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Indians rally for first regular season victory at Highlands



Brandon Henderson watches his shot against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.



Rylan Albach puts one back against the Highlanders. Photo by James Reese.



Dallas Manus puts up a shot against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.

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Cashiers, NC—The Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team traveled high into the clouds on a rainy Friday night last week to face the Highlanders, North Carolina, Highlanders. They rallied the last half from a 12-point half time deficit to bring home their first win of the regular season.

By Aaron Dodson and Henderson but a Highlands jumper at the buzzer had the Highlanders ahead 34-31 entering the fourth quarter. Henderson scored 7 points and Dodson and Tallent 5 each during third quarter play.

The Highlanders extended their lead again to 39-33 approaching the mid point of the fourth quarter but the Indians embarked on a 12-3 run for a 45-42 lead by the two minute mark with a trey by Tallent getting them even at 42-42 and a free throw by Rylan Albach giving them a 43-42 lead at the 2:18 mark they would not relinquish. A Highlands' free throw at 1:15 cut the lead to 45-43 but Dallas Manus sank two free throws at 44.3 seconds only to have the second negated by an Indian lane violation and the lead was again three at 46-43.

Several Highlanders shots missed the mark after that and Tallent put the game out of reach with the second of two free throws at 4.5 seconds, giving the Indians the final margin of 47-43 for their first win of the young season. Talent and Henderson took the lead in fourth quarter scoring for the Indians with six



Aaron Dodson fires away against the Highlanders. Photo by James Reese.



Ryan Tallent takes aim against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.

and four points respectively. The Indians were led in scoring for the game by Henderson and Tallent with 11 points each, Dodson with 9, Manus with 6, and Hedden with 5. Leading in assists were Albach with 3 and Manus and Tallent with 2 each.

After traveling to Hayesville, NC on Tuesday of this week, the Class A Indians make their regular season home debut this weekend when they host Region 8-AA rivals Rabun County on Friday and Union County on Saturday.

Lady Indians breeze to victory at Highlands



Lindsay Patton goes to the line for two against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.



Ali Bleckley fires away against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.



Stephanie Patton draws the foul against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team continued a season opening four-game road schedule last Tuesday when they traveled to North Carolina to take on the Highlanders High School Highlanders.

The Lady Indians had taken a 70-20 home victory in a preseason scrimmage against the Highlanders and came away with similar results after a pretty stiff early game challenge by the Highlanders.

The Lady Indians followed the early scoring punch of seniors Gabby Arencibia and Ali Bleckley in breaking away from an early 5-5 tie for leads such as 13-5 and 19-9 in holding a 22-11 lead after one quarter. Arencibia included four treys among 14 first quarter points while Bleckley added six points on



Eryn Cochran looks for the open pass against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.



Gabby Arencibia nails a trey against Highlands. Photo by James Reese.

three deuces. The Lady Indians withstood three early second quarter baskets by the Lady Highlanders and followed the lead of freshman Stephanie Patton in the second and third quarters for a 35-17 lead at intermission and a 50-21 advantage after three quarters on the way to a 60-28 victory. Patton included two treys and 5 for 6 free throw shooting in contributing 6 points in the second quarter and 9 in the third.

The Lady Indians continued a pattern of several different members of the Lady Indian JV's alternating in dressing for the first three varsity games with sophomore Destiney Blythe and freshmen Karlie Albach and Alyssa Pyle making their varsity debuts in this game and seeing lots of action.

Nine of 12 Lady Indians appearing in the game entered the scoring column

with leaders for the game being Arencibia with 16 points, Stephanie Patton with 15, Bleckley with 8, and Lindsay Patton with 5. Nine different Lady Indians also received credit for at least one assist as tallied by your reporter with leaders being Arencibia and Eryn Cochran with 3 each and Bleckley and Bailey Sutton with 2 each.

After appearing at Hayesville on Tuesday, the Lady Indians make their regular season home debut this weekend as they host two prominent Region 8-AA opponents, Rabun County on Friday and Union County on Saturday.

BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL SCORING

HIGHLANDERS	Indians (Grade)
Lady Indians (Grade)	Brandon Henderson (12)
Gabby Arencibia (12)	Ryan Tallent (11)
Stephanie Patton (9)	Aaron Dodson (10)
Ali Bleckley (12)	Dallas Manus (9)
Lindsay Patton (12)	Stetson Hedden (10)
Emily Anderson (11)	Dakota Barrett (12)
Eryn Cochran (10)	Rylan Albach (12)
Kellsie Cowart (10)	
Dadrian Blythe (11)	
Bailey Sutton (10)	

Children's Memorial Garden to be established in Meeks Park

The North Georgia Mountains Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is in the process of establishing a Children's Memorial Garden in Meeks Park for all the children who have died before their time. A location has been identified within the park and Commissioner Lamar Paris has given TCF permission to proceed with the plan. The Children's Memorial Garden will be open to all parents/grandparents from Union, Towns and Fannin counties. You do not have to be a member of The Compassionate Friends to have your child/grandchild's name included in this memorial.

The materials, construction and maintenance of the garden. The plan is to have the garden constructed over the winter with a formal dedication anticipated in March 2012.

If you are interested in having your child's/grandchild's name included, please contact Kathy Malone at 706-835-1303 or Immainc@gmail.com no later than January 31, 2012.