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Coach Moss resigns as Baseball Coach

Towns County High School will have a new baseball coach in 2011.

The question is, 'who?' Longtime Head Coach Shannon Moss, who replaced Coach Kimsey, asked the Towns County Board of Education to accept his resignation from coaching baseball.

The board did just that on Monday night.

In an interview following his last game, a 14-2 victory over Tallulah Falls, Coach Moss expressed that after 15 years of coaching, it was time to spend more time with his family.

"My wife and kids miss me," Coach Moss said. "My kids are at that age that they need more of their Daddy's attention. I want to be there for my wife and kids."

Coach Moss wishes his team well. He believes if they dedicate themselves to baseball, they can go far in the coming season.

"Whoever is coaching this team in 2011 will be getting a pretty good team," Coach Moss said. "They never quit on me and there was never a lack of effort. They were young and the lack of experience caught



Towns County High School will have a new baseball coach in 2011. The Towns County Board of Education accepted the resignation of Head Coach Shannon Moss on Monday night. The coaching vacancy has yet to be posted.

Photo/Charles Duncan

up with them.

"Next year, they've got experience under their belts and they're going to be as good as they want to be," he said.

Towns County Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens said that the job has yet to be posted.

"We're going to put it out there and see what interest there is in this job," Behrens said, noting that at one time, the Diamond Indians were the toast of Northeast Georgia.

Towns County has a long tradition and rich history in baseball, a taste of state championship glory.

"It'll be interesting to see who wants to be our next baseball coach," he said. "We're looking for someone who's ready to take the reins."

The Indians head into the 2011 season with a three-game winning streak and high expectation.

Towns-Union Special Olympics

Wednesday, special athletes from Towns and Union counties took part in the Joint Special Olympics for both counties.

Indians Coach Jeff Stowers said these events aren't intended to pit athlete against athlete. Rather, these events are specifically intended to give kids a chance to get out and give it their all.

"There are some gamers out here," Stowers said. "It's the Special Olympics and these kids truly are special. They have the heart of a lion and that's something that you just can't coach."

"They come out here and give everything they have and in reality, that's all you can ask of any athlete," he said.

The first international Special Olympics Summer Games were held in Chicago in 1968 with the idea of having a one-time Olympic atmosphere competition for people with special needs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver encouraged the Games' founder Anne McGlone Burke to expand on the idea.

In 1971, the U.S. Olympic Committee gave the Special Olympics the right to use the word 'Olympic.'

The Games have grown worldwide with intense appeal. The motto of the Special Olympics is "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

"You have to hand it to these kids who come out here and show more heart than a lot of professional athletes," Coach Stowers said. "Being a part of Special Olympics is one of the greatest moments for me personally as a coach and as a human being."



Indians ready for Friday night

Towns County High School Football Coach Kyle Langford is excited.

The numbers for his football family have greatly increased. Only time will tell if the almost 60 athletes wearing Indian Blue will return for summer practice.

"Heck yeah, we're excited and with good reason," he said. "We're excited about this football program, this team and the upcoming football season."

No one is certain, but the reason for the spike in football numbers could be attributed to the renewal of the Towns-Union football rivalry. The Indians and the Panthers will kickoff the 2010 season on Aug. 27 at Frank McClure Stadium in Hiwassee.

"I'm sure that's created some excitement," Langford said. "Towns-Union has always been a big game for both schools. We're going to keep our heads about us and get used to having some depth."

Langford said the numbers remain consistent from the group of athletes that hit the practice field last week. He'll learn more about his team during the annual Blue-White game on Friday. Game time: 5 p.m. at Frank McClure Stadium.

"We're seeing a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of effort," he said. "Practices have been fast; there's not a lot of standing around and that's what we look for. I'm as happy as I've ever been at this point in the spring. Now, we've just got to do a good job of finishing it out and bringing it on home," Coach Langford said. "We're looking forward to getting ready for the summer."

Coach Langford is a realist; he understands that the numbers could dwindle over the course of a summer. However, he's committed to keeping the numbers where they are.

"We want to keep these kids in our program; we're excited about the level of enthusiasm in the program," Coach Langford said. "We're committed to these kids in the program. We think that it's important that they stay around, not only for themselves, but for the school too."

Coach Langford won't tip his hand on just how the Blue-



White game will unfold.

"We're going to give a lot of kids a chance to get out on that field and show everyone how hard they've been working," Coach Langford said. "We're going to be mostly in our Spread game on Friday, we won't line up under center. We're going to be as live as we can be," he said. "Once the ball is snapped and until the whistle is blown, it's going to be live."

Coach Langford emphasized that there are certain things that the Indians need to work on Spread-wise.

"There are a lot of things that we can't work on during the summer," he said. "We really emphasize that over the course of the spring. Defensively, the Indians will

come out in their traditional 3-5 defense.

"We're going to focus on getting the right personnel in the right place," he said. "We're going to get people in position to be where they're most successful."

The crowds will begin gathering early. They'll be plenty to eat. Booster Club members will be selling barbecue plates throughout the evening, part of the ongoing fund-raising effort for Towns County Athletics.

"We're looking forward to a lot of folks coming out and enjoying themselves on a Friday evening," he said. "The weather is going to be nice and you couldn't ask for a more enjoyable evening than watching this hard-working bunch go head-to-head."



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