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Football: Lincoln County prevails on Towns Co. Senior Night

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The Towns County Indians took their places on the field one last time Friday, Nov. 3, to face their final opponent of the season, Lincoln County.

In a fitting season wrap up, they continued to battle the same adversity that struck them early on this year – injuries, inexperience and extremely athletic opponents. Although the score favored Lincoln County 42-7, the Indians never gave up the fight.

“I was impressed with your effort,” commented Coach Jason Roquemore, who was proud of their senior night performance. “I thought the underclassmen did a great job playing hard for the seniors and I thought the seniors did a good job continuing to do what they’ve done for the past four or five years.”

In passing, Towns was able to go 12-16 for 132 yards, while Lincoln went 3-4 for 139 yards, making two touchdowns. In rushing, Towns made 23 carries for 70 yards with one touchdown and one fumble, compared to Lincoln’s 30 carries for 272 yards and four touchdowns.

Towns walked away with two explosive plays and 6 penalties for 39 yards, while Lincoln left with four explosive plays 6 penalties for 93 yards. As far as first downs, Towns had 5 and Lincoln had 11.

While the scoreboard did not entirely reflect this, the Indians played hard Friday night with individuals like Connor Chastain, Julian Mosely, Justin Miles-Hill, Ian Arrowood, Colton Garrett and Hensel Martinez-Lobo making outstanding efforts.

Alongside these players, Roquemore wanted to credit the senior class for the Indians’ success.

“All in all, those guys have a lot that they’ve accom-



Towns County seniors (L-R) Justin Miles-Hill, Connor Chastain, Andrew Brinson, Stone Chauncey, Ian Arrowood, Michael Houser and Colton Garrett. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

plished and a lot in regards to legacy and the culture that they’re leaving behind,” he began. “This year we struggled, but I don’t think it has anything to do with the way those guys led and their commitment to our standard.

“You just can’t sum up what they mean to our program within this year, it goes back to when they were 8th graders – to my first time getting to coach them as 8th graders and just seeing how they embraced the cultural pieces we wanted to put in place.

“(They followed) our standard all the time and it became so much more than just a slogan, but a way of life. Not

just between the lines, but in our school building and in the community. To see those kids use our platform to do so much and teach so much and have so much influence on the guys in a room just says a lot about who they are.

“I don’t know if I’ve ever respected another senior class like the one that is leaving us. There were a lot of things that they couldn’t control, and they never wavered – their commitment to excellence, their work ethic, their accountability, (even though) the scoreboard never dictated that level of commitment.

“And that says a lot about a 17-18 year old kid because

that’s what life is about. It’s about having faith in the best and not letting those circumstances dictate your behavior but to continue to pursue righteousness,” finished Roquemore.

Those outstanding seniors who have meant so much to the football program the past five years are No. 11 Connor Chastain, No. 8 Michael Houser, No. 77 Stone Chauncey, No. 21 Colton Garrett, No. 3 Ian Arrowood, No. 25 Justin Miles-Hill and No. 60 Andrew Brinson.

On top of feeling that Friday’s game was a fitting end to these young men’s high school football careers, Roquemore

felt that the Lincoln game was a fitting season closer because of how accurately it reflected both their struggles and resilience this year.

“Friday was another example of what we’ve been all year in regards to the kids never quitting,” he said. “Everything that we’ve had to endure from the injuries to playing young kids (has shown that) our kids are resilient. There’s not been one day that they haven’t been fun to coach or one day that they haven’t tried to be the best version of themselves.

“Throughout the season we got better in certain areas. I think what we really learned is not that we’ve got to be perfect,

but that we can’t self inflict because when we do that it’s just really hard for us to overcome.

“I don’t like the word ‘setback,’” continued Roquemore as he spoke on the struggles his team faced. “I think a lot of the things that happened to us were out of our control. And some people will say that that’s an excuse, but I don’t think it is. It’s just the nature of football.”

“That’s what makes football so much different from any other sport. Every player matters. It takes everybody. So when you have a lack of confidence, lack of experience, whether it be physically or in the weight room – if you take all those dynamics that go into the game of football into account, (you see how it’s all unknown).

“As a coach, constantly trying to prepare (for that) goes so much further than just the x’s and o’s. At the end of the day you might have had a plan, but then your plan will have deviations. Every week is a new challenge.”

Roquemore continued on raving about both the players and coaches, adding a few interesting statistics.

“We had 13 kids on our roster of 28 who missed at least one game. So when you have 50 percent of your roster miss one game, that’s ten percent of your season. So 50 percent of your kids miss ten percent of your season, and then you complicate that with the opponents you play, that’s a lot.”

Moving forward, Roquemore expects the underclassmen to step up and fill the shoes of the departing seniors. He is excited for the 2024 season and is ready to get together with the other coaches and work out a game plan.

Friday night, band senior Marshall McClure was honored as well. McClure has been a member of the TCHS band for 5 years, is a member of FFA, and plans to join the workforce after pursuing a Paramedic degree.



Connor Chastain scans the defense in his final football game at TCHS. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

XC: Indians, Lady Indians turn in solid performances at Class A State Meet

Towns County High School Cross Country completed their season Friday, Nov. 3.

Both boys and girls teams were entered into the State Meet based on their performance at the Region meet at Lamar Murphy Park at Jefferson on Thursday, October 26.

Both teams placed 3rd at the Region Meet. At the Region Meet, junior Connor Williams placed seventh among boys. Junior Ansleigh Hardin, placed seventh and freshman Mary Lee Durham placed ninth among girls.

At the Region Meet, freshman Jordan Lopez set a Personal Record (PR) with a time of 20:35. Senior Landon Sprinkles, set his PR with a time of 21:32. Girls setting PR’s at Region include freshman Mary Lee Durham at 27:05; junior Lilly Cannon at 32:08; sophomore Jamie McCarter at 32:30; and freshman Katelyn Walls at 37:10

At the State Meet at Carrollton High School on November 3, Towns County Boys finished eighth of 26 teams competing.

Five of the seven boys set a personal record at State in the 5K race with Williams leading the way finishing 14th overall with a time of 18:54 (PR).

Other times were: Lopez, 20:55; - freshman; Caden Coggins, 21:28 (PR) - Junior;



Towns County High School Cross Country qualified both its boys and girls teams for the Class A State Championships on Friday in Carrollton. Towns County cross country earned their respective spots in the state race by way of a top-four finish at last month’s Region meet.

Durham, 21:28 (PR) - freshman; Emory Hardin, 21:55 (PR); Sprinkles, 22:05 - freshman; Gabe Calhoun, 24:14 (PR).

Our Lady Indians team finished 14th of 16 teams at state. One Lady Indian set a PR at State - Hardin had a time of 26:20. Durham finished at 27:35, McCarter

finished at 32:47; followed by Cannon at 33:04 and Walls at 37:11.

Congratulations to both Towns County High School Cross Country teams for a great season.

With only one senior, the future looks bright for Cross Country at Towns County High School.