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## Lady Indians win two games, stand alone at top of Region 8A



Head Coach Jim Melton breaks down the play against Hebron Christian. Photo by James Reese.

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team took a tough Region 8A victory at George Walton Academy in Monroe last Tuesday and then rolled past Hebron Christian Academy of Dacula on Friday at home in extending their overall record to 14-5. Of perhaps greater significance, they became the only undefeated girls team in Region 8A with a 7-0 mark.

George Walton remains undefeated within Region 8A South and still in line for an undefeated regular season within their sub region but with two losses to Sub Region 8A North teams when including a 40-38 loss at Lakeview Academy. The Lady Indians were probably just as surprised as your reporter to see in last week's Herald that they had a 4-1 region record with this, of course, being in error as they were 5-0. The only explanation your reporter can come up with for the error is a senior moment, and apologies are extended for the mistake.

### LADY INDIANS AT GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY

The Lady Indians endured a long trip and a cold, field goal shooting night in surviving with a 55-45 victory at George Walton Academy last Tuesday. The Lady Bulldogs focused their defense on the sterling outside shooting of the Lady Indians with some success but it might be said that they won

the battle but lost the war. Lady Indian post players Dadrion Blythe and Kelsie Cowart rose to the challenge with very productive games against the Lady Bulldogs' tall front line which features two cousins, 6-foot, 1-inch sophomore Ivy Atkism and 6-foot senior Bre Atkism. The Lady Indians also enjoyed a sizeable advantage at the foul line where they were 22 for 32 compared to just 5 for 15 for the Lady Bulldogs.

Ice cold shooting by the Lady Indians in the opening minutes had them trailing 5-0 by the mid point of the first quarter but they finished the quarter on an upswing with a 10-4 run giving them a 10-9 lead. A put back basket and two free throws by Gabby Arencibia had them within 5-4 and two free throws each by Stephanie Patton and Cowart in the final minute and a half gave them the lead.

A big second quarter by Blythe, who scored six of seven Lady Indian points compared to just five by the Lady Bulldogs gave the Towns Ladies a 17-14 advantage at intermission. The third quarter proved to be a real battle with two ties and six lead changes by the 1:42 mark of the quarter with the Lady Indians edging out to a 35-29 lead entering the fourth quarter.

There were numerous highlights in the third quarter with five Lady Indians getting in on the scoring act. Arencibia twice gave the Lady Indians early leads, of 19-18 on two free throws and 21-20 on a long



Lindsay Patton drives to the basket versus Hebron Christian. Photo by James Reese.

deuce, but the Lady Bulldogs took a pair of three point leads near the five and four minute marks.

The Lady Indians used a trio of conventional three point plays, however, to pull ahead for good but not without significant resistance from the Lady Bulldogs. A three point play by Cowart at 3:26 got the Lady Indians a 26-26 tie, Eryn Cochran drove the lane for a three point play for a 29-28 lead at 2:37, and Cowart repeated the three points task at 1:42 for a 32-29 lead the Lady Indians would not relinquish. Cochran ended the quarter by taking the ball coast to coast for a lay up with three seconds left for the aforementioned 35-29 lead.

The Lady Indians pretty much controlled the fourth quarter with highlights including a pair of early field goals by Blythe leading them to a 41-31 lead less than three minutes into the quarter. The Lady Indian leads ranged from eight to eleven points form that point until the final minute of the game when Arencibia closed out an eight point quarter with five for six free throw shooting between the 41.4 and 12.7 seconds marks in extending seven point leads on the first two occasions and a six point lead on the third. A steal by Cochran and assist to Ali Bleckley with three seconds left set the final score at 55-45 with the Lady Indians prevailing and remaining undefeated in Region 8A play.

Arencibia led a balanced scoring attack with 16 points

with other leaders being Blythe with 13 points, Cowart with 10, Cochran with 7, and Bleckley with 5. Leading in assists were Cochran with 4, Arencibia with 3, and Bleckley with 2. Cochran scored all of her assists the last half after sitting out most of the first half in early foul trouble.

### LADY INDIANS VERSUS HEBRON CHRISTIAN

After the quite competitive victory at George Walton on Tuesday, the Lady Indians quickly took complete control of their home game with Hebron Christian on Friday. They sprang out to an 8-0 lead by the 4:52 mark of the first quarter with a 17-2 lead by quarter's end becoming 35-2 by the 3:36 mark of the second and 37-10 at intermission.

The destructive opening run saw seven Lady Indians entering the scoring column with leaders being Gabby Arencibia with eleven points, Stephanie Patton with six, and Ali Bleckley and Eryn Cochran with five each. The Lady Indians actually endured a lengthy scoring drought in uncommonly sinking just one field goal and three of seven free throw attempts between that 3:36 mark of the second quarter and the 1:48 mark of the third for a still dominant 39-13 lead.

They finished that quarter on a 7-1 run to lead 46-15 and broke away for a 63-27 victory. Stephanie Patton scored six points and Emily Anderson four in leading fourth quarter action.



Gabby Arencibia looks to pass the ball inside. Photo by James Reese.



Ali Bleckley pulls down a rebound against Hebron Christian. Photo by James Reese.

The Lady Indians were again led in scoring for the game by Arencibia with 17 points with other leaders being Stephanie Patton with 12, Cochran with 8, Bleckley with 7, and Dadrion Blythe with 6. Arencibia also took the lead in assists with 4 with Bleckley and Misty Lindemuth right behind with 3 each.

After traveling to Prince Avenue Christian School on Tuesday of this week for a region game, the Lady Indians return home and continue region play by facing Social Circle on Friday and then Tallulah Falls next Tuesday. On Satur-

day, the Lady Indians will host 10th ranked Pace Academy, last year's Class A State runner up to Wesleyan and winner of a Sweet Sixteen game against the Lady Indians in the Towns County Gym. The starting time for the Lady Indian JV's game against Pace is 3 pm with the varsity games to follow. There will be no game for the Indians on Saturday as this game and the earlier game with Holy Innocents' were scheduled to offset the shortage of games for the Lady Indians due to the Indians playing Riverside Military Academy in two region games.

## Indians still have fight but lose to George Walton and Hebron Christian



Ryan Tallent goes for a deuce against Hebron. Photo by James Reese.

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The Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team was able to put together a strong start at George Walton Academy in Monroe and a potent last half run at home against Hebron Christian Academy last week but fell short of victory as points were hard to come by otherwise in losses to the two Region 8A rivals. The losses extended the Indians overall record to 2-17, including 1-7 in region play.

### INDIANS AT GEORGE WALTON

An inspiring performance by freshman Dallas Manus kept the Indians in contention through much of the first half at George Walton on Tuesday as the slender lefthander poured in sixteen points in having the Indians within 22-19 by the 3:28 mark of the second quarter. The scoring outburst enabled the Indians to overcome a 4-0 deficit and rally for an 8-6 lead at 2:34 of the first quarter they would hold, by as much as 12-9 after one quarter and 14-11 early in the second.

The Bulldogs edged ahead 17-16 with 4:26 left in the second quarter, however, and following a Manus free throw for the 22-19 score at the aforementioned 3:28 mark, the Bulldogs finished the quarter on a 14-2 run for a 36-21 lead at intermission. A trey by Rylan Albach in the opening minute of the third quarter had the Indians within 36-24 but the Bulldogs spurted out to a 56-29 lead after three quarters and coasted to a 70-37 victory.

Manus led the Indians in scoring for the game with 17 points with other leaders being Albach with 8 and freshman Boone Moss with 6 while Al-

bach led in assists with 4, according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

### INDIANS VERSUS HEBRON CHRISTIAN

On Friday, the visitors from Dacula used three treys to advantage in charging out to a 15-3 lead by the two minute mark of the first quarter and led 18-7 by quarter's end. Two early second quarter treys by Grant Arencibia and a drive for two by Rylan Albach had the Indians within 20-15 by the 5:25 mark but an 18-1 run the remainder of the quarter gave the Lions a 38-16 lead at halftime.

A driving layup by Dallas Manus less than a minute into the third quarter had the Indians within 38-18 but the Lions struck for the next nine points for a 47-18 lead with 3:58 on the clock. The Indians came up with a strong rally after that, however, as they struck for a 17-4 run and just a 51-35 deficit by the 5:15 mark of the fourth quarter. Treys by Arencibia and Rylan Tallent started the rally which included a pair of baskets by Stetson Hedden and ended with treys by Arencibia and Aaron Dodson by the 5:15 mark. The Lions responded with 8-1 run of their own, however, for a 59-36 lead at 2:55 and finished off a 62-40 win.

Arencibia sank five treys for the second time in four games for a team leading 15 points for the game with other leaders being Hedden and Tallent with 5 each while Albach again led in assists, this time with 5.

After traveling to Prince Avenue Christian School on Tuesday of this week, the Indians return home to face Social Circle on Friday and then Tallulah Falls next Tuesday with all three being Region 8A opponents.



Boone Moss looks to pass inside against Hebron. Photo by James Reese.



Rylan Albach (23) passes to Stetson Hedden against Hebron. Photo by James Reese.



Stetson Hedden comes down with the rebound against Hebron. Photo by James Reese.

### BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL SCORING

GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY		HEBRON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	
Lady Indians (Grade)		Lady Indians (Grade)	
Gabby Arencibia (12)	16	Gabby Arencibia (12)	17
Dadrion Blythe (11)	13	Stephanie Patton (9)	12
Kelsie Cowart (10)	10	Eryn Cochran (10)	8
Eryn Cochran (10)	7	Ali Bleckley (12)	7
Ali Bleckley (12)	5	Dadrion Blythe (11)	6
Lindsay Patton (12)	2	Emily Anderson (11)	4
Stephanie Patton (9)	2	Lindsay Patton (12)	4
Indians (Grade)		Kelsie Cowart (10)	3
Dallas Manus (9)	17	Misty Lindemuth (9)	2
Rylan Albach (12)	8	Indians (Grade)	
Boone Moss (9)	8	Grant Arencibia (9)	15
Grant Arencibia (9)	3	Stetson Hedden (10)	5
Austin Wood (11)	2	Ryan Tallent (11)	5
Dakota Barrett (12)	1	Rylan Albach (12)	4
Lady Indian JV's (Grade)		Dallas Manus (9)	4
Karlie Albach (9)	8	Aaron Dodson (10)	3
Madison Johnson (9)	6	Garrett Bradshaw (10)	2
Destiny Blythe (10)	5	Boone Moss (9)	2
Misty Lindemuth (9)	5	Indian JV's (Grade)	
Taylor McCarter (9)	4	Trace Moss (9)	11
Alyssa Pyle (9)	4	Brett Barrett (10)	7
Elizabeth Turner (10)	4	Jordan Jacobs (11)	5
McKenzi Moss (10)	2	Aaron Dodson (10)	2
Bailey Sutton (10)	2	Stetson Hedden (10)	2
		Dallas Manus (9)	2
		Austin Wood (11)	2

## Lady Indian JV's rout George Walton for seventh straight win

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The Towns County Lady Indian Junior Varsity's Basketball Team continued a very successful season last week as they led from start to finish in taking a 40-18 victory at George Walton Academy in Monroe. The victory was their seventh in a row and gives them a 9-2 overall record, including 3-0 against Region 8A opponents. Four wins have come against Class AA schools, two each against Union County and Dawson County, with the other two being against Hayesville and Holy Innocents' while the two losses came in competitive games against Class AA power Rabun County.

The Lady Indians had a 9-0 lead just two and a half minutes into the game and led 15-4 after one quarter with Destiny Blythe including a trey in 5-point production and Misty Lindemuth adding 4 points among five Lady Indians who

entered the scoring column. Alyssa Pyle and Elizabeth Turner then contributed four points each among four Lady Indians putting points in the score book in the second quarter as they led 28-11 at intermission.

The Lady Indians coasted after that as Karlie Albach included her second trey of the game in a 5-point third quarter which again saw four players entering the scoring column with the Towns Ladies leading 38-14. The fourth quarter proved to be a low scoring affair with the Lady Bulldogs holding a 4-2 advantage as the Lady Indians closed out the 40-18 victory.

Nine Lady Indians placed points on the score board during the game with leaders being Albach with 8 points, Madison Johnson with 6, and Blythe and Lindemuth with 5 each. Leading in assists, according to your reporter's unofficial tally, were Bailey Sutton with 3 and Blythe and McKenzie Moss with 2 each.

## Indian Junior Varsity falls to early scoring surge by Hebron Christian

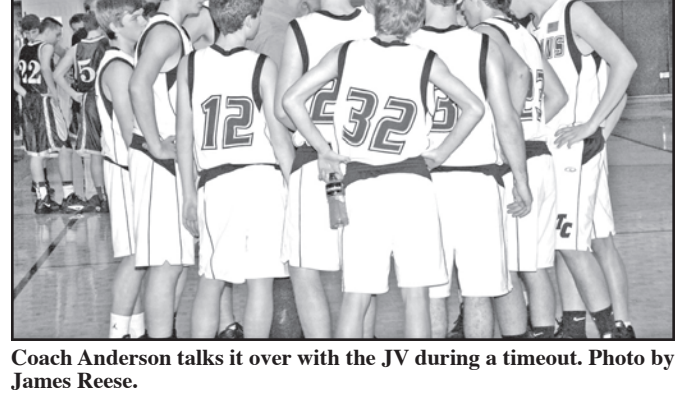
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The Towns County Indian JV's Basketball Team played host to the Hebron Christian Academy Lions last Friday in the Towns County Gym and were victimized by a first quarter scoring surge which gave the Lions an 8-0 lead less than two and a half minutes into the game and a 23-5 deficit after one quarter. The Indians held a 5-2 advantage in a low scoring second quarter before a Lion trey near the one minute mark resulted in a 5-5 standoff for a 28-10 score at intermission.

The Lions opened the third quarter much like the first

with a 10-2 run for a 38-12 lead which became 47-22 after the Indians outscored the Lions 10-9 the final 3:47 of the quarter. The Indians were led in the quarter by two free throws and a trey by Brett Barrett for five points. Trace Moss, who scored in every quarter, then included a trey among five fourth quarter points as the two teams played on nearly even terms for a final Hebron margin of victory of 58-31.

Moss led the Indians in scoring for the game with 11 points with other leaders being Barrett with 7 and Jordan Jacobs with 5 while Barrett led the Indians in assists with 2.



Coach Anderson talks it over with the JV during a timeout. Photo by James Reese.