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Lady Indians bring down the Eagles for first tourney win

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In the third game of the TCHS Tip-Off Classic, the Lady Indians squared off against a scrappy team of Eagles from Pisgah, AL, but managed to take a 65-46 late game win. The Birds struck first and often as they pulled away to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter. Meanwhile, for the Lady Indians it was so quiet you could hear the temperature drop. Finally near the five minute mark, Missy Conrad netted a foul shot to make it an 8-1 game. Conrad would follow shortly in the paint to get the Tribe on top 7-6 but the Eagles aced a shot via air mail to regain the lead, 9-7. A stretch of sloppy ball handling under the basket by the Indians let the Birds close the first quarter with an 11-7 lead. Kerri Abernathy opened the second with a trey from the right side to move to 11-10. A dash to the glass by

Missy Conrad, a couple of put-backs by Jordan Moss and another "3" by Kerri Abernathy gave the Indian an 18-13 lead gave the Tribe a one point lead. A couple of minutes north of the half, the Indians clung to an 22-18 lead as the Birds refused to fly away. Gabby Arencibia found the range and looped in another trey, 25-19 to send the Tribe to the lockers with a six point lead at the break.

The Indians came out smokin' in the third and after an Arencibia "3" at the head of the arc and a deep three by Abernathy that made an immediate impact on the game they had a comfortable 48-25 lead. Suddenly the Tribe found their spots on the floor outside the arc as Arencibia dusted another long shot to make it a 53-32 ball game after three quarters. The Indians stayed with a half court press, nipping at their heels like a Chihuahua in the

fourth and moved to 57-34 off foul line work by Jordan Moss. After a couple of consecutive long balls, the Lady Indians took the Eagles 65-46 in their first game of the tournament. For the Indians, all the lay-ups, ball handling, conditioning and running drills had paid positive

dividends. To view weekly game photos go to jlbphotography.photorelect.com To purchase 2009 all TCHS basketball team/action CDs pre-season \$20 so order early or purchase post/post seasons \$30. See Jim or Lisa. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Missy Conrad jumps the ball over two charging Eagles in first day of tournament.



Gabby Arencibia leaps and fires a pass cross court over the head of an Eagle defender.

Brodi Jingle Jog to be run on YHC Cross Country Course



Barry Brown, YHC Cross Country Coach, announced that members of his team will assist with the Brodi-sponsored annual Jingle Jog.

The 2009 BRODI Jingle Jog, with a portion of its proceeds benefiting the Drug Free Towns County Coalition and the Union County Anti-Drug Coalition, will be run Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Young Harris College cross country course.

A Kids Fun Run for children ages 10 and under will begin at 2 p.m., and the 5K race will begin after the completion

of the Kids Fun Run. Members of the YHC cross country team will be among the volunteers staffing the event. The course, which starts and finishes at the YHC Soccer Field on the southeast end of the campus behind the baseball field, is very spectator friendly, giving family members and friends a good opportunity to cheer on participants.

Participants may register online at www.BRODI.net or call (706) 379-2092 for more information. A registration form may also be downloaded here. A preregistration discount allows participants to register for \$20 per runner, but preregistration forms must be received no later than Nov. 30. After that date, the registration fee is \$30 per runner. Kids Fun Run entry fees are \$10 per runner (age 10 and under).

Each runner will be given an official race t-shirt, and is eligible for awards based on finish in the runner's respective division. Door prizes and refreshments will also be given away.

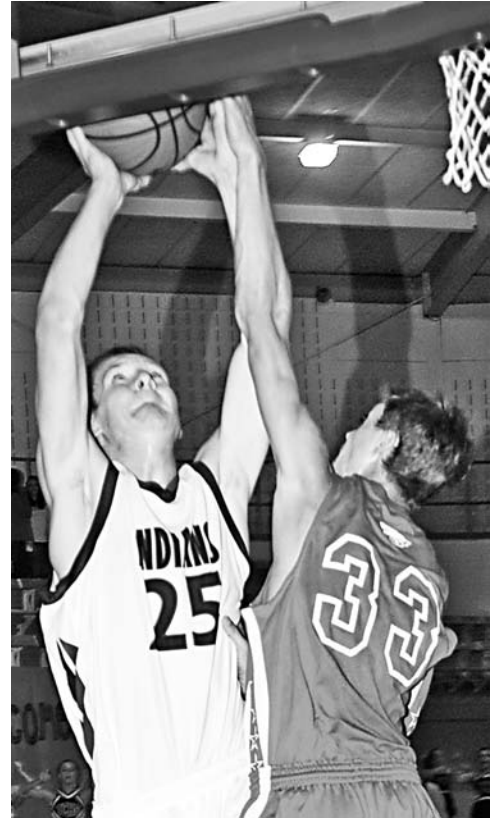
Indian rallies fall short against Pisgah in Classic

By Jerry Kendall
Towns County Herald

The Indians found themselves battling from behind all night against Pisgah, overcoming a 10-3 deficit for 10-10 and 12-12 ties in the first quarter and a 21-12 deficit for a 24-24 tie in the second. They could never claim a lead, however, and Pisgah held a 36-29 halftime advantage.

A third quarter Indian rally reduced a 39-29 Pisgah lead to just 42-39 near the mid point of the third quarter but Indian turnovers aided the Eagles as they struck for eight straight points and a 50-39 lead which became 58-44 at quarter's end. With the Indians trailing 65-51, eight points by Bradley Swanson sparked a 10-2 run between the 3:20 and the 1:11 marks of the fourth quarter which had them within 67-61. The Eagles responded, however, by closing out a 71-61 victory with four for seven free throw shooting during the final minute of play.

Swanson included six 3-pointers, sinking at least one in each quarter, among a team leading 27 points with John



Bradley Swanson gets a lay-up blocked during 1st round of Tip-Off Classic.



D.J. Rogers drives in the paint over the top of an Eagle defender.

Bleckley and Brandon Henderson providing most of the remaining scoring punch with

16 and 14 points respectively. Leading in assists according to your reporter's tally were Ry-

lan Albach with 5 and Devin Henderson with 3. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant

Lady Indians breeze past Nantahala in Towns Tip-Off Classic

By Jerry Kendall
Towns County Herald

The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team followed up an opening night victory over Pisgah, AL, High School in the Towns County Tip-Off Classic with a rousing victory over Nantahala, NC, High School last Tuesday. They completed tournament play with a 2-0 record and a tie for first place in the tournament with the Class AA Rabun County Lady Wildcats who also swept Nantahala and Pisgah as co-hosts under a pre-set tournament schedule.

It required less than two and a half minutes at the start of the game for the Lady Indians to seize control of their contest with Nantahala as they sprang out to a 12-0 lead which became 25-2 near the end of the first quarter. They never looked back as they led by scores of 25-6, 47-16, and 71-26 at the quarter breaks in taking an 86-28 victory over the

Lady Hawks.

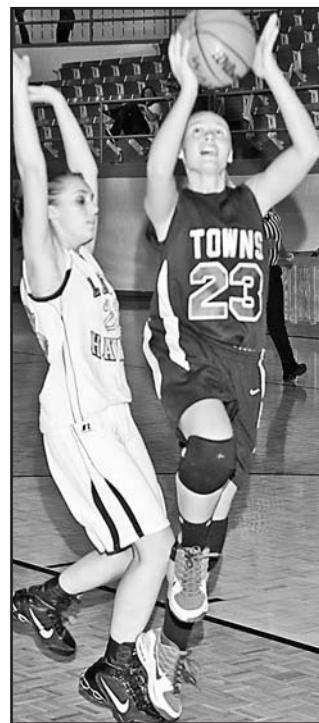
Nine Lady Indians saw action in the game with all entering the scoring column and all collecting at least one assist. Leading the scoring parade were Kerri Abernathy with 17 points; Melissa Conrad with 16; Jordan Moss with 12; Ali Bleckley and Brittany Walls with 11 each; Gabby Arencibia and Lindsay Patton with 6 each; and Sheena Kendall with 5. Assists were



Jordan Moss takes a lefty to the boards in 86-28 win over Nantahala, NC.

Moss with 6, Bleckley with 5, and Arencibia, Heather Hamilton, and Kendall with 3 each

according to your reporter's tally. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Sheena Kendall drives the glass against a Lady Hawk defender.

Indoor soccer registration now open

Online registration is open for all children, grades K - 6, for Upward Indoor Soccer at www.houseofprayerblairsville.com or www.fumcunioncounty.org. Register by December 17 for a discounted rate of \$50. An additional \$10 fee will be assessed thereafter through the deadline of January 1, 2010. Evaluations will take

place at the House of Prayer Family Life Center on December 15 and 17 from 6 to 8 p.m., and practices begin the week of January 11, 2010. Games will be held seven consecutive Saturdays beginning January 30.

Co-sponsored by House of Prayer and First United Methodist Churches, Upward Sports is assisted by volunteers

from various churches. Children who enroll in an Upward sporting event learn so much more than skill and strategy. Themed messages such as 'Jesus is the light of the world' resonate throughout their training and game times. They learn respect for others. And they are always encouraged by fellow teammates, parents, coaches and referees. Upward aims to bring out the winner in every

child. For more information, contact either church office at (706) 745-5925 or (706) 745-2073. Form and registration fees may also be dropped off, Monday through Friday, at First United Methodist's business office (8:30 - 5 p.m., Friday until 1:30 p.m.) or the House of Prayer Family Life Center (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.).

by Jim Bryant

Girls Prep Basketball

Gainesville 49	Carrollton 38
Gainesville 50	Cleveland, TN 55
Gainesville 44	Upperman, TN 56
Lakeview Academy 44	Aquinas 21
Chestatee 41	Woodstock 45
Chestatee 45	Oconee County 38
West Hall 34	Cedar Shoals 52
East Hall 55	Sandy Creek 49
East Hall 42	Milton 56
Forsyth Central 38	North Cobb 79
South Forsyth 41	Roswell 54
North Hall 62	Hart County 59
North Hall 57	Oconee County 56

Boys Prep Basketball

Lakeview Academy 56	Aquinas 60
Lakeview Academy 64	Providence Christian 80
Johnson 54	Grayson 72
North Hall 71	Hart County 79
East Hall 69	Sandy Creek 64 (OT)
Chestatee 49	Oconee County 46
Chestatee 60	Hart County 48
Lumpkin 50 (Scrimmage)	Fannin 31
East Hall 52	Milton 89

Hayesville, NC ranked 51st state 1-A

TCHS Tip-Off Classic Basketball Tournament

(G) Towns County 65	Pisgah, AL 46
(G) Towns County 86	Nantahala, NC 28
(G) Rabun County 78	Nantahala, NC 14
(G) Rabun County 82	Pisgah, AL 42
(B) Towns County 61	Pisgah, AL 71
(B) Towns County 64	Nantahala, NC 77
(B) Rabun County 82	Nantahala, NC 70
(B) Rabun County 90	Pisgah, AL 80

Talon Basketball Tournament

(G) Johnson 44	Monroe Area 60
(G) East Jackson 40	Johnson 27
(G) West Hall 32	Monroe Area 47
(G) West Hall 31	East Jackson 17
(B) Johnson 58	Greenbrier 66
(B) West Hall 63	East Jackson 54
(B) West Hall 70	Greenbrier 66

White County Tip-Off Basketball Tournament

(G) Union County 40	White County 47
(B) Union County 30	White County 52
(B) Jackson 45	White County 55
(B) Lumpkin County 50	Jackson County 49

Hebron Academy Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament

(G) Dawson County 47	Mount Pisgah 35
(G) Dawson County 65	Hebron Christian 55
(B) Dawson County 68	Mount Pisgah 47
(B) Dawson County 59	Hebron Christian 45

ETC Basketball Tournament

(G) Pickens County 58	Copper Basin, TN 26
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Prep Wrestling

Chestatee 19	Flowery Branch 48
Chestatee 45	Lambert 34

Georgia State Football Quarter Final Play-Offs Class A

Clinch County 35	Holy Innocents 27
Wilcox County 20	Wesleyan 15
Darlington 17	Twiggs County 0
Lincoln County 0	Savannah Christian 7

Class AA

Fitzgerald 36	Callaway 21
Cook 0	Burford 26
Lovett 35	Charlton County 32
Jefferson County 35	Calhoun 49

Class AAA

Peach County 21	St. Pius X 14
Jackson 0	Eastside 14
Flowery Branch 35	Carver Columbus 33
Gainesville 32	Cairo 16

Class AAAA

Rockdale County 23	Westside 7
Clarke Central 52	North Clayton 13
Griffin 24	Apalachee 3
Sandy Creek 31	Thomas Co. Central 17

Class AAAAA

Peachtree Ridge 17	Northside WR 20
Newnan 9	Grayson 7
Lassiter 17	Colquitt County 46
Camden County 36	North Gwinnett 0

Tri-County State Football Play-Offs

Robbinsville, NC 40	Elkin 6
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