



# Towns County Herald's Sporting News



## Lakeview Lions take TCHS Indians 5-3

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### Indians double Cats hits but fall to felines.

Despite out hitting the visiting Lakeview Academy Lions 6-3, the TCHS Indians just couldn't put it together for the win. For two innings it was like watching molasses in winter, both teams stranded runners and despite loading in the second, neither team could plate a runner. It looked like the third was going to be more scoreless ball after Kyle McConnell snagged a liner at first and tossed to Zeke Gribble covering and Charles Corn made a diving catch in center field. With two in the bag, the Lions slapped a "T" off the center field fender and sent a feline over for the 1-0 lead.

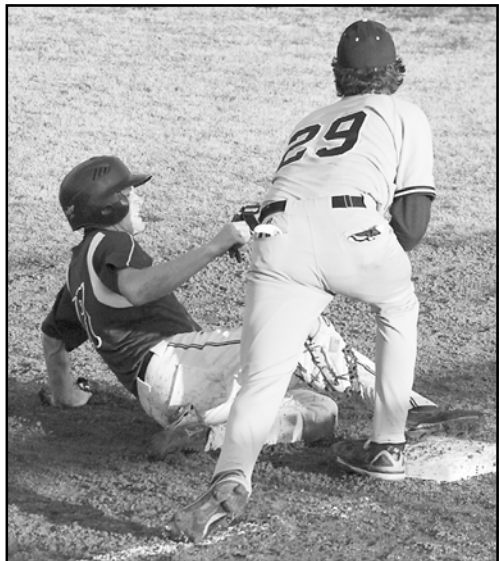
In the fourth, the Cats clung to their one run lead despite two balks on the Lakeview pitcher. The Indians changed pitchers in the top of the fifth and the Cats began to work on the new meat. They plated a

run on a passed ball, added another during a put-out play at second by Billy Meier and it was 3-0. The Cats loaded on relief pitcher, Taylor Denton who went in for a struggling Charles Corn and walked in another two runs for a 5-0 lead in the fifth. The best the Tribe could do was a single to right by Corn, who died on base.

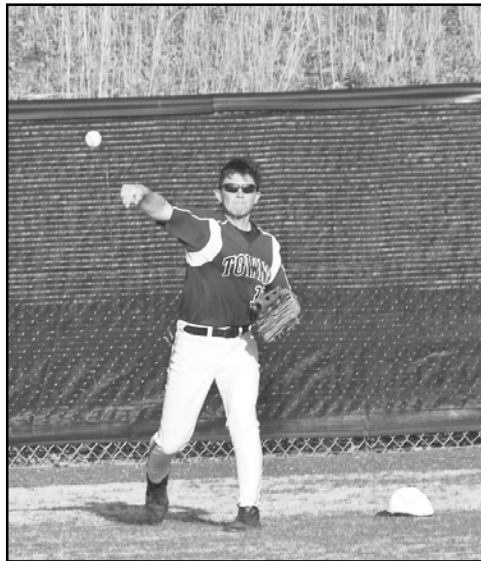
Again the game went into neutral until the bottom of the seventh when the Indians tried to turn things around.

The Indians pulled the bats out of their bag late in the game as Randy Smith opened the seventh with a single to left. Charles Corn followed with a Texas looper over second and James Mullins slapped an RBI

single to left, 5-1. Corn then raced home on a passed ball, 5-2 as the tribe started playing ball. Mullins then raced home also on a passed ball as the Lion pitching change looked like a bad decision. A sac by Cody Harkins got Zeke Gribble to third but a final Cat out saved the game as the Cats took the 5-3 win back to Gainesville.



Charles Corn slides in at third against Lakeview Academy. Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant



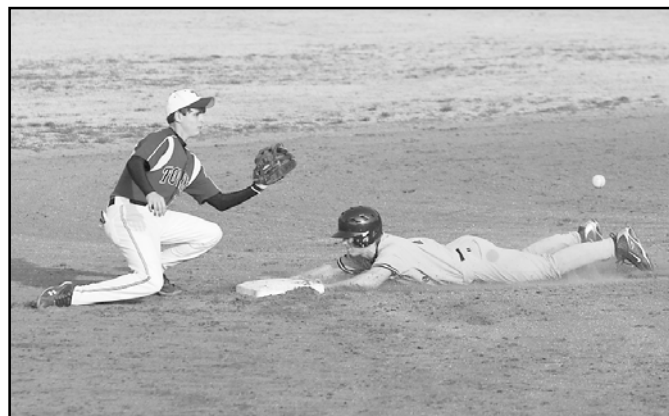
Randy Smith throws the ball in from right field in 5-3 loss to the Lions.



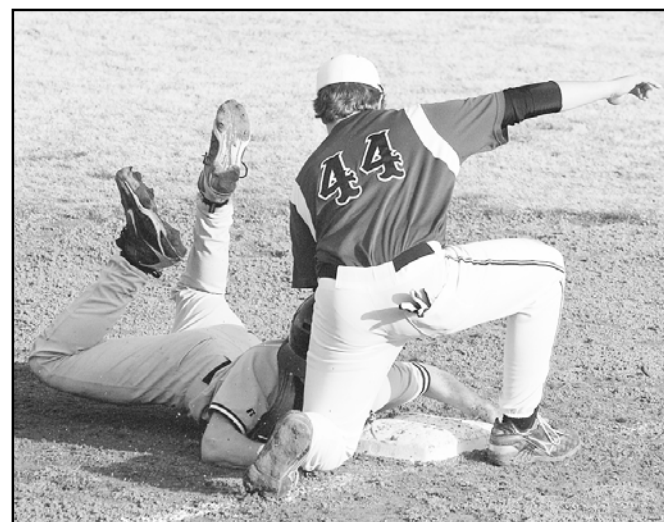
Billy Meier tries for a pick-off play at second base.



Zeke Gribble dives back to first in pick-off attempt.



Alan Turpin waits for the ball as a Lion goes into second base.



Tryston Drummond makes the tag at third base against a Lion.

## TCHS Indian netters play heavy schedule

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### Tribe beats Fannin County boys for first time.

The TCHS Indians played a hectic five match schedule the past several days against some of the power houses of the region. The best news was the

first time ever to defeat the Fannin County boy's team, although not in region play. Down 0-2 with Bart Arencibia (2-6, 4-6) and Matt Hogsed losing (2-6, 2-6) in straight sets, the Indians fought back. Douglas Haigler came back to win in three sets in the third seed position (3-6, 6-3, 6-3). Ben Hogsed and Will Adkins also won in three sets (6-7, 7-5, 6-

4). With the match on the line for the doubles, the #1 team of John Bleckley and Ethan Burch won 6-2, lost 2-6 and regained their first set dominance to win the rubber match 6-2 for the victory. Wayne Carpenter won his exhibition match 8-2. The boys won the match 3-2.

The girls had an easier time of it, winning 4-1. Alexa Arencibia took the #1 singles

in three sets (4-6, 6-4, 6-2). Ginny Rhoades won in three sets (6-1, 4-6, 6-2). Gabby Arencibia lost her match (2-6, 3-6) after recently arriving from the TCHS Indians' basketball season. The two doubles teams won handily. Jordan Moats/Kristin Fuhs won (6-2, 6-1) and Hannah Mathis/Kerri Abernathy also won (7-5, 6-1) in their first doubles together.



Will Adkins and Matt Hogsed teamed up for the win over Fannin County.



Douglas Haigler returns the ball in TCHS first ever win over the Fannin County Rebels.



Hannah Mathis combined with Kerri Abernathy to take a doubles win for the Indians.



Kerri Abernathy returns a shot in doubles win with Hannah Mathis. Photos by Jim Bryant

## Towns County youth wrestling inaugural season comes to end



Coach Jeff Stowers at Towns County Schools is the head wrestling coach for both the High School and Middle School program. This year he decided to start a youth program as well. He and his assistant coaches Lee Church and Jason Hoffman put the program together and were very enthused with the number of children and how they performed. We chartered a club with USA Wrestling, which is the governing body of wrestling in the United States, and it coordinates amateur wrestling programs all over the nation. There were 20-25 children that came out and put in a lot of hard work. It was great to see the improvements and how far the kids came along through-

out the season. We went to various tournaments throughout the year and fared pretty well. We had several kids take medals. There was some very stiff competition and many of the other children we faced had been wrestling for several years. We finished out the season at the State Qualifiers and the State Tournaments. In order to advance to the State Tournament you had to place in the top 4 in your weight class at one of the six qualifiers throughout the state. Towns County went to the State Qualifier in Gilmer County and had five children make it to The Little Kids State Tournament, and two that advanced to The Big Kids State Tournament. We were



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### State Class AAAA Basketball Championships

- (B) Tucker 31 Miller Grove 59
- (G) SW DeKalb 59 Fayette County 46

### State Class AAAAA Basketball Championships

- (B) Wheeler 73 Milton 53
- (G) Redan 64 Marietta 40

### Prep Baseball

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Towns County 3     | Lakeview Acdy 5         |
| Towns County 10    | Andrews, NC 9 (8)       |
| Towns County 1     | Athens Christian 13 (4) |
| Union County 1     | Dawson County 10        |
| Union County 3     | Rabun County 11         |
| Athens Christian 7 | Social Circle 5         |
| White County 2     | Pickens County 8        |
| White County 6     | Franklin County 2       |
| White County 1     | West Forsyth 2          |
| White County 9     | North Hall 5            |
| Lumpkin County 12  | East Hall 2             |
| Lumpkin County 15  | Pickens County 0        |
| Pickens County 3   | Gainesville 14          |
| Pickens County 6   | East Hall 8             |
| Gilmer County 11   | Johnson 2               |
| Gilmer County 14   | West Hall 0             |
| Commerce 5         | Hebron Academy 4        |
| Commerce 7         | Jefferson 12            |
| Jefferson 11       | East Jackson 1          |
| Jefferson 13       | Oglethorpe County 3     |
| Lakeview Acdy 4    | Franklin County 1       |
| Lakeview Acdy 17   | St. Francis 7           |
| Lakeview Acdy 3    | Banks County 10         |
| Prince Avenue 0    | Alcovy 19 (4)           |
| Banks County 10    | Oglethorpe County 4     |
| Dawson County 6    | Fannin County 7         |

### Prep Tennis

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| (G) Towns County 0   | Hebron Academy 5    |
| (G) Towns County 0   | Rabun County 5      |
| (G) Towns County 2   | Lakeview Academy 3  |
| (G) Towns County 2   | Athens Christian 3  |
| (G) Towns County 3   | Fannin County 2     |
| (B) Towns County 1   | Hebron Academy 4    |
| (B) Towns County 1   | Rabun County 4      |
| (B) Towns County 0   | Lakeview Academy 5  |
| (B) Towns County 2   | Athens Christian 3  |
| (B) Towns County 3   | Fannin County 2     |
| (B) Lakeview Acdy 5  | Tallulah Falls 0    |
| (G) Lakeview Acdy 5  | Tallulah Falls 0    |
| (G) Pickens County 1 | North Hall 4        |
| (B) Gilmer County 0  | North Hall 5        |
| (B) Dawson County 0  | Riverside Academy 5 |

### Prep Golf

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| (B) Union County 166   | Riverside Academy 176 |
| (B) Lumpkin County 162 | North Hall 151        |
| (B) Dawson County 162  | Gilmer County 203     |
| (G) Dawson County 108  | Gilmer County 128     |
| (G) Dawson County 98   | Gainesville 94        |

### Prep Soccer

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| (B) Towns County 0 | Riverside Academy 6 |
| (B) Rabun County 0 | Riverside Academy 2 |
| (G) White County 0 | Chestatee 4         |

### Wallace State Invitational Silver Round

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|-------|-----------------------|
| YHC 6 | Gadsden State AL 3    |
| YHC 1 | Jefferson Davis, AL 2 |

### Collegiate Baseball

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| YHC 9/6                  | Louisburg 3/11      |
| YHC 9/9/23               | Gordon 6/2          |
| Georgia Perimeter 5/6/10 | South Georgia 3/9/1 |
| Georgia Perimeter 7      | Southern Union 6    |
| Gordon 20/6              | Piedmont 1/2        |
| Truett McConnell 3       | Cleveland State 13  |

### Collegiate Softball

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| YHC 4/9              | Coastal Georgia 6/8 (8) |
| Aiken Tech 7/9       | USC-Sumter 3/5          |
| Chattanooga State 10 | Pasco-Hernando 0        |
| Chattanooga State 4  | St. Petersburg 3        |
| South Georgia 0      | Tallahassee CC 6        |
| South Georgia 0/1    | Georgia Perimeter 11/6  |
| South Georgia 9      | El Paso CC 3            |
| Brenau 8             | Gulf Coast 4            |
| Brenau 3             | William Carey 4         |
| Middle Georgia 11    | Coastal Georgia 3       |

### Collegiate Tennis

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| Brenau 3 | Houston-Victoria 2   |
| Brenau 4 | Martin Methodist 3   |
| Brenau 5 | Oklahoma Christian 1 |

proud of all of the children that participated this season and are really looking forward to next year. We would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Richard Behrens and the Towns County Board of Education, along with Mr. Roy Perren and Dr. Marian Sumner and everyone else that helped with getting the new wrestling gym built so that we could have a facility to practice in and make the program possible. Children that advance to Little Kids State were:

1. Jacob Church
2. Samantha Church
3. Larson Church
4. Kaine Hoffman
5. Russell Cox

Children that advance to Big Kids State were:

1. Tyler Sierra
2. Tyler Hoffman