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Wrestlers come home after best ever Area Duals finish

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Atlanta - The Towns County Indians wrestling team fought for two days and came away with their best finish in Area 3-A Duals competition.

Head Coach Jeff Stowers' grapplers lost in the early going against Darlington to put them in the Consolation Bracket. A Duals trip to state was almost out of sight, but still within reach.

The Indians, forfeiting 24 points with each match up because of vacancies in the weight classes, faced elimination from here on out, but rose to the occasion. They topped Mt. Paran, Mount Pisgah; they fought tooth and nail with St. Francis. The only obstacle between a third place finish in this one: Darlington.

It wasn't to be as Darlington ended hopes of a third place finish, but the Indians finished the highest they've ever finished in Area Duals.

"Darlington's had a program for a long time," Coach Stowers said. "Coach Kelly McDurmon does a great job with those kids. Wrestling is about match ups and we don't match up very well with them."

"They've got some really good kids right in the middle where our good kids are," Coach Stowers said. "In order for us to win, those are matches we have to win."

"We did some maneuvering around and tried to get some different things done," Coach Stowers said. "We came up short a bit yesterday and came back and wrestled a good match against Mt. Paran. We came back early this morning and wrestled well against Mt. Pisgah. We probably wrestled as well as we have in awhile against St. Francis to get us a shot in the console finals."

"We did some more maneuvering in the console finals to get us in the right shape," he said. "We thought we had a chance, but when you give up 24 points you give up 24 points."

Coach Stowers was ecstatic with the effort of his wrestlers.

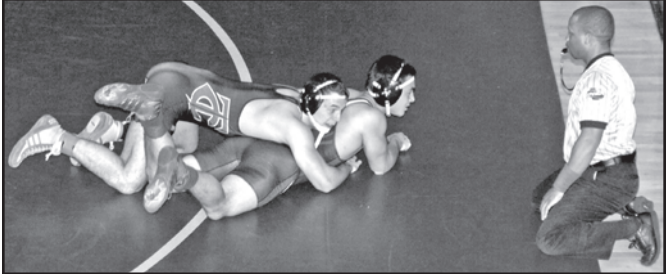
"I couldn't have been more proud of the kids," he said.



Towns County grapplers made it to the consolation finals in Area 3-A Duals at Holy Innocents. Photo by James Reese.



Zach Stroud gets the pin in Area Duals competition. Photo by James Reese.



Tyler Hoffman had a good showing at Area Duals. Photo by James Reese.



Tim Collier had a solid Area Duals competition. Photo by James Reese.

"They turned it on and wrestled really well against some pretty good wrestling teams. This is the farthest we've ever been in the area competition finishing fourth which is exciting coming off our third place finish last weekend in Dawsonville."

"I'm just real happy with the kids that wrestled, which

will set the stage for the last part of the season getting ready for area and sectionals for individual wrestlers," he said. "We're trying to get everybody healthy and ready to go. We'll see how many we can take to the state tournament and see what we can do down there."

TCMS Basketball back in full swing as Lady Indians triumph over Lady Rebels

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The Christmas Break is over and Towns County Middle School teams resumed play hosting the South Habersham Rebels on Thursday.

Lady Indians' Head Coach Lana Parker had her energetic team taking charge over their home court, dominating the Lady Rebels 40-17.

Towns County's Emory Patton broke into the scoring column first with an early bucket. Brooke Smith followed with three straight baskets. The Lady Indians took a 12-0 lead before Gracie Charles managed the Lady Rebels first basket just prior to the end of the first quarter as the Lady Indians held court 15-2. The Lady Indians maintained control through the second quarter taking a 25-9 lead into the locker room.

Returning to the hard court after the half, the Lady Indians carried their momentum through the third quarter expanding their lead 33-14. Coach Parker emptied her bench and still held the Lady Rebels to three points in the final frame as the Lady Indians claimed the 40-17 home victory. Brooke Smith led the Lady Indians with 19 points. Savannah Dyer followed with 9 points. Allie Parhaus led the Lady Rebels with 4 points.

The TCMS boys found the return from the break a little more difficult. They dropped a hard fought contest to the Rebels 37-29. South Habersham took the court by storm jumping out to a 15-4 lead in the opening frame. The Indians mounted a late second quarter charge and cut the Rebels lead to 21-18. The Indians fought to keep the Rebels from running away with the game. Midway through the fourth quarter the Indians managed to maintain the three point deficit 31-28. Down the final stretch the Rebels connected on free throws and pulled away 37-29.

Both Indian squads travel to Dahlonega on Monday to face the Lumpkin County Indians with a 4:15 tip off for the Ladies. The game scores were not available at press time. The teams wrap up their regular season at home on Thursday, Jan.12th facing the Union County Panthers.



Brooke Smith led all scorers with a game high 19 points. Photo James Reese.



Kristie Henson fires away against South Hab. Photo by James Reese.



Savannah Dyer fights for the rebound against South Hab. Photo by James Reese.

Indian Junior Varsity very impressive in victory over Commerce

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The Towns County Indian JV's Basketball Team got their second win of the season on their home court in fine fashion as they took a 35-25 victory over the Commerce Tigers last Friday. An early trey by Austin Wood got the Indians off and running toward a 5-0 lead which became 10-2 after one quarter with Trace Moss contributing heavily with a trey and a long deuce for the final five points in just forty one seconds between the 2:52 and 2:11 marks.

A put back basket and two treys by the 4:17 mark of the second quarter got the Tigers a 10-10 tie but it required just twenty seven seconds for Grant Arcencibia to strike for two treys at the 3:50 and 3:17 marks for a 16-10 lead the Indians would not relinquish. Moss added a jumper and a coast to coast run for four additional points as the Indians held a 22-13 lead at intermission.

The Tigers reduced the Indians' nine point lead by a point to 27-19 after three quarters but Dallas Manus, a freshman playing in just one quarter to be available for four more in the varsity game, scored all eight Indian points in the fourth quarter as they took the 35-25 victory. The Tigers never got closer than seven points in fourth quarter action.

Moss led the Indians in scoring for the game with



Boone Moss gets control of the ball against Commerce. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Dallas Manus puts up a deuce against Commerce. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

11 points and in assists with 3 in just two quarters. Manus with other scoring leaders being 8, and Wood with 5. Arcencibia with 9 on three treys

Lady Indian JV's survive late Lady Bears rally in win over Holy Innocents'

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After having their scheduled game against Commerce on Friday was canceled by the Lady Tigers, the Towns County Lady Indian JV's Basketball Team took their home court on Saturday and came away with a 33-28 victory over Holy Innocents' Episcopal School of Atlanta. The win gives the Lady Indians a 7-2 record for the season.

The Lady Indians used two field goals each by Alyssa Pyle and Karlie Albach, aided by two assists by Elizabeth Turner, in taking an 8-2 lead after one quarter which became 10-4 at intermission after the two teams battled to a 2-2 stand-off in the second. The Golden Bears suddenly struck for a deuce and a trey in the first 50 seconds of the third quarter for just a 10-9 deficit but it required just 13 seconds for the Lady Indians to go on a 14-0 run for a seemingly safe lead of 24-9.

An Albach basket triggered the run with five different Lady Indians contributing points and Albach providing three assists. Also included in the run were a deuce and a trey in just twenty seven seconds of playing time at the 3:46 and 3:19 marks by McKenzie Moss for five points.

The Lady Bears came alive after that run, however, by finishing the third quarter with a trey and two free throws for a 24-14 deficit and they used three additional treys to advantage in pulling to within 27-23 by the 3:34 mark of the fourth quarter. A Destiney Blythe free throw at 3:01 and two by Bailey Sutton at 1:50 seemed to give the Lady Indians plenty of cushion for a 30-23 lead but still another trey by the Lady Bears at 1:39 had them knocking on the door again at 30-26.

A Misty Lindemuth free throw at 29.0 seconds had the Lady Indians leading 31-26 but a steal and field goal at seven seconds had the Lady Bears within a trey of a tie game and a Lady Indian turnover gave them the ball for one last possession and a chance for a tie. A Holy Innocents' foul when the ball was inbounded, however, resulted in the Lady Indians regaining possession and Lindemuth sank two free throws with 1.7 seconds left to set the final score at 33-28.

Seven different Lady Indians put points on the board during the game with leaders being Lindemuth and Pyle with 7 each and Albach and Moss with 6 each. Leaders in assists were Albach with 4 and Turner with 2.



Alyssa Pyle nails a layup against Holy Innocents. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Misty Lindemuth braces for contact against Holy Innocents. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Madison Johnson goes to the basket against Holy Innocents. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

Low impact aerobics at Rec Center

The low impact aerobics class is held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Towns County Recreation Center. Utilizing a variety of exercise tools: steps, resist-a-balls, compact medicine balls and hand weights, this one-hour class provides a total body workout. Warm up to cool down, this class is suitable for all ages and is easily modified for all fitness levels. Instructor Donna

McAuliffe has been ACE certified since 1988. Cost is \$5 per class or \$40 for 12 classes.

S.A.F.E. Board Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.) will be Tuesday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m. Call 706-379-1901 for location.



Mountain High Hikers schedules two hikes each Tuesday, occasional specialty hikes, and regular trail maintaining trips - all in the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Check the website www.mountainhighhikers.org for schedule and meeting locations. NJAH12JCA