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### Coach Langford's Indians make it two in a row

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Coming off their first victory of the season, a convincing 48-18 daytime road victory to the North Cobb Christian Eagles, the Towns County Indians headed into the bye week with a full head of steam. Given two weeks to heal rest and prepare apparently was the right formula for a Homecoming matchup with the visiting River Ridge Knights hailing from Woodstock.

Indians' Head Coach Kyle Langford prepared his team for the River Ridge ground attack and practically shutdown the passing game in a defensive

14-7 Indian win. The Knights successfully attempted and recovered an onside kick to start the game. The risky move failed to pay any dividends as Devin Henderson soon picked off an errant pass from Knights' sophomore quarterback Jackson Weeg.

The war of attrition continued through the first quarter until the Knights mounted a drive primarily fueled by the Weeg to freshman running back E.J. Ellis combination.

The Knights appeared on the verge of taking the lead and initial control of the game on a gallop by sophomore running back Will Redding toward the goal line. However, Redding was stripped of the ball by an Indian defender and recovered by Cody Smedley in the end zone for a touchback.

The Knights' turnover and miscue changed the complexity of the game giving the Indians a much needed momentum boost.

From their own 20-yard line, the Indians mounted a well managed, time consuming, ball control attack under the guidance of freshman quarterback Jackson Noblet.

Behind the tough running of tailback Noah Calhoun between the tackles and wideout Zack Stroud around the edges, Noblet hit Stroud for a 5=yard touchdown with just 17 seconds remaining in the first half. The Indians took a 7-0 halftime lead into the locker room prior to Homecoming festivities.

Following the halftime Homecoming ceremony, the Knights received the Indian kickoff and were inefficient in their initial series, going three an out and punting to the Indians. The Tribe took over at the Knights' 32-yard line and sustained another well orchestrated drive resulting in a Calhoun 2 yard touchdown plunge with just less than 5 minutes remaining in the third quarter. The score gave the Indians a 14-0 spread.

From that point, the Indians defense tightened the screws on River Ridge via the trio combination of seniors Billy Meier, Taylor Denton and Landon Harris, of which each had several sacks throughout

the game.



The Blue Swarm makes a big stop on Friday against the River Ridge



Running back Billy Meier carries for one of the final times in his high school football career



Wideout Zach Stroud celebrates the Indians first score of the eve-



The varsity Indians wait for the preciious final few football games.



Coach Boyd lays down the law to the Indians during a timeout on

quarter, Knights' sophomore

minutes remaining in the game. The Knights forced an-

However, in the fourth other Indians' punt and had a chance to tie the game late in running back Austin Terrell the fourth quarter, but the Inditook a Weeg handoff 46 yards to ans' defense bent but refused to pay dirt pulling them to within break, stopping the last Knights' 14-7 with slightly more than six threat on a fourth-and-seven at the Indians' 14-yard line, preserving a well deserved 14-7

Homecoming victory.

## Nine-year-old Indians achieve first score and first win of 2010

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serveď break. That didn't stop the offensive juggernauts one the 7-year-old

The Young Indians picked up where they left off last week as they milked the visiting Rabun County

Wildcats for 34 points.

Tailback Peyton Ivester led the way crushing the 'Cats by a score of 34-6.

Later, Head Coach Kevin Parker led his 9-year old Indians to the field in search of their first win of the season. To accomplish the feat, he would have to lead his team to the scoring column against the visiting Gilmer County Bobcats. The Cats in a previous meeting blanked the Indians 12-0 at Clear Creek Elementary.

Čoach Parker saw early success behind the hard running of Blaine Rogers who carried the ball a couple times setting up the Indians in Bobcat territory at their own 46-yard line. Just1:38 into the game quarterback Will Travis too k a sweep left all the way to the end zone. Parker, the staff and the rest of the Towns sideline erupted with excitement along with the majority of the crowd in the stands. So much so that an official uttered "Act like you've been here before." Unbeknownst, to the Head Linesman, it was the Indians first score of the season 6-0.

On the other side of the ball, an aggressive Indian defense held the Bobcats offense in check. Justin Mounger along with Nate Parker was a constant in the Bobcats backfield throughout the entire game. The Indians defense set the tone early forcing a turnover deep in Bobcat territory on their 35 yard line.

Rogers carried the ball to the seven yard line and Griffin took it into the end zone from there. "Big" Nate Parker added on the extra point from the ground putting the Indians up 13-0 with two and a half minutes remaining in the opening Quarter.

The Bobcats managed to catch the Indians defense off guard on a long touchdown with less than two minutes to go in the half narrowing the Indians lead 13-6. The Bobcats forced the Indians into a punting situation when the Cat punt returner muffed the kick Mounger fell on it. Unable to capitalize on their good fortune, the Indians enjoyed their first lead into the locker

In the locker room, Coach Parker and staff witnessed an excited, enthusiastic group of young Indians. Parker drew up a clock grinding ground control attack for the second half and the young Indians executed to perfection keeping the ball the entire eight minutes of the third quarter.

The Bobcats obtained pos session of the ball late in the fourth quarter and deep in their own territory keeping things interesting. The Indians defense forced a fourth down and very long. The Cats desperate to get back in the game went for it and couldn't convert. The Indians Will Travis carried in the final score from ten yards out putting the game out of reach with a minute seventeen left. Mounger and Parker added a couple of late sacks each preserving the 19-6 win.

In the finally, the ten year old group of Towns County Indians battled the Union County Panthers through a scoreless first half. The Panthers managed a couple of late third quarter scores to take the game



Travis scores the final TD of the day for the 9-year-old Indians on



The 9 year olds played well on both sides of the ball on Saturday



Victory was sweet for the 9 year old Indians on Saturday as they registered their first win of the season.



Will Travis is on the run for the 9 year old Towns County Indians.



Seven-year-old Peyton Ivester breaks loose on a touchdown run



The 9 year olds celebrate their first win of the season with a 19-6 win over Gilmer County.

#### Mile With the Mayor in Young Harris



and staff from the Development Center for Families and supports a walking initiative Children in Young Harris walked a "Mile with the Mayor", Andrea Gibby of Young the Stephens Masonic Lodge 1233. T(Oct20,F1)SH

This is a monthly activity that and healthy lifestyle. The Development Center is located in

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