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Shorthanded Indians' Junior Varsity falls at Athens Christian

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It's always tough to face a formidable opponent under the best of circumstances but the Towns County Indian JV's fell far short of that category last Friday at Athens Christian. Not only was Cruz Shook already out of action due to an injury and several Indians doing double duty and available for just one or two quarters for JV play but Trace Moss, who led a victory over Commerce a week earlier, was unavailable due to illness.



Steve Bennett goes for a jumper against the Eagles. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Adam Plott goes for a layup against Athens Christian. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

The Indians gave Athens Christian a battle in the first quarter, overcoming an early 8-2 deficit for just a 12-10 Eagles lead at quarter's end with Dallas Manus contributing five points in his only quarter of play. The remainder of the game proved difficult for the Indians, however, as the Eagles broke away for a 30-14 lead at intermission and a 44-19 advantage after three quarters on the way to a 61-28 victory.

Seven of ten players seeing widely varying lengths of playing time in the game entered the scoring column with highlights by quarter being four points by Jordan Jacobs in the second, five by Aaron Dodson in the third, and three for four free throw shooting by Garrett Bradshaw in the fourth.

Dodson took scoring honors for the game with 7 points with Jacobs and Manus close behind with 6 and 5 respectively. Bradshaw led his team in assists with 2 according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

Lady Indians' Junior Varsity wins sixth straight game at Athens Christian

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It was business as usual at Athens Christian School last Friday for the Towns County Lady Indian JV's as they took a 27-18 victory over the Lady Eagles. The win was their sixth in a row and gives them a sparkling 8-2 record for the season.



Duncan Weekly calls a play during a timeout against Athens Christian. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

After a slow start by both teams, the Lady Indians rallied from a 3-2 deficit for a 12-3 lead after one quarter with a field goal at the 2:44 mark by Elizabeth Turner giving them a 4-3 lead they would never relinquish. Two Lady Indians provided all of the points in the quarter as Madison Johnson included a traditional three point play among her seven points and Turner a trey among her five.

The Lady Eagles struck for the first four points of the second quarter in just twenty four seconds of playing time for just a 12-7 deficit but the Lady Indians scored the final five of the quarter for a 17-7 lead at intermission. The Lady Indians continued to dominate the game in the third quarter as Karlie Albach contributed a steal and coast to coast run and a trey in just forty nine seconds, ending at the 1:05 mark for a bulging 26-10 Towns lead.

Points would be hard to come by for the Lady Indians after that, however, as the Lady Eagles sank just their third field goal of the game with eight seconds left in the third quarter for a 26-12 score entering the fourth. The Lady Eagles then outscored the Lady Indians 6-1



Madison Johnson fights for two points against Athens Christian. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

in the fourth for a final margin of victory for the Lady Indians of 27-18.

Seven Lady Indians entered the scoring column in the game with leaders being

Johnson with 9 points and Albach and Turner with 5 each. Leading the way in assists were McKenzi Moss with 3 and Turner with 2.

TCMS girls continue late season surge before Wilbanks tourney



Alex Dayton makes the off balanced jumper against Union County. Photo by James Reese.

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Dahlonega - The Towns County Lady Indians' Middle School team finished the regular season by taking their final two regular season games.

On Monday afternoon the TCMS teams traveled to Lumpkin County to take on the teams with same mascot.

The Lady Indians took the opener 31-17. Savannah Dyer led the Lady Indians scoring more than half of their points with 16. Brooke Smith and Jocelyn Byers contributed 4 points each in the defensive battle.

Looking to avenge a season opening defeat, the Lady Indians successfully defended home court in their final regular season game in a tough battle against the Union County Lady Panthers 38-36.

This game would be the last Lady Indian middle school game for eighth graders Brooke

Smith, Jocelyn Byers, Savannah Dyer and Alyson Nelson.

The Lady Panthers took the early lead due to a quick opening basket from Layne Colwell. The Lady Indians managed to fend off the Lady Panthers charge toward the end of the first quarter finishing the quarter with a 10-6 lead. Colwell accounted for all of the Lady Panthers points to start the game.

Led by the strong inside play of Savannah Dyer, the Lady Indians looked to pull away by the end of the half, heading to the locker room with a 20-14 lead.

In the second half, Kim Coyne got the hot hand and led the Lady Panthers back along with Colwell to mount a strong challenge. The Lady Panthers tied the game at 27 all on a Coyne trey with 5:40 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The battle continued down the stretch with the Lady Panthers going up 36-33 late.



Savannah Dyer makes the pass inside against Union. Photo by James Reese.



Major Moss puts up a jumper against Union. Photo by James Reese.

The Lady Panthers missed crucial free throws in crunch time. Jocelyn Byers stepped up to the charity stripe and knocked them down when they counted the most. She unlocked the 36 all tie with just seconds left giving the Lady Indians their final home court win of the season 38-36.

In an all-around team effort,

Byers led the Lady Indians with 13 points. Emory Patton followed with 9 points, Dyer accounted for 7 points and Smith finished with 5 points. Coyne finished with a game high 15 points for the Lady Panthers and Colwell added 11 points.

In Alex Dayton's final TCMS game, the Indians



Emory Patton forces a shot against Union. Photo by James Reese.



Kristen Henson looks to make the inside pass against Union. Photo by James Reese.

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dropped their final home game 38-20. Looking up at a 22-6 halftime deficit the struggling Indians fought back late in the game down 28 points to score the games final 10 points but losing by 18 points 38-20.

The TCMS teams will travel to Habersham County for the Middle School tournaments

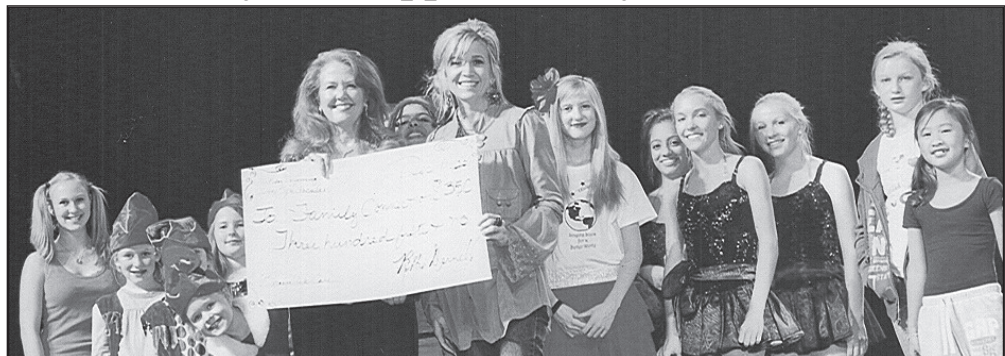
starting at Habersham Central's 9th Grade Academy. That's where the Boys' Tournament will be held. The Girls' Tournament will be held at Wilbanks Middle School. The Lady Indians are the defending Middle School Champions. Seeds are to be announced.

BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL SCORING

ATHENS CHRISTIAN		Lady Indians (Grade)		Indian JV's (Grade)	
Gabby Arencibia (12)	19	Dadrian Blythe (11)	3	Garrett Bradshaw (10)	1
Stephanie Patton (9)	14	Alyssa Pyle (9)	3	Lady Indian JV's (Grade)	
Bailey Sutton (10)	10	Indians (Grade)		Madison Johnson (9)	9
Ali Bleckley (12)	6	Grant Arencibia (9)	15	Karlie Albach (9)	5
Lindsay Patton (12)	6	Ryan Tallent (11)	6	Elizabeth Turner (10)	5
Eryn Cochran (10)	4	Brett Barrett (10)	5	Misty Lindemuth (9)	3
Kelsie Cowart (10)	4	Dallas Manus (9)	4	Alyssa Pyle (9)	2
		Dakota Barrett (12)	3	Bailey Sutton (10)	2
		Rylan Albach (12)	1	Destiney Blythe (10)	1

ATHENS ACADEMY		Lady Indians (Grade)	
Ali Bleckley (12)	18	Ali Bleckley (12)	18
Stephanie Patton (9)	11	Stephanie Patton (9)	11
Eryn Cochran (10)	8	Eryn Cochran (10)	8
Kelsie Cowart (10)	7	Kelsie Cowart (10)	7
Gabby Arencibia (12)	6	Gabby Arencibia (12)	6
Alyssa Pyle (9)	4	Alyssa Pyle (9)	4
Dadrian Blythe (11)	2	Dadrian Blythe (11)	2
Lindsay Patton (12)	2	Lindsay Patton (12)	2
Emily Anderson (11)	1	Emily Anderson (11)	1
Indians (Grade)		Indians (Grade)	
Rylan Albach (12)	11	Rylan Albach (12)	11
Dallas Manus (9)	8	Dallas Manus (9)	8
Ryan Tallent (11)	7	Ryan Tallent (11)	7
Grant Arencibia (9)	6	Grant Arencibia (9)	6
Garrett Bradshaw (10)	5	Garrett Bradshaw (10)	5
Brett Barrett (10)	2	Brett Barrett (10)	2
Boone Moss (9)	1	Boone Moss (9)	1

Towns County kids support Family Connection



L to r: Kelsie Gustavson, Kaelyn Hamer, Trinity Riley, Laurel Sanford, Robbie Dernehl, Isabella Richter, Amy Rosser, Palmer Dernehl, Sarina Kurrimbukus, Ansley Vardeman, Lindy Hollingshead, Lydia Moss, Mai Lim.

A special event was held this past holiday season to raise money for the Family Connection. The Performing Arts Holiday Spectacular with the Singing Stars, Brasstown Dance Center and Fuzion Dance Company, the Kids Acting Fun Group and the Church Family Trio, together

raised \$350 to help other children and families during the holiday season.

The event, organized by Robbie Dernehl, Director of the Singing Stars, was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all. "This was the first of many more events like this", Robbie said, who believes in

the importance of children learning the value of giving.

Singing Stars will be auditioning for new members for this season's show at the Towns County Rec Center on Wednesday, January 25 from 3:30 to 5:30. For more information call Robbie 706-897-1041. TJJan18JUS

Yoga classes at Recreation Center

Yoga classes are offered at the Towns County Recreation Center on Mondays from 4 until 5 PM and on Thursday from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM. Classes are \$10 to drop in or \$30 for 4 classes in a calendar month. Join us to increase your flexibility, strength and balance. Improve your total

health and learn the important art of relaxation. Classes are instructed by Pat Tomczyk, a registered nurse, nationally registered Yoga teacher, and certified in yoga therapy.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600 or 706-781-6580. TJJan18,FJSH

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. TJJan18,FJSH

Al-Anon meetings/times

Al-Anon: 8 p.m. Wednesday night at Mountain Presbyterian Church, Blairsville; Al-Anon 12 noon Tuesday, Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church, Room 105, Young Harris.

Al-Anon is open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or a friend.

Call 706-835-5827, 706-897-0628 or 828-389-8981 for more information. NTJJan18,ZUC

Mountain United Soccer registration

Spring season is approaching fast. The registration form is available on our website at: www.mountainsoccer.org. Please print it out and return it as soon as possible. Join us on Facebook at Mountain United Soccer.