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Lady Indians at 17-1 after rousing victories over George Walton and Hebron Christian Academies

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team, ranked tenth in two statewide polls, continued their memorable season last week with dominating victories over George Walton Academy of Monroe on their home court on Tuesday and at Hebron Christian Academy in Dacula on Friday. The victories leave the Lady Indians with a 17-1 overall record, including officially a 7-0 record in Region 8A although they hold two wins over Hebron Christian with only one counting for region tournament seeding.

GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY – Surprise might be too conservative a description of what the Lady Bulldogs of George Walton Academy experienced in the Towns County Gym last Tuesday with shock perhaps being a more accurate description to use. The Lady Bulldogs entered the game with a 12-1 record with the only loss having been a 57-56 setback at Walnut Grove near Loganville. As of this writing, Walnut Grove has an 18-0 record and is ranked third in the state in Class AAA.

An interesting opinion piece in the Walton Tribune written just prior to George Walton's trip to Towns County claimed the school was wrongfully missing from the statewide top ten polls, certainly with compelling evidence in citing their 12-1 record and narrow loss to Walnut Grove. An interesting observation accompanying the article, however, may be of interest to readers as follows:

"By the time you read this, the Lady Bulldogs may not deserve to be ranked among the 10 best girls teams in Class A. They were scheduled to play at 10th-ranked Towns County last night, a notoriously difficult

road game against a perennial power."

How prophetic that acknowledgement proved to be as the Lady Indians quite simply destroyed the visiting Lady Bulldogs in taking a 77-47 victory which wasn't actually as close as the final score might indicate. The Lady Bulldogs got what would be their only lead of the game on a 3-pointer just sixteen seconds into the game but Lindsay Patton matched that with an old fashioned three point play, getting the Lady Indians even at the 7:01 mark of the first quarter.

It required nearly three minutes after that for the next score, also a field goal by Patton, for a 5-3 lead at 4:07 and the Lady Indians were off and running. Two treys by Gabby Arcencibia had the Lady Indians ahead 11-3 by the 3:09 mark and they followed two Lady Bulldog field goals for just an 11-7 lead with a 14-2 run the final 1:51 of the first quarter for sudden 25-9 dominance.

The first six points of the late first quarter run were particularly stunning as Eryn Cochran followed an Arcencibia free throw at 1:51 with back to back steals near the goal for a three point play at 1:48 and another deuce at 1:43. It was more of the same in the second quarter as the Lady Indians brushed aside three opening quarter points by their opponents for 25-12 score with a 17-8 finish for a 43-20 lead at intermission. Arcencibia included five treys in a sixteen point first half performance with Cochran finishing the half with eleven points and Patton nine.

The beat continued for the Lady Indians in the third quarter when they held four separate leads of thirty five points, beginning at 59-24 at the 4:11 mark and ending at 65-30 at 1:14 prior to a 5-0 finish for the Lady Bulldogs and a 65-

35 score. The thirty point lead kicked in a mercy rule shortened six minute fourth quarter which saw the Lady Indian lead reach thirty six at 75-39 before the Lady Bulldogs closed the gap with a closing 8-2 run for the final score of 77-47.

Last half action was highlighted by five points each by Arcencibia and Jordan Moss in the third quarter and eight by Cochran in the fourth with the freshman turning two steals near mid court into half of her point production in the quarter. The Lady Bulldogs couldn't come close to capitalizing on Moss having been sick and not seeing much action in the game.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians for the game were Arcencibia with 23 points, Cochran with a career high of 21, Patton with 15, and Moss with 9. Leading in assists according to your reporter's tally were Moss with 4, Cochran with 3, and Arcencibia with 2. While the quartet of Arcencibia, Cochran, Patton, and Moss provided most of the offensive statistics cited, many followers of the team had high praise for all Lady Indians who participated in the game, playing defensive and rebounding roles, for example, to near perfection. Indeed, some followers of the Lady Indians were hard pressed to think of a better overall performance in years of observation of outstanding Lady Indian teams.

HEBRON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – If the ease with which the Lady Indians dispatched George Walton on Tuesday night brought about the temptation that all future games might be a cakewalk for the team, the second quarter of the game at Hebron Christian on Friday night proved to be a wakeup call. The often used expression of "on a given night" fit perfectly in that quarter at least, as the Lady Indians saw

the Lady Lions rally from an 18-6 first quarter deficit to within 25-21 by intermission.

The Lady Indians used point contributions by five players, highlighted by a trey and deuce for five points by Gabby Arcencibia, in building the first quarter lead but managed just seven points in the second, highlighted by a Ben Pong trey for a 23-12 lead with 3:15 on the clock. A 9-2 finish by Hebron, however, brought about just the four point Lady Indian lead at the half.

It was back to business as Lady Indian followers have come to expect in the third quarter as the Lady Indians struck for the first eighteen points of the stanza with the first fifteen in the run coming on a three at a time basis. Treys by Ali Bleckley and Arcencibia opened the quarter and they then repeated the task following an inside three point play by Jordan Moss for a 40-21 Lady Indian lead in just under three minutes of playing time. Lindsay Patton then got in on the act with five for six free throw shooting the final 3:59 of the quarter for a 45-25 Towns lead entering the fourth quarter.

It was back to five Lady Indians putting points on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter, highlighted by a trey and two free throws by Arcencibia, as they closed out a 62-36 victory. Nine different Lady Indians got in on the scoring act during the course of the game.

Arcencibia led her team in scoring for the game with 16 points with other leaders being Patton with 13, Moss and Ali Bleckley with 8 each, and Dadrrian Blythe with 5. Leaders in assists were Bleckley and Makayla Underwood with 4 each and Arcencibia with 3. Kindle Moss returned to action after missing five games due to a knee injury and contributed an assist for the Lady Indians.



Lindsay Patton drives for two against Hebron Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Eryn Cochran goes up for a layup against George Walton Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Jordan Moss goes for a rebound against George Walton Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

Lady Indian JV's take impressive victory over Hebron Christian in last week's only action

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The Towns County Lady Indian JV's were in action just one time last week as they took their show on the road to Dacula to face the Lady Lions of Hebron Christian Academy. They made the trip worthwhile by springing out to an early lead and coasting to a 38-27 victory.

The Lady Lions took a short-lived 1-0 lead which lasted exactly eleven seconds until a trey by Kellsie Cowart triggered a 10-0 run for an eventual 10-2 Lady Indian lead after one quarter. Four different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard in first quarter action with Bailey Sutton leading the scoring with four points on a field goal and 2 for 2 free throw shooting in the second as the Lady Indians led 19-9 at intermission.

The Lady Indians led 27-20 after three quarters as Stephanie Patton scored four points and she duplicated that total in the fourth when Destiney Blythe scored five points as the Lady Indians closed out the 38-27 victory.

Patton led a well balanced scoring attack with 11 points and was followed by Cowart with 8, Destiney Blythe with 7, and



Coach Duncan Weekley explains the next offensive series to the Lady Indians JV Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Stephanie Patton drives the lane for two against Hebron Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

Davilyn Blythe and Sutton with 6 each. Davilyn Blythe and Patton led in assists with 2 each according to your reporter's tally.

12 & Under Lady Indians claim regular season title

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Head Coach Charlie Lindemuth had his (10-1) Towns Lady Indians primed for battle Saturday morning at the Towns County Recreational Gymnasium.

The Lady Indians played host to the visiting (10-2) Lady Tigers of Rabun County. The Lady Indians were set to avenge an earlier season defeat to the hands of the Tigers otherwise giving the Indians a flawless season.

They did just that with a 38-30 victory, avenging an earlier 28-23 loss to the Wild Kittens. Jocelyn Byers led the way for Towns scoring 18 points.

It appeared the rout was on early as Lindemuth's Ladies attacked the Lady Tigers jumping out to an early 8-0 lead midway through the first quarter. The Lady Indians defensive prowess continued until the 2 minute mark when the Tigers first broke into the scoring column with their first bucket. By the end of the quarter the Tigers clawed back to cut the lead in half 8-4.

The Tigers showed no signs of giving up in the second quarter with a surge narrowing the Lady Indians' lead to 20-11 by the end of the first half.

The relentless Tigers came out at the start of the second half firing and hitting an early 3-pointer to draw within six 20-14. The Lady Indians managed to fend off rallies by the Lady Tigers and close out the third quarter with a

25-18 lead.

The Lady Indians entered the final frame with a 7-point lead.

The Lady Indians continued their first half momentum hitting on their first opportunity to widen the gap 27-18. The Lady Tigers didn't give up, fighting throughout the matchup and managed to pull within two to close

the gap 29-27 with 3:15 remaining in regulation. That would be as close as the Rabun ladies could get on this day as Lindemuth's Ladies stepped up to the strong Tiger challenge and pulled away avenging their earlier season loss 38-30.

Recreation League action continues at 5 p.m. on Thursday at the Recreation Center.



Rosa Jane Clinton and Madison McClure put the heat on the Lady Tigers Photo by James Reese.



Madison McClure sets up the offense Saturday against Rabun County Photo by James Reese.

Lady Lions fall to King College 71-55

BRISTOL, Tenn. – The Young Harris College women's basketball team surrendered a big run to start the second half in falling to King College, 71-55, on Saturday.

LaDondra Johnson paced Young Harris (5-9) with 23 points by going 11-for-16 from the floor, and also finished with seven rebounds. Breanna Gleason added eight points and Lauren Smith chipped in with seven. Young Harris shot 44 percent (23-for-52) from the floor.

King (6-15) led, 28-24, and came out in the second half and built a 51-28 lead at the mid-point of the half. The Mountain Lions, who saw their four-game winning streak snapped, trimmed the deficit to 15 twice, but couldn't get any closer.

Derika Mooney had a team-best 16 points for King,



Nikki Winn looks to dish off the basketball Photo by Towns County Herald.

while pulling down six rebounds, dished out three assists and recorded five steals. Jessica Tharpe finished with 13 points as the Lady Tornado were 27-for-60 for 45 percent.

Young Harris concludes its three-game road trip 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26 in Rome, Ga., against Berry College.

Basketball Individual Scoring

GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY
Lady Indians (Grade)
Gabby Arcencibia (11) 23
Eryn Cochran (9) 21
Lindsay Patton (11) 15
Jordan Moss (12) 9
Ali Bleckley (11) 4
Ben Pong (11) 3
Makayla Underwood (9) 2
Indians (Grade)
Bradley Swanson (12) 16
DJ Rogers (12) 11
Devin Henderson (12) 8
Brett Bradshaw (12) 6
Brandon Henderson (11) 4
Ryan Tallent (10) 2
HEBRON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Lady Indians (Grade)
Gabby Arcencibia (11) 16
Lindsay Patton (11) 13

Jordan Moss (12) 8
Ali Bleckley (11) 8
Dadrrian Blythe (10) 5
Makayla Underwood (9) 4
Ben Pong (11) 3
Eryn Cochran (9) 3
Davilyn Blythe (10) 2
Indians (Grade)
Bradley Swanson (12) 14
DJ Rogers (12) 9
Dakota Barrett (11) 4
Brett Bradshaw (12) 2
Devin Henderson (12) 2
Lady Indian JV's (Grade)
Stephanie Patton (8) 11
Kellsie Cowart (9) 8
Destiney Blythe (9) 7
Davilyn Blythe (10) 6
Bailey Sutton (9) 6
Indian JV's (Grade)
Dallas Manus (8) 7
Ryan Tallent (10) 4

Grant Arcencibia (8) 4
Slade Davenport (9) 3
Austin Wood (10) 2
Brett Barrett (9) 2
Garrett Bradshaw (9) 2
RIVERSIDE MILITARY ACADEMY
Indians (Grade)
Brett Bradshaw (12) 13
Bradley Swanson (12) 10
DJ Rogers (12) 8
Brandon Henderson (11) 4
Ryan Tallent (10) 2
Indian JV's (Grade)
Ryan Tallent (10) 10
Dallas Manus (8) 7
Brett Barrett (9) 5
Aaron Dodson (9) 3
Grant Arcencibia (8) 3
Luke Parker (10) 2
Austin Wood (10) 2
Stetson Hedden (9) 2

AARP Taxaides will have free tax and E-Filing beginning February 1st

The AARP TAXAIDES will be preparing your taxes and E-FILING them for free as we have done over the past 20 years. We will be preparing them at First Baptist Church, Bldg H, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 AM until 2 PM. (We will not be preparing taxes in Hiawassee.) The TAXAIDES are in training for the next 5 days and will be ready to start preparing your taxes on February 1st.

This year there are some major changes to the Tax Laws which will affect you and your taxes.

First – the Low Income Credit from GA is no longer a refundable credit, which means the \$52 we used to get from filing the GA form is no longer available. If you do not need to file a GA return for regular tax purposes then you do not have to file a GA return.

Second – if you normally file an Itemized Deduction (Schedule A) with your return, we will not be able to file your

return until mid February to the first of March. This is an IRS problem since the Tax Relief Act of 2010 was signed December 17th. This also applies to those who have Education Credits, Educator Expense Deduction, Form 4648, Casualty and Thefts, and Form 8859, DC First Time Homebuyer Credit. Every tax preparer is limited by this same

restriction. Our plan is to complete your tax return and then as soon as we are notified we can EFILE your return we will send it into the IRS and notify you when we have sent it.

If you have any problems or questions please contact Ted Noelle at 706-745-7998 or TJ-NOELLE@WINDSTREAM.NET.

February Dining With Friends

We invite you to join us at The Organ Loft, 7521 US Hwy 76, Young Harris, GA. Friday, February 11, 2011, at 12 noon. Coming from Blairsville, cross into Towns County, go only 1-2 miles, look for closed Big D gas station on the left, park in the vacant lot there. Look for gray split-level home behind gas station. Coming from Hiawassee, go past Gibby's Furniture Store in Young Harris, look for Big D, turn right in to the vacant lot. Bring finger food we all can share.

Jerry Taylor will entertain us with his musical talents and history of the various reed organs. If you have had a loss of a friend, spouse, or other family and want to join others in their grief journey of loss, please RSVP to Regency Hospice, Suzanne Repp, Bereavement Counselor at (706) 896-1251 or 1-800-577-8791. Remember: if inclement weather DO NOT ATTEND. If schools in your area are closed, do not attempt. Hope to see you there, weather permitting.