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Indian JV's very competitive in losses to Hebron Christian and Lakeview Academy



Ryan Tallent is attacked by a couple of JV Lakeview Lions as he drives inside the paint
Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

By Jerry Kendall

When considering that the Towns County Indian JV's are limited in personnel to just six full time players with Rylan Albach seeing very limited action if any to be available for varsity action, they acquitted themselves extremely well last week in losses to Hebron Christian and Lakeview Academy. Both Indian opponents, Lions in both cases, used more than ten players extensively in taking just seven and ten point victories over the Indians.

At Hebron on Friday, the Indians rallied from a 6-0 deficit for an 8-8 tie before the Lions gradually built a 28-17 lead by intermission. The Indians seemed hopelessly out of the game in trailing by a 42-22 score by the one and a half minute mark of the third quarter but, as they so often have done, they pulled off a huge rally.

They closed out the third quarter with a 6-0 run and opened the fourth with a 10-2 spurt for just a 44-38 deficit with 3:43 remaining and at the 57.9 second mark closed to within 48-44 on two free throws by Dakota Barrett. Barrett provided seven points, Ryan Tallent six, Corbin Gilfilian five, and Jeb Edge four during an overall 22-6 run. The

Indians couldn't get any closer than that four point margin, however, as the Lions sank a field goal and four free throws in four attempts for a 54-44 lead which became a final score of 54-47 following a late trey by Donald Lindemuth.

Gilfilian led the scoring parade for the Indians with 13 points while Barrett was close behind with 11, Lindemuth and Tallent scored 8 each, and Edge wound up with seven. Barrett took the lead in assists with 4 as Gilfilian added 2.

The Indians led Lakeview Academy in the TCHS Gym for most of the first quarter, including by as much as 5-1 and 7-3 but trailed after one quarter by a 12-11 score on a late Lions trey. The second quarter was played on nearly even terms until, as in the first quarter, the Lions increased a 26-22 lead to 29-22 on a late trey. Ryan Tallent led the Indians in first quarter action with a trey and a deuce for five points and Austin Wood included a three point play in five point production in the second.

The Indians could not get closer than the seven point half-time margin until the final forty two seconds of the third quarter when Tallent nailed a trey and

Dakota Barret made a great pass to Jeb Edge for a layup at the buzzer for just a 39-36 Lakeview advantage. The Lions started the fourth quarter on a 9-1 run, however, for a 48-37 lead and closed out a 53-43 victory.

Tallent included three treys

in his team leading 13 points for the game with other scoring leaders being Barrett with 8 points, Gilfilian and Wood with 7 each, and Edge with 6. All six Indians seeing action in the game contributed at least one assist with Barrett again leading with 3 and Gilfilian right behind with 2.



by Jim Bryant

Women's Collegiate Tennis

YHC 0 Central Florida CC 9
YHC 2 FSU-Jacksonville 7

First Pitch Baseball Classic

YHC 6 (Championship) Gulf Coast CC 5

Collegiate Baseball

YHC 11/9 Southeastern 4/3
ABAC 3 Tallahassee CC 6
Andrew 1/0 Chattahoochee Valley 15/13
South Georgia 3/3 Tallahassee CC 15/1
Gulf Coast CC 11 Wallace State 10
Gulf Coast CC 20 St. Petersburg CC 9

International Fastpitch Softball Invitational

YHC 4 Puerto Rico Red 10 (8)
YHC 12 Jamaica 0
Georgia Perimeter 0/4/7 Puerto Rico National 3/1/6
Georgia Perimeter 7/10 Brevard 3/6

Girls Prep Basketball

JV Towns County 44 Hebron Academy 25
JV Towns County 58 Lakeview Academy 9
Towns County 57 Hebron Academy 42
Towns County 64 Athens Academy 41
Towns County 50 Lakeview Academy 48
Union County 68 Dawson County 50
Athens Academy 49 Commerce 34
Athens Christian 60 Hebron Academy 54 (OT)
Athens Christian 24 Athens Academy 39
Gilmer County 38 North Hall 48
White County 40 Pickens County 65
White County 40 Chestatee 61
White County 43 North Hall 59
White County 23 West Hall 47
Pickens County 54 Lumpkin County 35
Pickens County 29 Chestatee 35
Banks County 49 North Oconee 50
Lakeview Academy 43 Commerce 22
Lakeview Academy 31 Social Circle 41
Hebron Academy 42 Social Circle 51
Social Circle 36 Walnut Grove 43
Jefferson 43 Walnut Grove 50
Jefferson 38 East Jackson 24
Apalachee 54 Habersham Central 59
Apalachee 49 Madison County 69
Apalachee 55 Cedar Shoals 66
North Oconee 48 East Jackson 29
Oconee County 46 Eastside 36
Oconee County 43 Jackson County 51
Prince Avenue 52 Tallulah Falls 23
Prince Avenue 60 Athens Christian 50
Cedar Shoals 47 Habersham Central 27
Clarke County 46 Winder-Barrow 49
East Hall 55 Johnson 27
East Hall 71 Whitefield 25
West Hall 24 Flowery Branch 48
West Hall 49 Johnson 36
Gainesville 53 Lambert 31
North Forsyth 50 North Gwinnett 57
Buford 73 Blessed Trinity 56
Buford 52 GAC 56
Buford 64 Gainesville 32
Chestatee 42 Creekview 30
Murphy, NC 50 Robbinsville, NC 66
Hayesville, NC 56 Rosman, NC 40
Hiwassee Dam, NC 62 Andrews, NC 39
Hiwassee Dam, NC 91 Robbinsville, NC 86
Andrews, NC 52 Nantahala, NC 30

Boys Prep Basketball

JV Towns County 47 Hebron Academy 54
JV Towns County 43 Lakeview Academy 53
Towns County 57 Hebron Academy 63
Towns County 45 Athens Academy 46
Towns County 40 Lakeview Academy 60
Union County 34 Riverside Academy 53
Union County 46 Dawson County 66
Pickens County 52 Chestatee 54
Fannin County 51 Riverside Academy 48
Athens Christian 83 Hebron Academy 46
Athens Christian 57 Athens Academy 34
Athens Academy 57 Prince Avenue 38
Athens Academy 51 Commerce 44
White County 42 Pickens County 55
White County 63 Chestatee 55
Lakeview Academy 37 Commerce 71
Lakeview Academy 66 Social Circle 47
Dawson County 41 Riverside Academy 52
Commerce 74 Social Circle 57
Commerce 70 Lakeview Academy 37
Commerce 76 Tallulah Falls 33
Prince Avenue 60 Tallulah Falls 45
Prince Avenue 40 Athens Christian 56
Jefferson 79 Walnut Grove 66
Jefferson 87 Commerce 55
Jefferson 97 Oglethorpe County 58
Jefferson 75 East Jackson 56
Apalachee 57 Madison County 73
Apalachee 56 Habersham Central 59
Apalachee 38 Cedar Shoals 56
Oconee County 53 Eastside 45
Oconee County 66 Jackson County 52
East Jackson 54 Walnut Grove 48
North Oconee 40 East Jackson 46
Cedar Shoals 49 Habersham Central 46
Chestatee 49 Creekview 49
Buford 42 GAC 78
Buford 52 Gainesville 78
Forsyth Central 54 Lakeside-DeKalb 94
Gainesville 67 Lambert 54
Gainesville 57 Flowery Branch 47
East Hall 49 Johnson 67
West Hall 65 Flowery Branch 60
West Hall 77 Johnson 72
West Hall 61 Whitefield 52
Flowery Branch 57 Johns Creek 47
Hayesville, NC 77 Rosman, NC 37
Murphy, NC 49 Robbinsville, NC 56
Hiwassee Dam, NC 53 Andrews, NC 38
Andrews, NC 27 Nantahala, NC 51

Game opening scoring surge propels Lady Indians past Hebron Christian

By Jerry Kendall

The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team took the court last Friday in Dacula with perhaps several thoughts of payback on their minds after having let a home court game get away from them at the hands of the Lady Lions nearly a month ago. They literally dominated the first twelve minutes of the game in building what turned out to be an insurmountable lead although the Lady Lions managed to rally for a respectable outcome.

In several recent games, 3-point shooting has been a mainstay of the Lady Indians' offense but the inside trio of Lindsay Patton, Jordan Moss, and Melissa Conrad took the lead in combining for sixteen of the Lady Indians first quarter points. They led by such scores as 6-0 and 19-2 before a last second Hebron layup left the first quarter score at 19-4. To be fair, the Lady Lions had several inside shots roll and bounce all around the rim before falling off.

A pair of early second quarter Conrad baskets led to a 9-4 run which gave the Lady Indians what would be their biggest lead of the game at 28-8 on a Moss basket at exactly the four minute mark. Things went downhill for the Indians the remainder of the quarter, however, as they managed only an Ali Bleckley field goal while the Lady Lions turned a pair of turnovers into field goals and added a late trey for a less imposing 30-15 halftime score.

The Lady Indians led

35-17 by the mid point of the third quarter but the Lady Lions rallied to within 37-27 near the two minute mark and trailed by just a 39-28 margin at quarter's end. Patton, who scored six of nine Lady Indian third quarter points, added the first six of the third quarter as they built a 49-31 lead by the mid point of the quarter.

Hebron substitute Taryn Higgins, who sank just one of several 3-point attempts in the earlier JV game, then surprised the Lady Indians with three straight treys between the 3:37 and 2:31 marks of the fourth quarter. She added a deuce at 2:02 for what turned out to be a team leading eleven points for the game scored in just a minute and thirty five seconds. Gabby Arencibia nearly matched Higgins' scoring output with eight in the final 4:38 of the game, however, as the Lady Indians closed out a 57-42 victory.

The Lady Indians solidified their hold on second place in Region 8A with the win with a 10-2 record behind Prince Avenue with an 11-1 record after a ten point home court victory over Athens Christian the same night. Hebron dropped to a third place tie with Social Circle, a ten point winner at Lakeview Academy on Tuesday, after the loss to the Lady Indians with each having an 8-4 region record.

Patton took the scoring lead for the Lady Indians against Hebron with 19 points as Arencibia scored 12, Moss 10, Conrad 9, and Bleckley 7. Moss had a stunning 9 assists with Arencibia taking second honors with 4. TFeb10,Spes12jac

Lady Indians past Hebron Christian



Melissa Conrad (32) and Jordan Moss (24) position themselves for the rebound in last week's contest versus Hebron Christian. The Lady Indians captured the region win 57-42.
Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Region 8A Tournament to be held next week at Athens Academy and Towns County

By Jerry Kendall

The Region 8A High School Basketball Tournament will be held next week with first round games on Tuesday and Wednesday to be held at Athens Academy and our own Towns County Gym to be the site of the final two rounds on Friday and Saturday. Play-in games between eighth and ninth place teams to qualify for first round competition will be hosted by the eighth seed boys team on Monday.

At press time, the Lady Indians are in second place in regular season play but with a chance to take the top seed for the tournament as described in the Lakeview Academy coverage elsewhere in this week's Herald. The Indians, on the

other hand, are currently in seventh place, a game ahead of Prince Avenue and three ahead of winless Tallulah Falls. Games played this week will determine if the Indians can hold the seventh place spot and avoid the play-in game.

Winners of first round games on Tuesday and Wednesday will qualify not only for games on both Friday and Saturday in the Towns County Gym but for the first round of the Class A State Tournament as well. Brackets for the tournament will be established next Sunday after all regular season games have been completed with game times for the Towns County teams being available at the school. TFeb10,Spes11jac

Late Indian rally not quite enough at Hebron Christian

By Jerry Kendall

For the third time in four games, the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team came to life late in the game, reducing a twenty one point Hebron Christian lead entering the fourth quarter to five in the final minute of play before falling by a 63-56 score in Dacula. Not only were the Indians strong in the closing quarter but the opening eight and a half minutes were a nip and tuck affair. The final five and a half minutes of the first quarter and the third quarter would prove to be the Indians' undoing, however, as the Lions dominated those minutes in turning a 21-19

deficit into a 54-33 lead.

The start of the mid game Hebron run at that 5:28 mark of the second quarter forced the seventh tie of the game with the Indians having held four separate leads prior to that, the last two of 19-17 and 21-19 on John Bleckley baskets. Six points by Bradley Swanson and five by DJ Rogers had highlighted Indian first quarter action, which ended in a 17-17 standoff.

Two treys and a deuce by Swanson in the third quarter couldn't prevent the aforementioned twenty one point Hebron lead of 54-33 but eight additional Swanson points, seven for

ten free throw shooting by Rylan Albach, and a trey by Ethan Burch led the Indians back into the game. A Bleckley putback at eighteen seconds got the Indians within 60-55.

The Indians got a break at 13.8 seconds when Hebron's big man dunked the ball after being fouled, resulting in a techni-

cal foul. After he sank two free throws, Swanson sank the second of two free throws and the Indians got possession of the ball, missing a 3-point attempt which would have cut the lead to three points. Hebron sank a final free throw at 6.8 seconds for the final score of 63-56.

YHC men's tennis team wins over Gadsden State

In a battle of two highly ranked teams, Young Harris College's men's tennis team won all six singles matches in straight sets and rolled to a 9-0 victory over Gadsden State Sunday afternoon in YHC's spring season opener at Meeks Park in Blairsville, Ga.

The Mountain Lions, ranked 17th nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, led 3-0 after doubles matches. In the top position, Young Harris' Laurenz Schraepen and Jamie Childree defeated Daniel Little and Austin Miller 8-0. Felix Reichl, a member of the Mountain Lions' nationally-ranked soccer team who made his collegiate tennis debut Sunday, teamed with William Dixon to hand Zain Nawab and Colt Kelley an 8-6 loss, while Mitchell Midkiff and Koen Gottenbos defeated Scott Bates and Ryan Childs 8-2.

Childree was as dominant in his singles match against Little as he was alongside Schraepen in doubles play, winning 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 slot. Dixon did Childree one better in terms of his singles result, shutting out Kelley 6-0, 6-0 in the third position.

In the No. 1 position, Schraepen defeated Nawab 6-2,

6-4. Midkiff won his match against Austin Miller 6-1, 7-6 (7) in the fourth position, while Gottenbos defeated Bates 6-3, 6-4 and Howard handed Childs a 6-4, 7-5 loss in the fifth and sixth positions, respectively.

Gadsden State is ranked 22nd in the nation by the ITA. The Mountain Lions are scheduled to return to action Tuesday at 1 p.m., against Shorter at Meeks Park.

DOUBLES:

1: Schraepen/Childree (YHC) def. Little/Miller (GS), 8-0
2: Felix Reichl/Dixon (YHC) def. Nawab/Kelley (GS), 8-6
3: Midkiff/Gottenbos (YHC) def. Bates/Childs (GS), 8-2

SINGLES:

1: Laurenz Schraepen (YHC) def. Zain Nawab (GS) 6-2, 6-4
2: Jamie Childree (YHC) def. Daniel Little (GS), 6-0, 6-1
3: Will Dixon (YHC) def. Colt Kelley (GS), 6-0, 6-0
4: Mitchell Midkiff (YHC) def. Austin Miller (GS) 6-1, 7-6(7)
5: Koen Gottenbos (YHC) def. Scott Bates (GS), 6-3, 6-4
6: Matt Howard (YHC) def. Ryan Childs (GS), 6-4, 7-5



Towns County's John Bleckley puts back the offensive rebound in last week's contest versus Hebron Christian. The Indians lost a close one 63-56.
Photo/Lowell Nicholson