



# Towns County Herald's Sporting News



## Spartans find Indian fence and lay claim to same

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*Billy Meier only Indian to locate plate.*

In Athens it was the Tribe on top in a 14-1 win. In Hiwassee fortunes were reversed as the Athens Academy Spartans blasted a 19-2 vengeance against the Indians. The visitors took over the scoreboard early and never looked back. The Spartans put a couple of runners on then plated them with an RBI double, 2-0. The next batter capped that with a 2-run HR blast to make it 4-0 in the top of the first. The second was more of the same for Indian starter, Trystan Drummond as the Spartans found the left field fence to their liking. After a gimme run on a passed ball at home and no one covered the plate, a Spartan waltzed home untouched, 5-1. Again, the Spartans found the fence for a 3-run blast and it was 8-0. An RBI double plated two more runs for a 10-2 lead in the second

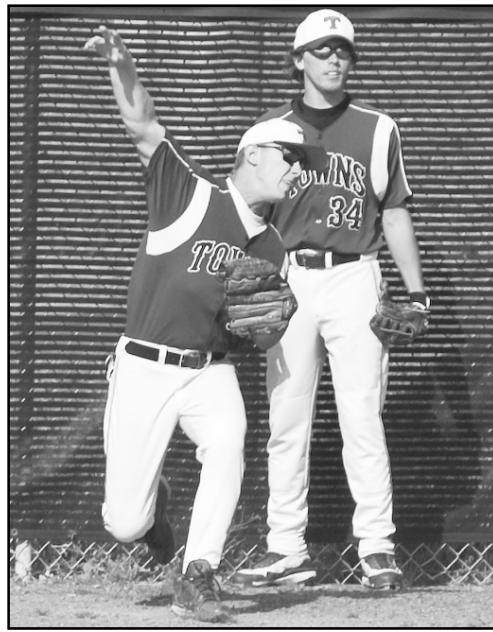
inning. Despite pitching changes to Taylor Denton and Alan Turpin, the big Spartan bats were still smokin' in the third with a 3-run blast over center, 14-0. Billy Meier opened the bottom half with a double and

moved to second on a sac by Randy Smith. An RBI single in the gap by Matt Beni made it a 14-1 game after three full innings. In the fifth, an RBI single made it 15-1 and a 2-RBI Double made it 17-1. By the time the Tribe finally got rid

of the Spartans it was 19-1. The Indians again turned to Billy Meier who belted a double then raced home off an RBI by Randy Smith to make it the final 19-2 game. The Athens Christian game will run next week.



Billy Meier races home to score his second of the Tribes two runs in 19-2 loss.



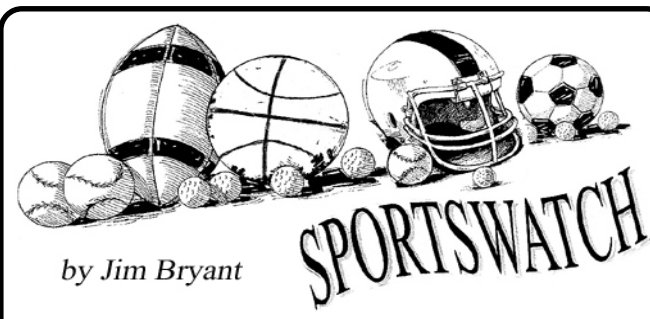
Andy Page throws in the ball from center field as James Mullins backs him up.



Ezekiel Gribble make the play at home for the out over the protest of the Spartan coach. (see insert) Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Matt Beni puts the "boink" on a sliding Spartan at second base.



by Jim Bryant

**Girls State Class AAA Soccer Semi-Finals**  
North Hall 4 Spalding County 0

**Boys State Class AAA Soccer Semi-Finals**  
Oconee County 2 Watkinsville 0

**Boys State Soccer Championships**  
West Hall 0 (Champions) St. Pius 3

**State Class A Baseball Playoffs**  
Lakeview Academy 10/19 Fellowship Christian 0/0  
Commerce 3/1 ELCA 7/2

**State Class AA Baseball Playoffs**  
Banks County 8/9 Chattooga 0/4  
Jefferson 3/13 Model 0/6

**State Class AAA Baseball Playoffs**  
Lumpkin County 1/3 Elbert County 2/6

**Girls Region 7-AAA Track & Field Championships**  
1<sup>st</sup> West Forsyth (174)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Flowery Branch (140.75)

**Boys State Track & Field Championships**  
7<sup>th</sup> North Hall (34)  
12<sup>th</sup> Flowery Branch (20)

**Region XVII Baseball Final Four Tournament**  
YHC 4 Middle Georgia 17

Georgia Perimeter 8 Truett McConnell 4  
YHC 10 4<sup>th</sup> Truett McConnell 8

Georgia Perimeter 8 Middle Georgia 7  
3<sup>rd</sup> YHC 4 Middle Georgia 14

Georgia Perimeter 6 Middle Georgia 10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ga Perimeter 4 1<sup>st</sup> Middle Georgia 13

## Herald's sports quote of the week

"You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there."

- Yogi Berra, baseball player



**Local sports and racing covered by Lowell Nicholson, Jim & Lisa Bryant, Jerry Kendall, Charles Duncan and Carl Vanzura**

## Cavaliers in come-back win over the Lady M'Lions

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*Visitors pull out late game win over YHC.*

In the final YHC softball home stand of the season the powerful Darton Lady Cavaliers found the Cat pitcher late

and plated enough runs to take a 5-1 win. The game started well for the Mountain Lions when Chelsea Davidson slid in at third and on the wild throw into left, Davison charged home, 1-0. Jamey Chapman singled in the second, over second and a sac by Sam Woolf got her to second but there she stayed. Down with two outs in the third, an RBI single to right

plated the tying 1-1 run for the Cavaliers, while stranding two runners. The Cavs kept getting runners on through the fourth and fifth innings but the Cat defense held. In the sixth, the Cavaliers found Cat starting pitcher, Whitney Robinson for several singles that accounted for two runs, 3-1 to break the stalemate. A stand-D accounted for

two more runs and the eventual 5-1 winning score. In the seventh, the Mountain Lions hit into a DP to end game one of the DH. At the conclusion of the game, Jessica Swancey, Whitney Robinson, Kacie Shields and Brittany McDade were awarded signature softballs. They will not be returning to YHC next season.



Jamey Chapman is thrown out at second base in 5-1 loss to Darton College.



Caitlin Duval sends the dust flying in a slide at second base against the Cavaliers.



Awards presented to four non-returning Mountain Lions after the game. (L-R) Jessica Swancey, Whitney Robinson, Kacie Shields \* Brittany McDade. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Chelsea Davidson slides in safely in home as the ball heads for the camera in near miss.

## Indians invade Zaxby's before the big scrimmage

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*Come out and support the TCHS football team.*

Believe it or not the TCHS Indians are on the field getting ready for the fall football program. After a record setting 2008 season, for two weeks the two Indian football teams have been going through on-campus football spring drills with over forty players dressed for practice. Varsity Coach Kyle Langford and Middle School Coach Brett Keller and

their battery of other assistant coaches have been busy putting the prospects through their paces.

All the football fans are asked to come out and support the teams, first on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Zaxy's from 6:00-8:00 PM. Eat with the elite as players will be available to meet and greet the faithful before the big scrimmage. Trust me, these guys look completely different without a football helmet on their heads.

The following morning at 10:00 AM Saturday at the TCHS Frank McClure Stadium, the teams will divide

into blue/white and square off in a football scrimmage game

for the fans to get a preliminary look at the 2009 squad.



Kyle Langford sees helmets galore as he plans for Indians football 2009. Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

## The Rock Regional Sports Academy

The Rock Regional Sports Academy (formerly Baseball Instructional Camps @ YHC) has set dates for summer camps for baseball, soccer and tennis. Our 2009 Cross-Training for Christ Multi-Sport camp and Leadership Training

Camp dates are July 6-10. New to The Rock are Tennis, Soccer & Baseball lessons ranging from individual to small group to team. For more information or for a registration form, call 706-897-2363 or e-mail LuannR36@yahoo.com

## Indian Basketball Camp in June

Girls and Boys entering Grades 2-8 for the 2009-2010 school year are invited to attend. Indian Basketball Camp is divided into two sessions. Session 1 is for grades 2-5 from 9am-11:30am and Session II is for grades 6-8 from 12:30pm-3pm.

Camp features include agility and quickness drills, shooting techniques, ball handling, basic offensive moves, defensive positioning, drib-

bling contest, free throw contest, hot shot contest, and team play.

Camp dates are June 1, 2, & 3 and cost of camp is \$60 each (or \$50 each for 2 or more from same family).

Registration deadline is May 20. Camp Forms can be picked up at Elementary or Middle/High School Office or call Coach Melton at 706-896-4131 ext 1231.