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Lady Indian JV's roll on with easy win over Lakeview

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Much attention has been properly directed toward the success of the Towns County Lady Indians' Varsity team this year with similar success for the Lady Indians' Junior Varsity perhaps being overlooked a bit by some followers of the teams. In their only action last week against Lakeview Academy, the Lady Indians used a 10-0 second quarter run as a springboard in spurting away from the visiting Lady Lions for a 53-31 victory and a 10-2 record with one game to play against Commerce this week.



Kellsie Cowart and Emily Anderson wait for the rebound against Lakeview Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Emily Anderson waits to see if her shot will fall against Lakeview Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

The first quarter was close all the way with the Lady Indians holding small leads with the exceptions of a brief 1-0 deficit and 6-6 and 8-8 ties. A Davilyn Blythe field goal got them a 2-1 lead, an Elizabeth Turner basket got them ahead 8-6, and a Destiney Blythe bucket had them leading 10-8 after one quarter.

The Lady Lions got their last tie of 10-10 just nineteen seconds into the second quarter with a McKenzi Moss free throw getting the Lady Indians ahead for good 11-10 just twenty five seconds later. The Moss charity toss was followed by seven straight points by Stephanie Patton and a field goal by Davilyn Blythe in completing the aforementioned 10-0 run for a 20-10 lead which became 24-15 at intermission on four for four free throw shooting by Kellsie Cowart. Davilyn Blythe handed out three assists and Patton two as the Lady Indians built the 20-10 lead.

Six different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard in the third quarter with four by



McKenzi Moss maneuvers for a layup against Lakeview Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

Indian JV's complete promising season with two losses to strong Gainesville teams

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The Towns County Indians' Junior Varsity Basketball Team completed a very promising season last week by falling at home to excellent teams from Gainesville in the persons of the Lakeview Academy Lions and the Riverside Military Eagles. The two losses leave the Indians with just a 4-12 record but with much to like about the potential displayed by this year's very young team.

second quarter Indian success, Arencibia sank two more in the third quarter and drove the lane for two while adding a fourth trey in the fourth quarter while Manus sank a trey and a free throw in each of the final two quarters.



Garrett Bradshaw takes it to the hole against Lakeview Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Dallas Manus plays defense against Lakeview Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Grant Arencibia tries to maintain his balance in the Indians match up with Lakeview Academy Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

Arencibia led the Indians in scoring for the game with 14 points with Manus taking second honors with 10 and Davenport third with 6 points. Manus led his team in assists with 4 with Brett Barrett following with 2.

LAKEVIEW ACADEMY - The Indians used two field goals by Dallas Manus and one by Aaron Dodson for a 13-6 deficit after falling behind early by a 7-0 score against Lakeview Academy but trailed 22-7 after one quarter. The visiting Lions then opened the second quarter with a 7-0 run for a 29-7 bulge before the Indians finished on a 9-2 run for a 31-16 deficit by intermission. A trey and two free throws by Grant Arencibia for five points highlighted the quarter ending rally.

The Lions then took control of the game the last half by opening the third quarter with a 7-0 run and leading 44-21 after three quarters on the way to a 53-27 victory. Indian highlights of the last half included three free throws by Manus after fouled on a 3-point attempt near the end of the third quarter and a trey by Arencibia in the fourth.

Scoring leaders for the Indians for the game were eighth graders Arencibia with 8 points and Manus with 7 and freshmen Brett Barrett and Dodson with 4 points each. By comparison, two of the Lions' leading scorers with 13 and 8 points were sophomores with a freshman also scoring 8. Leading the Indians in assists were Slade Davenport and Manus with 1 each.

RIVERSIDE MILITARY ACADEMY - After stinging the Indians with red hot 3-point shooting two weeks prior in Gainesville, the Riverside Military Eagles used excellent quickness in forcing numerous turnovers in building a 25-5 lead by the five and a half minute mark of the second quarter. About the only bright spots for the Indians in the early Riverside run were a trey by Aaron Dodson tying the score at 3-3 at the 4:43 mark and two free throws by Slade Davenport lifting the Indians to within 9-5 at the 2:01 mark of the first quarter.

The Indians pulled themselves together after the early Riverside run to play on even terms with the Eagles the rest of the game. A drive for two points by Davenport at the 5:13 mark of the second quarter triggered a 7-7 standoff the rest of the quarter for a 32-12 score at the half.

The Indians "won" the third quarter 13-11 while the Eagles had the edge in the fourth by the same 13-11 margin with hot shooting by Grant Arencibia and Dallas Manus highlighting last half action for the Indians. After including a trey in the late

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

It's time to go racing

It's time to go racing. NASCAR kicks off its first race of the season, Saturday, Feb. 12.

The field for the 2011 Budweiser Shootout, at Daytona will feature former NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champions, the 2010 Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup field, a host of former outstanding rookies and a collection of previous Daytona winners.

Criteria are based upon the following qualifications, with eligibility based on a driver having competed in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series within the last two seasons: The 12 drivers that qualified for the 2010 Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup, Past NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champions, Past Budweiser Shootout champions, Past Daytona 500 and Coke Zero 400 Powered By Coca-Cola champions, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Rookie of the Year drivers from 2001-2010.

Daytona International Speedway President Joie Chitwood III said, "Race fans expect to see NASCAR's best drivers compete in the Budweiser Shootout to kick off the 2011 racing season, and this star-studded line-up will not disappoint when they take the green flag for the first time on the new asphalt. The Budweiser Shootout has showcased some of the most thrilling racing over the years, and our fans are in for an exciting night on February 12th."

The race distance will continue to be 75 laps (187.5 miles), consisting of two segments - 25 and 50 laps. Both green-flag laps and yellow-flag laps will count. Between segments there will be a 10-minute pit stop, allowing teams to pit and change tires, add fuel and make normal chassis adjustments.

The Budweiser Shootout - a "non-points" event for NASCAR Sprint Cup competitors - was first held in 1979, originally known as the Busch Clash. Kevin Harvick has won the last two events. The green flag is set for 8:10 p.m. on Feb. 12, with FOX and MRN broadcasting live.

Drivers eligible for the 2011 Budweiser Shootout include the 2010 Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Drivers: Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Carl Edwards, Matt Kenseth, Greg Biffle, Tony Stewart, Kyle Busch, Jeff Gordon, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch, Jeff Burton

Other eligible drivers: John Andretti (Coke Zero 400), Geoff Bodine (Daytona 500, Budweiser Shootout), Kevin Conway (Series rookie of the year), Derricke Cope (Daytona 500), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (Daytona 500, Coke Zero 400, Budweiser Shootout), Bill Elliott (Series champion, Daytona 500, Coke Zero 400, Budweiser Shootout), Kasey Kahne (Series rookie of the year), Bobby Labonte (Series champion), Terry Labonte (Series champion, Budweiser Shootout), Joey Logano (Series rookie of the year), Sterling Marlin (Daytona 500, Coke Zero 400), Mark Martin (Budweiser Shootout), Jamie McMurray (Daytona 500, Coke Zero 400,

Series rookie of the year), Juan Pablo Montoya (Series rookie of the year), Ryan Newman (Daytona 500, Series rookie of the year), Ken Schrader (Budweiser Shootout), Regan Smith (Series rookie of the year), Michael Waltrip (Daytona 500, Coke Zero 400).

The draw for the starting lineup was held last week and Carl Edwards will start on the pole.

"It's the first race of the season and it will be nice to be up front," said Edwards, who drives the No. 99 Roush Fenway Ford. "It's been a while since I've been on a pole. I know I didn't earn this one. It's all luck, but it still feels good."

Defending Budweiser Shootout champion Kevin Harvick remained at home in North Carolina after suffering flu-like symptoms. Harvick's crew chief Gil Martin drew for the ailing Harvick and pulled the outside pole.

Rounding out the top-five were Brian Vickers, Ryan Newman and Greg Biffle.

TRUCK SERIES NOTES AND UPDATES

Jeffrey Earnhardt, the fourth-generation Earnhardt will be running all the Camping World Truck series races this season in hopes of earning rookie of the year honors while driving for Rick Ware Racing.

The team has hired former Sprint Cup driver, Jerry Nadeau not only as a driving coach but as a mentor. Nadeau will be mentoring Jeffrey not only on track at the races, but off track as well.

Rick Ware Racing has named Joe Lax as crew chief for Earnhardt and the No. 1 Fuel Doctor Chevy during 2011. Lax has worked for such organizations as Billy Hagan Racing, Don Beverly Racing, A.G. Dillard Motorsports, Clement Racing and Joe Bessey Motorsports before finding a home at Bill Davis Racing in 2000. Career highlights include a Southern 500 win as well as a Daytona 500 victory with Ward Burton in 2002. Lax then moved on to Hendrick Motorsports Nationwide program and eventually to Tommy Baldwin Racing before taking over the crew chief duties for Mike Skinner in 2008.

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Carl Edwards will start on the pole at Daytona, Feb. 18.

Earnhardt's first race will be at Daytona, Feb. 18. Panhandle Motorsports announced plans to race the entire 2011 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series schedule with Johanna Long. The 18-year-old driver from Pensacola, Florida had a successful learning season in the NCWTS, plus a win at the 43rd Annual Snowball Derby. She will drive the No. 20 Panhandle Motorsports Toyota Tundra.

Long is returning to the NCWTS with two goals in mind - to continue to gain experience at the 25 different tracks, many of which are a first time for the young driver; and to race for the Rookie of the Year in 2011. She will begin by cutting her teeth at some of the most challenging tracks of the Series - Daytona International Speedway, Phoenix International Raceway, Darlington Raceway and Martinsville Speedway.

Her sponsor will be Girl Scouts of the USA.

For the first time in his 24-year racing career, two-time and defending Camping World Truck Series champion Todd Bodine will compete in all three NASCAR division races at Daytona International Speedway.

Bodine will race his championship-winning No. 30 in the Feb. 18 Truck race. His Nationwide car is locked into the field for the Feb. 19 season opener thanks to Michael Annett's 14th-place finish in the 2010 owners' points. He will attempt to qualify Larry Gunselman's No. 64 Cup car for the 53rd Daytona 500, which kicks off Sunday, Feb. 20.

Racing Trivia Question: Who was the oldest driver to win the Daytona 500?

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