10-6 record and once again return to the playoffs, the team continues to make adjustments in order to get over the figurative hump and make a deeper run next season. Tweaks to the roster were necessary after the Falcons were unceremoniously defeated in the playoffs by the eventual champions, the New York Giants.

Major coaching changes were among the first moves made during this offseason as former offensive coordinator, Mike Mularkey, accepted the head coaching job with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Ironically, the Falcons hired Dirk Koetter, who served as the Jaguars' offensive coordinator since 2007, to replace Mularkey. To go along with a new offensive guru, the Falcons also had to replace defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder, who took the same position with Auburn. The team went with a bigger name to guide the defense as former San Francisco 49ers head

coach Mike Nolan was hired just two days after Koetter's arrival.

IRRESISTIBLE FORCE ...

With plenty of explosive weapons on the offensive side of the ball, head coach Mike Smith and Koetter have been working diligently during OTAs in order to maximize the potential of the offense and quarterback Matt Ryan. Koetter's main focus in his offensive schemes is the use of vertical passing game, which, with Pro Bowl-level receivers in Roddy White and Julio Jones, should improve Ryan's ability to get these playmakers the ball more consistently.

White has remained one of the league's best receivers, while Jones looks to improve on his impressive rookie season, when he led all rookies with eight touchdowns. Jones also shared 54 receptions and 959 yards, second among rookies in both categories to the Ben-

gals' A.J. Green. Although Koetter brings a new voice to go along with his offensive sets, major changes to the already potent offense will not be necessary.

"They've adjusted their schemes and terminology to what we were doing and fitting in," center Todd McClure said. "It's been an easy adjustment for us."

IMMOVEABLE OBJECT ...

On the defensive side of the ball, it was clear that after last season's tough end that improvements would be needed. In particular, the secondary, which struggled to stop some of the game's top wide outs, needed work. For just a seventh-round draft pick, the Falcons were able to upgrade the secondary by trading for four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Asante Samuel. Samuel brings a winning attitude to the team as he is a two-time Super Bowl champion with the Patriots and, since 2006, Samuel has led the NFL with 38 interceptions.

Acquiring Samuel from Philadelphia to go along with cornerbacks Dunta Robinson and Brent Grimes adds significant depth to the secondary and allows the Falcons flexibility to formulate defensive schemes that cater to each player's strengths. Samuel recently stated where he wants to be positioned as he looks to become a prominent figure in Mike Nolan's system.

"I want to be on the left-side [of the ball]," Samuel told the Atlanta Journal Constitution. "This is a right-handed league and I want to be where the ball is coming."

With a desire to play mostly where the ball is, the team will expect Samuel to sustain his Pro Bowl-caliber play as the Falcons look to improve on their ability to shut down the league's elite passing offenses.

DRAFT-DAY STARS ...

In April's draft, the Falcons were without a first-round pick due to the draft-day trade last season to acquire Julio Jones. The team used all six of its picks to address other key needs. In Round 2, they selected center Peter Konz, out of Wisconsin, in order to provide offensive line stability and as a future replacement to veteran center McClure. Many believe the 14-year veteran is in the twilight of a solid Falcons career. In Round 3, another offensive lineman was taken as offensive tackle Lamar Holmes out of Southern Miss became the Falcons' pick.

Holmes' impressive physique, at 6-foot-

6, 333 pounds, adds depth to the line and increased quarterback protection of Matt Ryan. After the release of Pro Bowler Ovie Mughelli, the role of fifth-round selection Bradie Ewing, a fullback out of Wisconsin, will likely be significant his rookie season. Ewing will be battling former Georgia Tech star Mike Cox for the starting fullback spot. Also in the fifth round, the Falcons began addressing defense, taking defensive end Jonathan Massaquoi out of Troy. The team hopes that Massaquoi will become an effective pass-rusher as he will learn under the tutelage of veteran defensive ends John Abraham and Ray Edwards. Round 6 saw the Falcons add depth at safety, with Charles Mitchell out of Mississippi State. Mitchell started three seasons for the Bulldogs. The team's final selection was another SEC-product as defensive tackle Travian Robertson was taken in the seventh round.

For the Falcons to return to the postseason for the third-straight season, they will face a brutal slate of games against some of the league's best. There are few, if any, games that the Falcons can consider easier than others. The team will battle against AFC West foes early, traveling to Kansas City to start the season, welcoming Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos at the Georgia Dome for Monday Night Football in Week 2, then heading out west for a date with the Chargers in Week 3. As if that isn't tough enough, the schedule also includes the NFC East, which will see the Falcons travel to Washington and Philadelphia to go along with home games against Dallas on Monday Night Football and the aforementioned Giants. The usual tough home-and-home divisional matchups against the Saints, Panthers, and Buccaneers are also on the schedule, and the team will also have to travel to Detroit to take on the explosive Lions, whom they knocked off at Ford Field last season.

With fresh faces and new voices guiding the team, there is reason for optimism in Atlanta once again. With Ryan under center, Michael Turner in the backfield and a receiving core of White, Jones and veteran tight end Tony Gonzalez, the offense should remain as explosive as ever. The acquisition of Samuel should spark the overall attitude of the defense as the team looks to shake off two straight disappointing finishes to the season.

Photo courtesy of the Atlanta Falcons/Jay Adams. Caiafa can be reached at rcaiafa@scoreatl.com.

WHOS HOT

THUMBS UP TO FIRST-ROUNDERS



Lucas Sims

Congrats to another local boy made good. The Gwinnett native and recent Brookwood graduate was selected by the hometown Braves last week in the first round (21st pick overall) of the MLB draft. The big right-hander could be the next power arm in Atlanta's future.

Olympic Sports

We're about six weeks away from London 2012. Obviously, most of us American sports fans don't spend a ton of our free time watching swimming, gymnastics, track and field, etc. That said, study up and get ready to be an intelligent and patriotic fan when you're tuning in to the action next month.

NBA Finals

A Miami Heat versus OKC Thunder final is like looking into the NBA future for the next several years. Kobe's Lakers, Garnett/Pierce/Allen/Rondo's Celtics and the Spurs are trending downward. The NBA's most dynamic scorer, Kevin Durant, and three-time MVP LeBron James are star players with staying power.

Losing Smooove

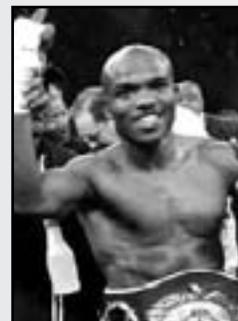
The prospect of the Hawks losing forward Josh Smith after this year is scary. Ill-advised jumpers or not, he's the guy making the highlights at the Highlight Factory. On any night, he can be the Hawks' best scorer, shot blocker and/or rebounder. The Hawks need to find a way to keep this homegrown talent.

Offseason football violence

Last weekend's violence off-campus near Auburn is another example (in a best case scenario) of college athletes being in the wrong spot at the wrong time. So, when is enough, enough? At some point "student-athletes" have to learn to make better choices. Maybe now, some of our kids can learn a lesson.

Pro Boxing

Last week, the judges awarded a decision to Timothy Bradley over Manny Pacquiao in their title fight in Las Vegas. Very few people agree with the judges' scoring. Really? And can you name your favorite heavyweight boxer? No, two timely examples of all the black eyes boxing keeps giving itself.



WHOS NOT

THUMBS DOWN TO CORRUPTION

SCORE LIST

BY BRIAN JONES

- 1** **MINICAMP TIME:** Alright, Falcons fans. If you want to get an early look at the 2012 Atlanta Falcons, make sure you head to Flowery Branch Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday because they will be holding minicamp at their training facilities. Will fans like the new offense for the Falcons? Is Mike Nolan the right guy for the defense? Fans will know more about this team when they make their way to Hall County next week. Go to atlantafalcons.com for times and directions.
- 2** **BRAVES DO AL EAST:** This week and next week has been and will be an AL EAST party for the Braves. They already took on the Yankees this week and will face the Orioles this weekend. After that, the Braves will travel to New York to face the Yankees again and finish the week at Fenway Park against the Boston Red Sox. It's fun to see the Braves play against team that they normally don't play. With that said, they have to come out of this stretch on top to stay with the rest of the NL East.
- 3** **PIGSKIN PREVIEW:** The annual Pigskin Preview roundtable took place this week at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in Macon. This is where coaches and players from every college football program in Georgia get together and talk about the upcoming season. For example, the Georgia Bulldogs updated their depth chart. One of the many changes was Merritt Hall starting at fullback ahead of Zander Ogletree and Kolton Houston starting at right tackle. I wouldn't look too much into this because the depth chart will change a few times once the season begins.
- 4** **ON TO CHICAGO:** The Georgia Force are now in first place in the American Conference South Division and look to strengthen the lead when they face the Chicago Rush on Saturday night. The last time these two teams got together was back in April, and the Force won big, 70-49. R.J. Archer threw for 205 yards and six touchdowns for the Force. He's going need another effort like that if the Force want to improve their record to 8-6 on the year.
- 5** **NEW WEBSITE:** Have you checked out the new ScoreATL.com yet? If not, you are missing out. The new website is much improved from the old one. From easier access to older stories to the new slider feature that has the top three daily stories from the Atlanta sports scene, the new website gives fans the information they need when it comes to high school, college and pro sports in Atlanta. In fact, I suggest you check out ScoreATL.com right now!

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

BY FLETCHER PROCTOR & PATRICK TIGHE

- 131** Total interleague wins for the Braves since interleague play began in 1997
- 10** Stolen bases by Sid Bream as a Brave. Bream was honored by the team last weekend
- 1.19** Braves first-round pick Lucas Sims' ERA at Brookwood in the 2012 season
- 7.1** Innings Mike Minor pitched against the Yankees on Tuesday, his longest outing since April
- 3** Losses for Johnny Venters this year. He had two all of last year
- 2** Picks the Hawks hold in the 2012 NBA Draft
- 0** Players from the 2011 draft that made the Hawks' roster
- 10** Games second-team left tackle Will Svitek started last season for the Falcons
- 3** Falcons minicamp sessions open to the public next week
- 21.6** Points-per-game for Angel McCoughtry this season, which leads the Dream

TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the Braves' home record against the Yankees in Atlanta prior to this week's series?

Answer on Page 14

SANITY AT LAST

"Sam is coming back in very good shape. He physically looks good. He's been working hard in the offseason. His focus is to come back and win that left tackle job and continue to help us win games as he has many times over the last four seasons."

- Falcons GM Thomas Dimitroff on left tackle Sam Baker.

COACH'S DIARY

New Centennial football coach Jeffrey Carlberg is quickly putting his fingerprints on the Knights program, and he has invited Score along for the ride during his first year at the helm. Here are highlights from last week.

The team is working hard in preparation for the season and we are growing anxious for the season to begin. The new uniforms have come in and they look great. We are also planning for our team camp trip to Alabama next month. The team will camp at Hayden High School on July 15-17. All varsity players will



be participating in the camp and we have also invited the freshmen to go as well, though it is not mandatory for them to attend. It will be a learning experience for the freshmen, so I encourage as many of them to attend as possible.

This is an important time for the team to do some bonding and for the players to work on their football skills. The Centennial community is buzzing with excitement over the upcoming season, and it is important that all of the players continue to develop their skills and their strength by taking advantage of weight training.



Area's best QBs and WRs visit Raider Valley

By Craig Sager II

The 9th Annual Atlanta Quarterbacks and Receivers Camp welcomed prospects from across the Southeast to Walton's Raider Valley for three intense days of training. The camp was founded by Walton offensive coordinator Tripp Allen.

This year's group consisted of about 160 players from schools such as East Paulding, Harrison, Lassiter, Lumpkin County, Pope, St. Pius X, Tucker, Walton and the state of Florida. The camp is unique in that the quarterbacks and receivers perform as many reps as they can, while being matched up with a player from another school. For example, a St. Pius X quarterback will throw to an East Paulding receiver.

On Day 1 the players looked sharp, and it was clear that teams have already been busy this offseason with drills and 7-on-7 tourna-

ments. The quarterbacks were hitting their targets and the receivers were catching the ball. Walton star running back Tyren Jones was the most impressive athlete on Day 1 after showing up for the camp with 20 pounds of additional muscle from the 2011 season.

Leading the quarterbacks on the first day was Parker McLeod, who had just committed to Alabama hours before the camp kicked off. In fact, the biggest story of the first day was the Alabama sweep of McLeod and Jones as both are coming off tremendous junior seasons.

GOLDEN PERFORMANCE ...

St. Pius X brought all their quarterbacks, tight ends and receivers once again to the camp. Junior safety Nick Glass took advantage of a rare opportunity to jump over to the

offensive side of the ball after achieving so much success last year on defense. The Golden Lions' defense held eight teams to less than six points and recorded five shutouts over the course of the 2011 season. While Geno Smith was the leader of the defense, Glass also made an impact, and colleges took notice of the sophomore. The 6-foot-2, 205-pound Glass already stands as one of the state's top recruits for 2014. The four-star safety has committed to the University of Georgia.

St. Pius X quarterback Jack Spear was impressive all three days of the camp. One might not expect a team known for running the triple option to look so good passing the ball, but Spear stood out as perhaps the best quarterback other than McLeod. Nick Ruffin certainly stepped up to help his quarterback with an outstanding Day 3. Ruffin, who played running back in the option last season, will make the move to wide receiver as the Golden Lions expand their playbook. Michael Sikorski will also play receiver for the Golden Eagles next season and made some of

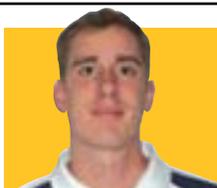
the tougher catches all of camp.

When a brief one-on-one route running session broke out towards the end of Day 3, it was Ruffin that accepted every challenge and jumped to the front of the line. One interesting challenge came when teammates squared off as Ruffin faced Glass.

The Atlanta Quarterbacks and Wide Receivers Camp was a success with countless prospects picking up valuable tips and tricks from coaches and instructors helping out over the three days. The camp was an opportunity not just for quarterbacks and receivers to get on the same page as the 2012 high school football season quickly approaches, but also for athletes such as Jones and Glass to jump out to receiver and expand their overall skill set. Jones displayed excellent route-running abilities which could help him once he arrives in Tuscaloosa. Glass also showed that Mark Richt could be getting a potential two-way star in Athens on National Signing Day 2014.

Photos courtesy of Sonny Kennedy. Sager can be reached at 404-256-1572.

BASKETBALL UPDATE



Catching up with a champion

By Fletcher Proctor

McEachern won the girls Class AAAAA basketball crown this past season in part based on the efforts of the six Lady Indians who have signed with or committed to college programs. Head coach Phyllis Arthur had four seniors in her starting lineup to begin the year that had signed with college programs, and she admitted that it will be difficult to replace those seniors who have now graduated.

"We lost three of our top players from last year to graduation," said Arthur, who was in between games at a summer tournament at Osborne.

One of those players was Pachiyaanna Roberts, who earlier this week was named a Parade All-American. She will play college basketball at Syracuse next season.

"It will take two or three players to replace Pachis and everything she did," said Arthur. "You can't just replace a Parade All-American."

Another senior that has moved on is Destinie Gibbs, though she will head to Los Angeles to play at Southern California after originally signing with Ole Miss. Gibbs was released from her scholarship after the Ole Miss head coach that recruited her left the program in Oxford. The McEachern coach said Gibbs, a 5-foot-11 guard, fell in love with USC on a trip to L.A. in early May.

"The whole place is for her," said Arthur. "Los Angeles, California, the school, the program, she just fell in love with it all."

USC also promised that Gibbs will be com-

peting for playing time once she steps on campus.

"They told her she'd play right away because they like her size," revealed Arthur. "They are looking at her for a lot of playing time early. She has a chance to start at a beautiful school."

The McEachern program also lost Dominique Wilson and Kayla Montgomery to Arkansas and Clemson, respectively. Arthur's cupboard isn't bare, however, as she has rising senior Mia Cooper (South Carolina) and rising sophomore Te'a Cooper (North Carolina) returning to help defend the GHSA title.

"Thank goodness the Cooper sisters are back," gushed Arthur. McEachern also has a very talented freshman entering the program in Jayla Lewis as well as some returning seniors.

As most power programs in Georgia do, McEachern will face something of a national schedule in 2012-13 as the team will travel to face Norcross, as well as, to Washington D.C. to play in a national tournament. The team has also been invited to the Nike Tournament of Champions in Arizona.

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KELL PREVIEW



Langley will lead Longhorns in 2012

By Craig Sager II

The Kell Longhorns finished 2011 with a 9-3 record after falling in the second round of the playoffs to Lovejoy. The Longhorns look like a potential contender for a state title in 2012, but they will first concentrate on winning a region title.

The Longhorns should like their chances to win a region crown in 2012. Out of the 11 teams in the Region 7-AAAA, Pope was the only other team that had a winning record (10-2) in 2011. Kell has owned this east Cobb rivalry, winning the last seven against the Greyhounds.

The Longhorns start their 2012 season in the Georgia Dome with an early and unusual 9 a.m. kickoff time against the Chattahoochee

Cougars in the Corky Kell Classic. For the third straight season, the Longhorns are kicking off their season in the Dome before noon. Chattahoochee, winners of the 2010 Class AAAA state title, was also knocked out in the second round of last year's state playoffs. This will be Chattahoochee's first time playing in the Corky Kell Classic.

"I think that it will definitely help us," said Kell wide receivers coach Jonathan Gordon. "Our kids are going to be used to the routine of an early game and staying in a hotel because of our game last year, where (the Cougars) are going to have to adjust for the first time."

Before the Longhorns meet Chatta-

hoochee, they still have to make a decision on the three QBs who are fighting for the starting job this year. The Longhorns have until the end of two-a-days and a scrimmage with Marietta the weekend before the Chattahoochee game to get the new starting quarterback ready for 2012.

Kell will rely heavily on the playmaking ability of Brandon Langley this season in all three phases of the game.

"He played both sides of the ball for us last year, and he is that rare type that can play all 48 minutes of the game too," said Gordon.

Langley's college decision has been put on hold, although the four-star recruit is certain he will be going somewhere in the SEC next year. Alabama and Georgia have been rumored to be Langley's top two choices as of now. Georgia is telling Langley that the Bulldog coaches would enjoy using him on both sides of the ball like they did with Brandon Boykin. The Tide, however, want to exploit Langley's skills at defensive back.

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BROOKWOOD PREVIEW



Broncos seek winning formula

By David Hurst

If you ask people for the characteristics of a successful football program, you might get answers such as good athletes, team chemistry, a strategic game plan and an experienced coaching staff. Brookwood football coach Mark Crews says the winning formula is a team with leadership and character. Crews has the results to back his philosophy up: in his nine years with the Brookwood football program he's made the state playoffs all nine seasons, accumulated an overall record of 97-29 and won a state championship title.

"It helps having good players, but the leadership and character have to fall into place," Crews said. "Our guys have to work hard and understand that leadership and character go hand in hand with having a good year."

To Crews' liking, one of the takeaways

from spring practice was that he believes this year's team has a solid group of leaders. Crews also said 7-on-7 drills are beneficial to players on both sides of the ball.

"The 7-on-7 and passing leagues are good because they give us the opportunity to tune up route-running and work on our timing," Crews said. "This season we're young on defense, and these drills will be good for getting people dropping in the right places, communicating with each other and concentrating on fundamentals and schemes."

Some key returners played on the 2010 state championship team and know what it takes to get to a state championship. Senior offensive lineman Adam Ledford started on the 2010 championship team and will continue to pave the way upfront. Ledford will look to cre-

ate running lanes for the two-headed attack of running backs Jamaal Cole and Josh Brown.

The Brookwood offense will also get some help at the receiver position this season from Orlando-area transfer Kyrin Priester. The UGA commit is a 6-foot-2, 185-pound senior receiver known for his athleticism.

"It's always a plus when you've got a strong running game and a big-play threat on the outside," Crews said. "It puts pressure on the defense by spreading the field and will add

some firepower to our offense."

On the defensive side of the ball, defensive end/linebacker Shaun McGee will look to disrupt opposing offenses with his athleticism and ability to create pressure on the quarterback. The 6-foot-3, 236-pound senior is collecting interest from FBS schools, including offers from Alabama, Michigan State, Louisville and Kentucky.

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ELCA PREVIEW



Green, Rochell to power Chargers

By Patrick Tighe

Landmark Christian cut the Eagles Landing Christian Academy Chargers' 2011 season short with a 14-7 victory in the GHSA Class A football playoff semifinals. ELCA head coach Jonathan Gess believes that this opportunity of a new season will help cleanse mistakes of the past, which will pave the way for brighter circumstances come early December.

"We came in overconfident for the Landmark Christian game," Gess said. "I think this new group of seniors will learn from what happened last year so they can build on the work from past teams to be successful this year."

TALENTED DUO ...

The Chargers have been turbo charged

by two blue-chip prospects. Senior Keyante Green and defensive end Isaac Rochell are two giant engines that pump the Chargers' train down the tracks.

Green, a UCLA Bruins commit, ran for 970 yards, 16 touchdowns and recorded 104 tackles and six sacks on defense in the fall as a Chargers junior.

In an interview with Michael Carvell of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Green raved about what stood out for him at UCLA.

"Coach Mora is a guy I trust," Green said. "He went through his whole UCLA plan with me over the phone, how everything is going to be there. He told me he was looking for a few Georgia guys that were willing to work, and he wanted to me."

Rochell, a recent Notre Dame commit,

is pleased with where he committed and believes the future of the Notre Dame program is strong.

Bryan Fischer, CBS Sports Football Recruiting blogger, quotes Rochell as saying that the 2013 Notre Dame class will be special and that the Irish are going in the right direction.

Gess described spring practice as a good learning experience, but there is always room for improvement.

"It's spring practice, everything needs to be tightened up to be successful this next season," Gess said. "The kids just need to work hard this summer and try their best to get better everyday and we should be fine come fall."

This time out, the Chargers hope not to burn out on their run to a Class A football championship.

Photo courtesy of Keyante Green. Tighe can be reached at ptighe@scoreatl.com.



DREAM NEWS



Dream suffering through June

By Joe Deighton

The Dream have yet to hit their stride so far this season and have struggled to a 3-5 mark through the first eight games. Atlanta has lost four of five games this month and was blown out by Connecticut last Sunday 92-73. An 11-0 Connecticut run to start the fourth quarter buried the Dream's chances for a road victory. Atlanta made a run in the final minutes, but it was too little, too late.

"I thought we did a great job of cutting it to six, and then we threw the ball away twice," head coach Marynell Meadors told the AP. "They came back and scored, and when that happened, it took a little excitement out of it and deflated us a bit."

Fourth quarters have been deflating to Dream fans lately and finishing games has been an issue for Atlanta. Chicago hit a buzzer-beating three to tie the game before beating

the Dream in overtime 94-92 on June 2. The New York Liberty outscored Atlanta in the fourth quarter 18-12 to complete a comeback 79-74 win on June 5.

Against Connecticut, the Dream again put up just 12 points in the final quarter. The Dream have to be better in crunch time if they want to get above .500. The goal at this point of the season should be to get to a winning record before battling to get back in the Eastern Conference race.

MCCOUGHTRY ON FIRE ...

The Dream will be in good shape if they continue to get the ball into the hands of their best player, Angel McCoughtry. The third-year forward has been the Dream's best player in every game this season. McCoughtry has one of the best overall games in the league,

averaging 21.6 points, 5.6 rebounds, 3.8 steals and just over a block per game.

McCoughtry's presence down low on both ends of the court make her a threat to get easy baskets and timely boards. Outside shooting is not one of the strongest points of her game, but against New York, McCoughtry was able to knock down two shots from beyond the arc. Atlanta will be successful if McCoughtry scores points inside the paint and on the break. Spreading the ball around to take the focus off their superstar will not get the job done for the Dream and has not so far this season.

POINT GUARD PLAY ...

The play of point guard Lindsey Harding is very important to Atlanta's overall game. In the three wins, the point guard has averaged 14.3 points and 4.3 rebounds. In the five losses, Harding has averaged just 12 points per game. The stat that matters for a point guard has been lacking in nearly every game this season. The most glaring number for Harding was zero assists in a 78-62 loss to Indiana.

However, numbers are not the only indicator of how a point guard is leading a team. In the 60-57 win over San Antonio, Harding was able to distribute the ball and get fast breaks off turnovers down the stretch. The

team has struggled to close out games, but the turnovers at the end of the fourth quarter helped get the Dream the win.

"Even at the end of the game, our strongest suit is to run and get them on their heels," Harding told the AP. "We did that in the second half, which led us to being successful."

When Harding starts to put big numbers up, as expected, the Dream should see big results.

ON THE DOCKET ...

The Dream will have two chances to get a win in front of the home crowd at Philips Arena, tonight against the Los Angeles Sparks and Sunday against the Connecticut Sun. L.A. and Connecticut are playing some of the best basketball in the league and have a combined 12-1 record this season. The Sparks are led by forward Candace Parker, who averages nearly a double-double with 18.9 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. The McCoughtry-Parker matchup should be something to watch in this game. The Sun have four players that average double figures, including Tina Charles' 20.9 ppg. Charles scored 22 points and added 11 rebounds in the last game against the Dream. McCoughtry will be counted on again to stop Connecticut's best player.

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PANTHER PROWL



Track athletes flourish in NAAs

By Brian Jones

With the start of the offseason, organizing the master plan for the athletics program and the coming football season have been the talk around campus.

But there is one sport that has earned time for some reflection.

The track and field teams put together another successful season after having a breakout year in 2011. There was one athlete for the women's team that qualified for the NCAA Championships: Angelia Nugent in the triple jump. Nugent did not participate after suffering an injury. Regardless, Nugent broke her own school record and is the only Georgia State athlete to advance to two consecutive NCAA Championships.

On the men's side, Valentin Poncelet placed fifth in the 5,000 meters in the NCAA Championships. He won the race twice during the regular season and also won a 1,500 meter race. He was named CAA Runner of the Week once in April.

WELCOME NEWHOUSE ...

Athletics director Cheryl Levick added a new member to her staff as Matthew Newhouse was named the new assistant AD for Marketing. Newhouse joins the staff from GamePlan Financial Marketing where he

served as Director of Field Marketing the last two years. Prior to that, Newhouse spent four years at Florida State serving as the Associate Director of Marketing and Promotions.

"Matthew is a very strong addition to the Georgia State Athletics staff, and we are delighted to welcome him to our team," said Levick on the Georgia State website. "He has proven sales experience in the Atlanta market as well as significant experience marketing, one of the nation's top athletics programs."

PIGSKIN PREVIEW ...

While Levick was making moves on campus, football head coach Bill Curry and a few of the members of the football team were down in Macon on Tuesday taking part in the annual Pigskin Preview, where coaches and players from every college program in Georgia talk about the upcoming season.

"I think Georgia State had no choice but to make the move to FBS when we did and to the Sun Belt," Curry said when asked about the changes with Georgia State. "I believe that was not only a good decision, but it will eventually prove to be a great decision."

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OWL OUTLOOK



Owls drafted; new logo unveiled

By Chris Lionetti

The Kennesaw State baseball program enjoyed a successful 2012 MLB First Year Player draft, as six members of the KSU program were drafted by Major League clubs. Five of the Owls were drafted on the draft's third day and one of the players, catcher Ronnie Freeman, was drafted in the fifth round on the second day. Freeman, who batted .352 for the Owls this year, was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks. The catcher is known for his power and average, two strengths that should help him rise through the ranks in Arizona's farm system.

The other Owls drafted this year were Will Howard (Baltimore), Travis Dean (Texas), Josh Carr (Detroit), Jordan Hillyer (Miami), and Alex Liquori (Minnesota). Howard and Carr, both seniors, are expected to sign their contracts soon and begin play once they are assigned a minor league affiliate.

Howard made one error all season while manning center field for the Owls, and Carr led the Atlantic Sun Conference in wins with nine. Dean has only played two seasons for the Owls and there is a chance he may return to play another season instead of playing for the Rangers. Hillyer and Liquori are high

school seniors who signed letters of intent to play for Kennesaw State. Both athletes are expected to honor their commitment. Hillyer is a pitcher with a strong arm while Liquori is an outfielder that will try to take Howard's spot in center field.

OWL HONORS ...

The Owls were recently awarded the Sherman Day Trophy, an award that is given annually to the Atlantic Sun's top women's program. Kennesaw State has won the award twice in the past three years. ... KSU had 109 student-athletes garner Atlantic Sun All-Conference Honors with 29 of the athletes being first-team selections. ... Two of the school's coaches were awarded for their superb seasons. Andy Eggerth was named the A-Sun Men's Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year and Scott Whitlock was named the A-Sun Women's Softball Coach of the Year. ... The University unveiled its new logo Tuesday. Rickabaugh Graphics designed the logo, which will help represent the school's growing image.

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BULLDOG BEAT



Coaches, AD receive completed contracts

By Stephen Black

Football coach Mark Richt and athletics director Greg McGarity received their approved contracts on June 7 by the UGA Athletic Association's board of directors. While McGarity was extended to the 2017 season, Richt was extended through 2016.

Richt is currently the dean of SEC coaches, having been at UGA since 2001. While Steve Spurrier has coached in the SEC in two different stints since 1990, Richt has been continuously in Athens longer than Spurrier has been at his current gig at South Carolina.

"Mark Richt is not only the dean of SEC coaches, he is a person who has represented the University of Georgia extraordinarily well since he arrived in December of 2000," said Adams. "He has compiled a very strong record of wins and losses over that period. I am glad we were able to work out this contract extension which I believe is good for the University, good for football and good for Mark."

McGarity has been AD at Georgia since fall of 2010.

"One always has concerns about how any new hire might turn out," said Adams. "But two years into our relationship with Greg McGarity, he has proven to be not only competent but extraordinary."

One day after Richt and McGarity received their contracts, defensive coordinator

Todd Grantham received a raise to \$825,000 per year through 2014. One odd note about the deal is that Grantham can leave without a financial penalty for an NFL or college head coaching job or NFL coordinator job.

The Virginia Tech graduate becomes the fourth-highest paid defensive coordinator in the SEC with the deal behind LSU's John Chavis, Alabama's Kirby Smart and Auburn's Brian VanGorder.

RAIDER DOG ...

Richt's program received its 20th commitment for the 2013 recruiting class Saturday when Alpharetta defensive end Naim Mustafaa revealed his intentions to sign with Georgia next February. Mustafaa was reportedly down to the Bulldogs and in-state rival Georgia Tech before informing UGA coaches that he was committing on a visit to Athens Saturday.

Mustafaa will likely play outside linebacker in UGA's 3-4 defensive alignment. The rising senior at Alpharetta also had offers from programs such as Florida, Florida State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Tennessee and Virginia Tech, in addition to Georgia Tech and UGA.

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TECH TALK



Jacket swimmer makes Olympics

By Patrick Tighe

Opening Ceremonies for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London will take place on July 27. Athletes from across the globe will compete in events such as track and field, swimming and basketball in an effort to bring home gold for their countries.

Tech rising sophomore swimmer Andrew Chetcuti recently participated at the Small States of Europe competition in the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle events, helping him qualify for the Maltese men's Olympic swim team. Chetcuti, who just completed his freshman year at Tech, was born in Marsascala, Malta, and has now set five Maltese national records.

"It's been pretty decent," Chetcuti said in a Skype conversation with John Cooper from Sting Daily. "I wasn't really expecting any national records, to be honest, at the meet because I'd been training straight through. So I was expecting to get some decent in-season times. So I was pretty shocked when I broke them."

The rising sophomore sensation finished the 50 meter in 23.60 seconds and the 100-meter heat in 51.85 seconds. Those marks join Chetcuti's list of records, which also includes the 200-meter freestyle and 200-meter and 400-meter medley relays.

"I'm excited that I'm actually going. It's a little bit of a shock," Chetcuti said of his expectations for the Olympics. "I'm not really sure my goals for London, I definitely want to go a sub-50 seconds for the 100 free and try to get top 30, I would be happy with."

PREVIOUS OLYMPIANS ...

Tech is no stranger to sending swimmers to Olympic competition. Four Yellow Jackets competed in the Olympic games in 2004 for various countries. Vesna Stojanovska represented Macedonia in 2004 while Gail Nova suited up Israel in Beijing. Onar Usa saw two tours of Olympic duty (2004, 2008) for Turkey.

Tech head coach Shealy Hart, a two-time gold medalist at the Sydney Games, is beaming with pride for her swimmer. Hart told Ramblinwreck.com that she plans to counsel Chetcuti just before he leaves for competition to give it his best effort no matter what.

"Continue to work hard. Don't relax now that you've made it," Hart said. "And while he's there, enjoy it. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. A lot of people will never have the chance to do. So just enjoy it and have fun."

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HAWKS HAVEN



Hawks prepare for NBA Draft

By Robby Kalland

The Hawks hold two picks in the 2012 NBA Draft with the 23rd and 43rd overall picks. In the next two weeks, the Hawks will be hosting a number of prospects for pre-draft workouts as they try to figure out which players will best fit the needs of the team in the years to come. The Hawks have invited 27 players to workout at Philips Arena from June 16-26, including Fab Melo, Doran Lamb, Tony Wroten, Tyshawn Taylor, Festus Ezeli, Draymond Green and Miles Plumlee.

MELLOW MELO ...

Syracuse center Fab Melo would make a lot of sense for the Hawks, as he would provide some stronger depth at the center position, while making unrestricted free agents Jason Collins and Eric Dampier expendable. Melo is not a scoring threat, but with Zaza Pachulia and Al Horford already on the roster, Melo's proficiency at blocking shots and collecting rebounds would be a welcome addition, giving the Hawks one of the deepest center rotations in the league. Melo would also provide head coach Larry Drew with flexibility in how he can rest his big men. The defensive presence

of Melo would allow Drew to alternate rest for Horford and Josh Smith, currently the Hawks best post scorers.

Washington guard Tony Wroten would also be a solid pick up for the Hawks in the late first round if Melo is off the board. Wroten is a dynamic scorer from the guard spot. With questions surrounding whether free agent Kirk Hinrich will be brought back, the Hawks need to find a young backup to Jeff Teague and Joe Johnson. Wroten averaged 16 points per game in his lone season with the Huskies, and at 6-foot-5, has the prototypical size to slide into the "combo-guard" role off the bench in the NBA.

Iona guard Scott Machado is a player the Hawks are very high on because he is a true point guard that would give them a pass-first option off the bench when Teague needs a breather. Machado does not have the flash or name recognition of some of the others that were invited to pre-draft workouts, but don't be surprised to hear Machado's name called for the Hawks on June 28.

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FALCONS FLIGHT



Fans invited to enjoy minicamp

By Sean Conway

For fervent and faithful Atlanta Falcons fans, next week is a prime opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the team's headquarters in Flowery Branch. Tuesday through Thursday (June 19-21) the Falcons will be holding their 2012 minicamp, and the afternoon sessions are open to the public.

The team will conduct walk-throughs on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Fans can arrive an hour before the 3:30 afternoon practice. (Thursday's open workout begins at 10:30 a.m.). As is custom with the Falcons' fan-friendly tradition, there will be interactive games for kids, as well as, concessions and team gear on sale.

MINICAMP PRIMER ...

So what should fans expect to see on the field next week? Probably not head coach Mike Smith or his new coordinators (Mike Nolan on defense and Dirk Koetter on offense) revealing too much about any changes in philosophy. That said, Smith and general manager Thomas Dimitroff emphasize the benefits of "self-scouting," so there should be some glimpses into upcoming "tweaks."

Speaking to the media last week, the tight-lipped Smith did give this tidbit away about the offense.

"We obviously changed some things from last year," said Smith. "Probably more will be

the same then changed, but I like the subtle changes we've seen. I like the competition we've seen along the offensive line. ... Competition is a very good thing."

Since Smith won't reveal much, here's the skinny. The Falcons offense will likely try to improve in three areas. First, there will be an emphasis on generating more push from the offensive line in short yardage situations. Although running back Michael Turner gained 1,340 yards on the ground in 2011, the hierarchy wants to become more efficient when the team only needs a few precious yards.

Second, fans can expect quarterback Matt Ryan to make more downfield throws in the passing game. Improved line play and a healthy Julio Jones in his sophomore professional season should help. Also, expect the Falcons to implement a more effective screen passing game. Another second-year player, running back Jacquizz Rodgers, and slot receiver Harry Douglas should reap the rewards of this initiative.

Rodgers, who was an effective pass catcher out of the backfield at Oregon State, was more upfront than Smith last week.

"Coach Dirk is a big man who is huge on running the screens, so we have a lot of screens in store."

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AL East invades, Smoltz honored

By Fletcher Proctor

After dropping eight straight games in the middle of May, the Braves had rebounded since the calendar turned to June by winning eight of 10 games. The team's success began by taking two of three from the Cardinals, then knocking off Gio Gonzalez and the Washington Nationals in D.C. Tommy Hanson bookended a six-game winning streak, beating the Nats then faking out the Toronto Blue Jays. Tim Hudson mixed in a complete game shutout, and even young starters Mike Minor and Randall Delgado each contributed a victory during the streak.

Julio Teheran was recalled by the team for a spot start this past Sunday, though things did not go well for the 21-year old. Teheran struck out five Blue Jays, but allowed four earned runs on four hits and could not make it out of the fifth inning. Livan Hernandez was tagged with the loss as Toronto pounded out 18 hits in the 12-4 victory.

YANKEE INVASION ...

The New York Yankees came to Turner Field earlier this week for a three-game series. In Game 1, the Braves managed just five hits in a 3-0 loss. Delgado gave up runs in the first, second and third innings while Atlanta could not even push a runner to third base on the night.

Game 2 was a punch to the stomach as

the Braves wasted a brilliant effort from Minor. The young lefty pitched into the eighth inning, allowing just five hits and one earned run while outpitching New York ace C.C. Sabathia. The Braves' bullpen allowed two home runs, including a grand slam as the Yankees rallied for a 6-4 victory. The loss was the first of the season for Atlanta when leading after the seventh inning. The team is now 27-1 while leading after seven.

HONORING 29 ...

The Braves took the opportunity last weekend to honor legendary pitcher John Smoltz by inducting him into the Braves Hall of Fame and then retire his No. 29. The team held a ceremony before Game 1 against Toronto, then unveiled the number in the left field upper deck, alongside many of the other retired numbers including Bobby Cox, Hank Aaron and Greg Maddux, among others.

"Words can't describe what I'm feeling to be a part of something you never dream of as a kid," said Smoltz, addressing the Turner Field crowd. "I always dreamed to play Major League Baseball, but not to be in this elite company. I accomplished all that I ever wanted to accomplish."

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GWINNETT BRAVES



Roster shuffled, slump continues

By Ryan Caiafa

June hasn't been so kind to the Gwinnett Braves. The team has struggled to regain its early season form that saw them race out to a big divisional lead. After a rough past few weeks dating back to the end of May, the Charlotte Knights have taken over first place from Gwinnett as the bats and starting pitching have been in a bit of a slump.

Ernesto Mejia continues to play at an all-star level, however, as he continues to lead the team with his above .300 batting average to go along with his team-leading totals in home runs and RBIs. He is second in the International League in batting average, trailing just Steve Pearce of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, and he is also in the top 10 in the league in home runs and RBIs. While Mejia remains hot for the G-Braves, the team is relying on others to attempt to shoulder the remaining offensive load. Jose Constanza has returned to the lineup and is expected to resume his solid play that got him called up to Atlanta for the better part of May and into June.

CHANGING LINEUP ...

Although the team has seen its recent share of struggles, Gwinnett hopes that the reemergence of some familiar faces from At-

lanta will help jumpstart the offense and the starting rotation to keep Gwinnett in the divisional race. To go along with Constanza's return to Triple-A, Atlanta optioned shortstop Tyler Pastornicky back to Gwinnett as Andrelton Simmons was called up from Double-A Mississippi. Last season, Pastornicky hit .365 in 27 games for Gwinnett, which led to his emergence as Atlanta's starting shortstop to start the 2012 season.

Kris Medlen was also sent down to Gwinnett to regain his role as a starting pitcher after Tommy John surgery sidelined him for much of the 2010 and 2011 seasons. Upon returning to Atlanta at the end of 2011, Medlen made relief appearances prior to being optioned to Gwinnett. The G-Braves hope that his development as a starter will help the team get back on track and bolster a starting lineup that, outside of Julio Teheran, has had recent difficulties.

Speaking of Teheran, he made a spot start in place of Tim Hudson in Atlanta against the Blue Jays on June 10. He allowed four hits and four runs and received a no decision in the team's loss.

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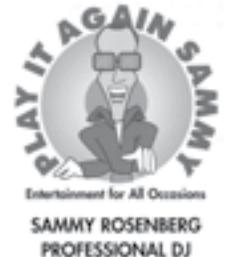


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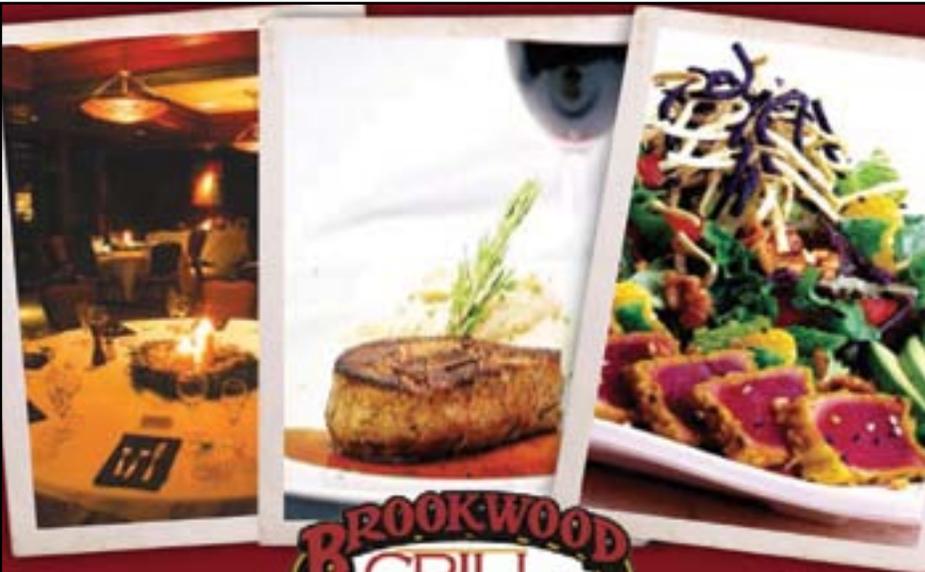
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OVERALL STANDINGS

CLASS AAAAA

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. Brookwood | 6. Harrison |
| 2. Walton | 7. Peachtree Ridge |
| 3. Mill Creek | 8. Alpharetta |
| 4. Milton | 9. North Cobb |
| 5. Lassiter | 10. North Gwinnett |

CLASS AAAA

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Marist | 6. McIntosh |
| 2. Johns Creek | 7. Lakeside, Evans |
| 3. Pope | 8. Chattahoochee |
| 4. Lambert | 9. Kell |
| 5. Starr's Mil | 10. Greenbrier |

CLASS AAA

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Woodward Acad. | 6. Gainesville |
| 2. St. Pius X | 7. Oconee County |
| 3. Allatoona | 8. Veterans |
| 4. Columbus | 9. Dalton |
| 5. Carrollton | 10. Eastside |

CLASS AA

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Westminster | 6. Calhoun |
| 2. Blessed Trinity | 7. Morgan County |
| 3. GAC | 8. Pierce County |
| 4. North Oconee | 9. Bleckley County |
| 5. Lovett | 10. Buford |

CLASS A

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Wesleyan | 6. Aquinas |
| 2. Darlington | 7. Holy Innocents' |
| 3. Savannah Chr. | 8. First Presbyterian |
| 4. Brookstone | 9. Mt. Paran Christian |
| 5. Athens Academy | 10. Calvary Day School |