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Rain, Lions too much for Indians in season's final home game

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On a dreary, dismal night, the tough luck 2011 Towns County Indians football team played host to the Lakeview Lions.

It was a cold, windy, sloppy and rainy night; the inclement weather postponed Senior Night in Hiawassee until a date to be named during the upcoming basketball season.

The final result: the Lakeview Lions traveled back to Gainesville with a tough 21-0 win.

The Lions won the opening coin toss and elected to receive.

After forcing the Lions to punt, the Indians mounted a long, sustained opening drive. The Indians drove to the Lions 2-yard line before a rash of penalties plagued the offense. Indians quarterback Jackson Noblet found an open wide out Zack Stroud for a first down, but the pass was deflected into an awaiting Lions defender for a disappointing interception return across midfield.

Lions' quarterback Ted Reynolds took a keeper in from 10 yards out for the game's first score giving the Lions a 7-0 lead with 7.7 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Unable to get the offense clicking, the Lions capitalized on Indian miscues when Lakeview running back Matt Askounis scored on the ground from 9 yards out giving the Lions a 14-0 halftime lead.

Following the half, as the cold drizzle continued, Indians' Head Football Coach Kyle



Noah Calhoun and Wesley Bloodworth drad down Matt Askounis for a loss. Photo by James Reese.

Langford pulled out almost all of his tricks and gadgets from the Indian playbook.

Lion head coach Matt Gruhn was equal to the task, countering each move.

Reynolds found wide out John Cox from 20 yards out with just under 5 minutes remaining in the third quarter to give the Lions a commanding 21-0 lead.

The Indians would threaten on several occasions, but couldn't avoid the Lions shutout, dropping their final home game.

The Indians will play their final game, wrapping up the 2011 season in Lawrenceville against the Hebron Christian Lions.

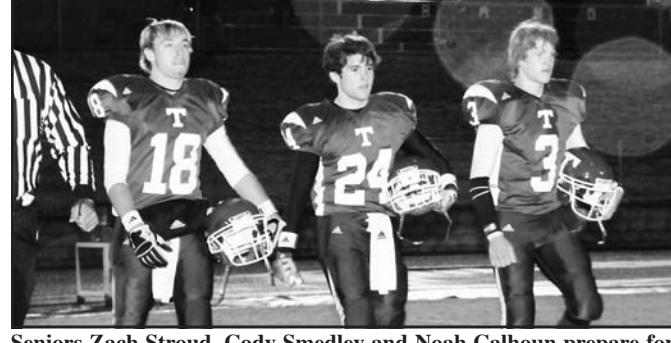
Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.



Sgt. Kevin Steverson presents Athletic Director Shannon Moss with the Atlanta Falcons Georgia National Guard Team of the Week plaque. Photo by James Reese.



Coach Kyle Langford sends a play in with quarterback Jackson Noblet. Photo by James Reese.



Seniors Zach Stroud, Cody Smedley and Noah Calhoun prepare for their final home game for the Indians. Photo by James Reese.



Zach Stroud makes a move for the sidelines against Lakeview. Photo by James Reese.

Tiny Mites fall in playoffs to Rabun County; season comes to a close

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The Towns County Tiny Mites gave it their all on Saturday in Jackson County, but couldn't handle the undefeated Rabun County Wildcats.

The 7-8 year old Tiny Mites finished the season 7-3 with a semi-finals loss to the undefeated Wildcats by a score of 28-0.

The Tiny Mites were looking to avenge a hard fought 14-7 home loss to the Wildcats earlier the season.

Winning the opening coin toss, the Wildcats elected to receive the football.

A surprise onside kick worked to perfection as the Tiny Mites recovered the ball in great field position to start the game.

However, due to a bad snap, the Tiny Mites gave it back on the first play from scrimmage.

Behind the dual backfield threat of Will McGraw and Gunnar Stockton, the Wildcats mounted a tone-setting scoring drive capped by a 12-yard Stockton touchdown run giving the Wildcats a 6-0 lead.

With the Tiny Mites unable to spark their usual potent ground attack, the Wildcat offense seized control as Stockton would score from 40 yards out giving the Cats a 13-0 advantage.

The Tiny Mites defense managed to force a Wildcat fumble deep in Tiny Mite territory. However, it didn't take long for the Wildcat defense to drop running back Kyle Oakes in the end zone for a Wildcat safety giving the Cats a 15-0 advantage and once again, possession of the ball.



The Indians cause bottleneck traffic for Rabun's running game. Photo by James Reese.

Once on defense, the Tiny Mites' Payton Ivester intercepted a Wildcat pass, but Towns County couldn't capitalize with just 21 seconds remaining in the half.

The second half was more of the same as the Cats played keep away, dominating time of possession and the scoreboard.

Despite a hard running ground game from the Tiny Mites' Hayden McClure and Ivester, the Indians couldn't break into the scoring column.

Meanwhile, the running tandem of Stockton and McGraw continued their dominance for the Wildcats, with each running in from scrimmage en route to a 28-0 playoff victory over the Tiny Mites.

Next Saturday the undefeated Wildcats will travel to Lumpkin County to face the Dawson County Tigers in the Youth League Super Bowl.

Congratulations to Head Coach Rodney Thomas and the Tiny Mites coaching staff for another outstanding season.



Hayden McClure breaks loose on a run against Rabun. Photo by James Reese.



Hayden McClure looks for an open man against Rabun. Photo by James Reese.

Beck achieves 3rd degree black belt



Aaron Beck

Saturday, October 22, 2011 saw a gathering of Hapkido students from Florida and Georgia at the Annual Hapkido Sun Moo Kwan Seminar and Black Belt testing. This year's event was hosted by Tae Kwan Do Master Claude Sullivan. Master Sullivan is the owner and operator of T.S. Lee Taekwondo in Decatur, GA. He is also a member of the Hapkido Sun Moo Kwan and holds a 2nd degree black belt in Hapkido.

Students from Atlanta Hapkido, Cleveland Hapkido Academy, Florida Hap-

kido and T.S. Lee Taekwondo participated in the day long events. Grand Master James Allison taught the seminar which included weapons such as sword, short stick and rope training as well as empty hand techniques.

Following the seminar black belt testing was held for several candidates ranging from 1st to 3rd degree testing. Aaron Beck, son of Dwayne and Joyce Beck of Hiawassee, belt tested and was awarded his 3rd degree black belt in Sun Moo Kwan Hapkido. Aaron is an Assistant instructor at Cleveland Hapkido Academy in Cleveland, GA, where he and Dwayne have attended since 2005. 5th degree Master William Scandrett is the Senior instructor and owner of Cleveland Hapkido Academy.

Anyone interested in Hapkido and/or Self-defense classes can contact Master William Scandrett at: 706-219-3256

Congratulations to all that tested on a job well done!

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Young Harris College Basketball



Former Lady Indians Missy Conrad looks for a pass

A tradition will be reborn at Young Harris College this fall as students, alumni and Mountain Lions fans kick off the 2011-2012 basketball season with Homecoming, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12. Centered around the theme "Mountain Lion Pride," the exciting new event will be presented in collaboration with the offices of Student Development and Alumni Services and the Department of Athletics.

Throughout the week, students will compete in a variety of challenges and events, including a trivia game, dance, "spirit sign" contest and lip sync challenge, in anticipation of the big weekend.

Homecoming weekend will kick off Friday night, Nov. 11, with a student-led pep rally and bonfire.

The public is invited to join the festivities on Saturday, Nov. 12, beginning with a Homecoming parade at 10 a.m. that will include a variety of student-created floats as well as local civic leaders and businesses.

Homecoming weekend will begin on Maple Street and progress up toward U.S. Highway 76 where it will turn south. The route will lead back into campus at Duckworth Drive and continue into the interior of campus, past Susan B. Harris Chapel and Sharp Hall, ultimately ending at the Recreation and Fitness Center.

Tailgating festivities and a celebratory pre-game picnic will follow for YHC students and alumni, beginning at 12 p.m. A special reception for all former YHC basketball players will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Recreation and Fitness Center.

The women's basketball team will take on Reinhardt University at 2 p.m. in the Recreation and Fitness Center, and the men's basketball team will play Bryan College at 4 p.m.

Combination tickets for

lunch and both games are available to YHC alumni for \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 12 through the Office of Alumni Services at (706) 379-5334 or online at yhc.edu/homecoming.

Tickets for the games only are available to the public through the Department of Athletics at (706) 379-5296.

The public is welcome to park in any available, unreserved spots on campus for the parade and basketball games. Recommended lots are the large lot on Maple Street and the Fine Arts Annex across Hwy. 76 from campus.

"We are extremely excited about Homecoming 2011," YHC Director of Athletics Randy Dunn said. "The event will provide our students, faculty, staff and alumni with many great activities, and we hope all of the Mountain Lions fans in our local communities will join us on Saturday, Nov. 12, for our women's and men's basketball home opener."

Homecoming Week champions and spirit sign competition winners will be announced, the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned, and an Alumni Spirit Challenge will be held during the basketball games.

"Homecoming is a special time for any school, but it's particularly exciting right now for Young Harris College," said Homecoming student committee member James Dalton, a senior biology major from Augusta, Ga. "This first-ever fall Homecoming will give the College a chance to showcase an active campus while also letting alumni witness all the growth that Young Harris has undergone during the last several years."

For more information, visit www.yhc.edu/homecoming.

Youth basketball registration

The Towns County Recreation Department will be having youth basketball registration during the week of Monday the 17th of October and will run through Saturday the 5th of November. You may register your child at the Towns County Recreation Department. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9 AM til 8 PM and Satur-

day from 9 AM til 4 PM. Fee for the program will be \$45. Age divisions will be 10 & under (8, 9, & 10-year-olds), 12 & under (11 & 12-year-olds). This is for both males and females.

For more information please contact the Towns County Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.



McClure, Ivester and Colin Crowder bring down a Wildcat on Saturday. Photo by James Reese.



Payton Ivester looks for an opening against Rabun County. Photo by James Reese.