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PREP SOFTBALL

Pure Perfection



Greeneville pitcher Kaitlyn Foster goes through her windup on Friday against Cumberland Gap.

Greeneville's Foster Tosses Run-Ruled Perfect Game

Greeneville pitcher Kaitlyn Foster was perfect from the circle, and the Lady Devils' offense was pretty close to flawless at the plate which led to a quick outing with Cumberland Gap on Friday afternoon.

Foster's untouchable stuff from the rubber combined with strong defense, and everyone in the Lady Devils' lineup finding a way to put the bat on the ball led to a 15-0 win over the Lady Panthers.

One day after tossing a one-hitter against West Greene, Foster one upped herself with a perfect game against Cumberland Gap.

In the four-inning contest, she struck out three. She only allowed one ball to make it to the grass, and that was a foul ball that shortstop Brylee Jones caught for an out.

"I could not ask for anything more from her," Greeneville coach

Jenna Restivo said. "She has come in strong over the past couple of days and that has been very uplifting for our team. She was hitting her spots, spinning the ball and moving it. She just makes the ball hard for hitters to hit, and that is all I ask of her. We just want them to have bad contact."

The win is Greeneville's third of the week after a 6-2 win over Class AAA Cocke County on Tuesday, and a 10-0 win over West Greene on Thursday. That has Restivo feeling pretty good heading into Saturday's game with North Greene.

"This is probably the best the girls have played all season," Restivo said. "I could not be any more proud of them right now. I told them this is my expectation of them every time we step on the field.

"This has been a long week. We have played three games and we

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Greeneville first baseman Ashlyn White looks in a throw on Friday as Cumberland Gap's Allie Bean (5) runs to the bag.

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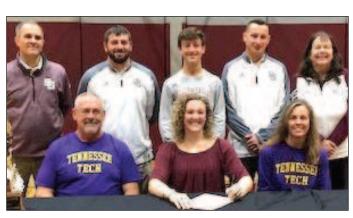


PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE SUN

South Greene High School basketball and volleyball player Taylor Lamb, center, has signed to play basketball for the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles, a Division I program in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Lamb Looking To Play Small Forward At Tech

Like most high school girls basketball players who stand nearly 6 feet, Taylor Lamb played most of her prep career at South Greene defending the post and trying to score with her back to the basket. Now that the 5-foot-9 Lamb

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NASCAR

Kyle Busch Not A Fan Of All-Star Race Rules

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Kyle Busch is growing tired of stock car racing's governing body trying to manufacture tighter competition in the annual All-Star race at the expense of the Cup Series' heavy hitters.

That's not what I signed up to be a NASCAR driver for is to scrunch the field up and take the advantage away from those guys that are fast," said Busch, last year's All-Star race winner.

In its seemingly never-ending quest to make the All-Star race more competitive and create more passing opportunities, NASCAR announced this week it will test a different aerodynamic package at the May 19 event at Charlotte Motor Speedway by requiring cars to have restrictor plates.

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Several recent All-Star races have featured one driver getting out in front of the field while running in clean air - and not being able to be caught.

The plates are used to choke horsepower and slow speeds, thus bunching up the crowd in an effort to make the race a little more exciting for fans.

That drew a groan from the often animated and outspoken

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These Guys Make Me Want To Fish

ever really been into fishing all that much. Then again, I've never had a lot of opportunity.



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Butch and Bill Clendenon, though, make me want to throw down my keyboard, pull on some waders and cast a fly. Those waltzed

into the newsroom yesterday and talked about trout fishing in a way that might have persuaded a member of PETA into wetting a

Armed with newspaper clippings and photos, they came to sell me on the Ogle Neas Kids' Fishing Day that their Cherokee Chapter of Trout Unlimited has been putting on for 29 years.

"We're a national conservation organization. Our main interest is cold water streams and the fish that live in them, which is trout, basically," Bill started. "Our conservation efforts are aimed at trout and education. We want to educate kids and make sure our trout waters are protected."

That got me to nibble. But what came next got me to bite. Hook, line and sinker.

"We learned as kids about the outdoors, nature and wildlife," Bill continued. "Today's kids have so many things to be involved in. They don't always have the chance to fish. They don't always have a parent who knows how to fish. So we try to give them the opportunity to be exposed to a fun activity and an educational activity that they can do their whole life.

"If their knees wear out, they can still go fishing. And it's been proven that a kid who gets involved in fishing is way less likely to get involved and interested in drugs and other things like that."

This year's fishing day will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 5 at the Dillard Place off of Viking Mountain Road. Registration by the Unaka Forest Service starts at

The event is for kids 12-and-under accompanied by an adult, but anyone can fish after 1 p.m. Anglers should bring their own equipment, and only single hooks are allowed. There's a four-fish limit and the forest service will bag the fish on ice for the trip home.

There will be giveaways by Trout Unlimited, the Smoky Bear mascot will be on hand to pass out goody bags, and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for purchase.

Around 250 people attend the fishing day each year.

"We now see 30-somethingyear-old men with their children and they tell us, 'My dad brought me here when I was a kid, so I'm bringing my kids here," Bill said. "So we're on the second generation and probably approaching the third generation of kids who have come to this event.

"We tell everybody to be respectful of their neighbor fishing beside them, be careful where they cast, don't litter and mess up this beautiful place that we have to do this. Watch out for poison ivy and the snakes are probably not poisonous."

Bill and Butch say the event usually goes off without a hitch. Just the occasional hook in a finger, or maybe a nose.

"One of the best things about this is, with all these people – kids and adults with fishing poles and hooks running around in circles - we've had very few incidents of injury," Bill said. "But we always have the rescue squad on hand just in case."

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