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Indians take it on the chin at the hands of region leader Commerce



John Bleckley battles with a Commerce Tiger as Brandon Henderson comes to his aid. Photo by Jim/Lisa Bryant

By Jerry Kendall

It was a struggle from the start for the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team last Tuesday in the TCHS Gym as the Indians fell to an 81-42 loss to the Region 8A leading team, the Commerce Tigers. The Tigers set the tone of the game in the opening minutes, using put-back baskets for ten points and converting Indian turnovers for seven more of their first twenty one points. The Indians reduced a stunning 26-3 deficit by the

1:54 mark of the first quarter to 26-9 at quarter's end with DJ Rogers contributing four points in the final minute.

Brandon Henderson scored eight points, all on put-backs, in the second quarter with the two teams playing on virtually even terms for a 37-19 score by the two minute mark but the Tigers finished the quarter on a 9-2 run for a 46-21 lead at intermission. The Tigers then opened a 67-30 lead by the end of the third quarter and coasted

to the victory.

Henderson led the Indians in scoring for the game with 16 points with other leaders being Devin Henderson and Ryan Tallent with 2 each. Junior post player Brett Bradshaw missed the Commerce game due to an injury of hopefully short duration sustained during the last half of the previous game with Lakeview Academy.

The Indians were scheduled for their final regular season home games with Social Circle on Friday and with Prince Avenue Christian on Saturday of last week but both games were postponed due to bad weather. The Indians needed a win over Prince Avenue to assure a seventh place finish in regular season Region 8A play.

These games were rescheduled for Monday and Tuesday of this week, resulting in a delay in the Region 8A Tournament to be held at Athens Academy and Towns County. As of the newspaper deadline, there were so many variables with the possibility of additional bad weather that it is suggested that readers contact the school or listen to WNGM Radio at 1230 on the AM dial for up to date information on upcoming games and broadcasts.

Arencibia leads Lady Indians past Commerce



Missy Conrad drives over two Commerce Tigers on her route to the hoop in 72-29 win. Photo by Jim/Lisa Bryant

By Jerry Kendall

The words "red hot" don't seem to adequately describe the shooting performance on display by Gabby Arencibia for the Towns County Lady Indians in their home gym last Tuesday against Commerce. The sharp shooting sophomore sank what is believed to be a school record nine 3-point baskets and had her foot on the line on what would have been a tenth as she poured in thirty one points in a 72-27 Lady Indian victory. Official team stats for the game were not available as of press time but even more impressive than the number of treys made was the fact that Arencibia missed no more than perhaps three attempts from behind the three point line, according to their reporter's recollection.

The victory pulled the Lady Indians into a tie for first place in Region 8A as first place Prince Avenue Christian lost a 52-39 decision at Social Circle on the same evening with the Lady Indians to host Social Circle and Prince to host Hebron Christian on Friday. Whatever the outcome of those two games, top seeding for the Region 8A Tournament was then to be on the line as the Lady Indians were to host Prince Avenue on Saturday.

Of course, by week's end all Friday and Saturday games had been postponed due to bad weather to Monday and Tuesday of this week with the Region 8A Tournament at Athens Academy and Towns County also postponed until completion of regular season play. As of

the newspaper deadline, there were so many variables with the possibility of additional bad weather that it is suggested readers contact the school or listen to WNGM Radio at 1230 on the AM dial for up to date information about upcoming games and broadcasts.

After taking a 49-14 road decision over Commerce last month, the Lady Indians trailed 3-0 and 5-4 in the early going against the Lady Tigers but followed the scoring lead of Arencibia, Jordan Moss, and Lindsay Patton who sank nine, six and four points respectively, in springing out to a 21-9 first quarter lead. Arencibia added eleven points in the second quarter as the Lady Indians built a 47-22 halftime lead which became 63-27 after three quarters on the way to a 72-27 victory.

Arencibia led the Lady Indians with the aforementioned 31 points with other leaders being Moss and Patton with 10 each and Ali Bleckley with 6. Moss continued an impressive string of games assisting her teammates with 9 for the game and eight of those coming by the 5:14 mark of the second quarter. Other leaders in assists were Arencibia with 3 and Bleckley with 2.

Players earning promotions from the Lady Indian JV's are usually recognized upon their first appearance with the varsity and apologies are extended by your reporter to Sophomore Kindle Moss for failing to acknowledge her promotion last week. Congratulations are extended to Kindle who made her second varsity appearance in the Commerce game after increasingly effective play with the Lady Indian JV's.

by Jim Bryant

Girls Prep Basketball
Towns County 72
Woody gap 20
Social Circle 52
Lakeview Academy 40
Lakeview Academy 51
Athens Christian 48
Dawson County 42
Dawson County 33
Lumpkin County 27
Habersham Central 32
Cedar Shoals 35
North Oconee 54
Oconee County 55
Apalachee 58
West Hall 44
East Hall 66
Buford 50
Buford 59
Gainesville 42
Gainesville 49
Gainesville 52
Forsyth Central 43
North Forsyth 37
South Forsyth 37
Rosman, NC 56
Hayesville, NC 43
Cherokee, NC 81
Murphy, NC 62

Boys Prep Basketball
Towns County 42
Lakeview Academy 55
Lakeview Academy 60
Athens Christian 84
Rabun County 63
Social Circle 62
White County 61
Dawson County 61
Lumpkin County 48
Jefferson 78
Cedar Shoals 27
Apalachee 22
Flowers Branch 77
Habersham Central 52
Jefferson 78
East Jackson 54
Gainesville 52
Gainesville 45
Gainesville 59
North Hall 59
West Hall 61
East Hall 96
Buford 28
Buford 66
Forsyth central 22
North Forsyth 34
Eagle's Landing 58
Rosman, NC 56
Hayesville, NC 67
Cherokee, NC 43

Prep Tennis
(G) North Oconee 4
(G) Jefferson 5
(G) Flowers Branch 3
(G) Johnson 5
(B) North Oconee 3
(B) Jefferson 5
(B) West Hall 4
(B) Jackson 5

Collegiate Baseball
YHC 8/7
(YHC/Roane State rescheduled April 14th 3:00)
ABAC 8/5
Darton 2
Darton 12
Chipola 5/6
Middle Georgia 10
Andrew 6/3
Georgia Perimeter 5
Gordon 2/0
Gulf Coast 9

Collegiate Softball
Georgia Military 9/3
Brenau 10/1
Coastal Georgia 1/4
Coastal Georgia 10/1
Darton 1/5
Gulf Coast 3/12
Gulf Coast 6/3
South Georgia 1/2/1/1

Men's Collegiate Tennis
YHC 9

Women's Collegiate Tennis
YHC 0
ABAC 1

Commerce 27
Tallah Falls 43
Prince Avenue 39
Athens Academy 35
Commerce 34
Tallah Falls 41
East Jackson 60
Fannin County 45
Chestatee 51
Madison County 46
Winder-Barrow 41 (OT)
Walnut Grove 40
Morgan County 50
Clarke central 66
Johns Creek 31
Lambert 25
Decatur 33
Cross Keys 22
West Forsyth 43
Franklin County 38
Lambert 34
Marist 41
Norcross 76
North Gwinnett 50
Robbinsville, NC 62
Hiwassee Dam, NC 50
Andrews, NC 40
Swain, NC 53

Commerce 81
Athens Academy 48
Commerce 48
Tallah Falls 63
Riverside Academy 67
Prince Avenue 39
Gilmer County 41
Fannin County 58
Chestatee 45
Banks County 45
Winder-Barrow 43
Clarke Central 53
Loganville 54
Madison County 53
Banks County 45
Oglethorpe County 64
West Forsyth 43
Franklin County 38
Lambert 60
Creekview 56
Johns Creek 43
Lambert 51
Decatur 43
Cross keys 30
Marist 53
Norcross 74
Wesleyan 76
Robbinsville, NC 71
Hiwassee Dam, NC 81
Andrews, NC 53

Dacula 1
Franklin County 0
Dacula 2
Jackson County 0
Dacula 2
Franklin County 0
North Forsyth 1
Jackson County 0

Southeastern 6/4
Montreat 1(5)/4
East Georgia 3/3
Alabama Southern 4
St Johns River 14
St Petersburg 0/2
Walters State 12
Lurleen B. Wallace 12/9
Chattahoochee Valley 6 (OT)
Tallahassee CC 8/3
Alabama Southern 8

USC Salkehatchie 1/7
Montreat 1(5)/4
Brevard 3/0
USC Salkehatchie 8 (OT)/4
Chipola 10/16
ABAC 0/6
University of Mobile 11/8
JV Brewton parker 7/0/7/7

Gadsden State 0
Shorter 9
Hillsborough 8

Men's, Women's Basketball Tryouts

Mickey Seward, YHC Sports SID

Current Young Harris College students are invited to attend an open tryout for the school's men's and women's basketball teams on Feb. 22 at the Dobbs-McEachern Recreation Center.

The tryout will be similar to the one held at the Young Harris Hysteria event in October. It will be conducted from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. All male and female students are invited to attend and try out for the teams, which begin play in the fall of 2010.

YHC netters fall to Shorter Hawks 9-0



Despite a valiant effort, the YHC Cats were out manded 9-0 by the 22nd ranked Shorter Hawks.

Mickey Seward, YHC Sports SID

Young Harris College's men's tennis fell to Shorter College, ranked 22nd in the nation by the NAIA, by a score of 9-0 in a non-conference men's tennis match at Meeks Park in Blairsville, Ga., Thursday.

Laurenz Schraepen found himself locked in battles in both singles and doubles competitions. He eventually fell to Luis Quintero 6-2, 7-5 in singles play. Schraepen and doubles teammate Jamie Childree forced a tiebreaker in the No. 1 singles slot against Badr Cherradi and Thibault Langeard, eventually falling 9-8 (4). Childree also nearly forced a third set in singles play, but fell to Langeard 6-1, 7-5.

The Mountain Lions are scheduled to return to action with a pair of road matches on Feb. 13. YHC plays at Georgia Perimeter College in Dunwoody at 10 a.m., then face Oglethorpe in Atlanta at 3 p.m.

Doubles:
1. Cherradi/Langeard (SC) def. Schraepen/Childree (YHC) 9-8 (4)
2. Tucoulou/Bastien (SC) def. Gottenbos/Howard (YHC) 8-2

Basketball Individual Scoring

Player	Points
Gabby Arencibia (10)	31
Jordan Moss (11)	10
Lindsay Patton (10)	10
Ali Bleckley (10)	6
Dadrian Blythe (9)	4
Melissa Conrad (12)	4
Heather Hamilton (12)	4
Brittany Walls (11)	3
Indians (Grade)	
Brandon Henderson (10)	16
DJ Rogers (11)	8
Dakota Barrett (10)	5
Bradley Swanson (11)	5
John Bleckley (12)	4
Rylan Albach (10)	2
Devin Henderson (11)	2

3. Jones/Quintero (SC) def. Dixon/Midkiff (YHC) 8-0

Singles:
1. Badr Cherradi (SC) def. William Dixon (YHC) 6-2, 6-1
2. Luis Quintero (SC) def. Laurenz Schraepen (YHC) 6-2, 7-5
3. Bastien Russo (SC) def. Garrett Vinson (YHC) 6-1, 7-5
4. Eric Tucoulou (SC) def. Koen Gottenbos (YHC) 6-0, 6-0
5. Thibault Langeard (SC) def. Jamie Childree (YHC) 6-1, 7-5
6. Grayson Jones (SC) def. Mitchell Midkiff (YHC) 6-1, 6-1

Photo by Jim/Lisa Bryant

17th ranked YHC men's tennis opens season with 9-0 win



Laurenz Schraepen returns a serve as the YHC Mountain Lions defeated Gadsden State 9-0.

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.

Towns County High School 2010 Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Region
February				
Mon 22	Varsity Rabun County (Scrimmage)	Away	4:30	
Wed 24	Varsity Union County	YHC	5:30	
Thur 25	JV Rabun County	Home	4:30	
Sat 27	JV Rabun County	Away	11:00	
March				
Mon 1	Varsity Rabun County	Home	5:00	
Tue 2	Varsity Rabun Gap	Away	5:00	
Wed 3	JV Union County	Away	5:00	
Thur 4	JV Lumpkin County	Home	5:00	
Fri 5	Vars/JV Social Circle(JV after)	Home	4:30	**
Mon 8	Vars/JV Andrews(JV after)	Home	4:30	**
Tue 9	Varsity Hiwassee Dam	Home	4:30	**
Tue 9	JV Habersham	Away	4:30	**
Wed 10	Varsity Tallulah Falls	Away	4:30	**
Fri 12	Var/JV Social Circle(JV before)	Away	4:30	**
Mon 15	Varsity Hiwassee Dam	Away	4:30	**
Tue 16	Varsity Athens Christian	Away	5:30	**
Thur 18	Varsity Hebron Christian	Away	4:30	**
Fri 19	Varsity Prince Avenue(MS before)	Home	6:00	**
Sat 20	JV Lakeview	Away	1:00	
Mon 22	Vars/JV Andrews(JV after)	Away	4:30	**
Tue 23	Varsity Commerce	Away	5:30	**
Thur 25	Varsity Lakeview	Home	5:00	**
Fri 26	Varsity Athens Academy	Home	5:00	**
Sat 27	JV Commerce(DH)	Home	11:00	**
Mon 29	Varsity Blue Ridge, NC	Away	4:00	**
Tue 30	JV Habersham	Home	4:30	**
April				
Thur 1	JV Lumpkin County	Away	5:30	**
Thur 8	JV Rabun County	Home	4:30	**
Fri 9	Varsity Athens Christian	Home	4:30	**
Mon 12	JV Rabun County	Away	5:30	**
Tue 13	Varsity Prince Avenue	Away	5:30	**
Thur 15	Varsity Commerce	Home	5:00	**
Mon 19	Varsity Blue Ridge, NC	Home	4:00	**
Tue 20	Varsity Lakeview	Away	4:30	**
Thur 22	Varsity Athens Academy	Away	5:00	**
Fri 23	Varsity Hebron Christian	Home	5:30	**
Thur 29	Varsity Hayesville, NC	Away	5:00	**
Fri 30	Varsity Tallulah Falls	Home	5:30	**

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.

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

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