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Towns Basketball takes down Andrews, splits at Warren

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Towns County High School Boys and Girls Basketball came out swinging in a pair of home games against Andrews, North Carolina, on Thursday, Jan. 5, with the ninth-ranked Lady Indians toppling their Wildcat counterparts in a decisive 71-16 victory.

Top game performers were junior Breelan Sieveking, 16 points; sophomore Kayleigh Beaver, 14 points and 8 rebounds; sophomore Ansleigh Hardin and senior Tabitha Barnes, 9 points each; senior Sarah Shook, 8 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists; and sophomore Laura Mauldin and junior Emma Lalletment, 7 rebounds apiece.

"Everyone played a great game," Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor said. "Our defense produced a lot of points for us, and we rotated a lot of players that night, and it was a strong team win."

The boys played next, ending their match in a solid 50-44 overtime win that saw the Indians coming back from a 13-point deficit in the third quarter.

"It was a gutsy effort by our boys to fight back on a very good Andrews team, and now we move forward to focus on Warren County, who is first in Region 8A," Boys Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt said.

Leading scoring was junior Zane Floyd with 18 points, followed by junior Tanner Cunningham with 11 points and senior Layne Rouse with 9. Junior Connor Chastain hit 2 free throws to clinch the game in overtime.

Against Warren County on Saturday, Jan. 7, the Ladies played first and came out victorious once again, defeating Warren 47-42 in a nail-biter to bring their region record to 3-0.

Top performers were Beaver, 4 points, 11 rebounds



Junior Connor Chastain takes a short jumper during Towns County's come-from-behind victory over Andrews, NC on Thursday, Jan. 5. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

and 1 block; Shook, 9 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals; Sieveking, 14 points, 4 steals and 4 assists; Barnes, 14 points, 4 steals and 2 assists; and Lalletment, 6 points and 6 rebounds.

"Following Thursday, we had one day to prepare for Warren County and try to keep our undefeated region record intact," Taylor said. "It was a hard-fought game, and the girls had to play through some adversity."

"We finally found a press to give them some trouble and kept the lead at about

five in the second half. The girls showed a lot of heart and a lot of fight, and I am proud of my team for getting two huge wins this week."

The men played last and unfortunately lost to Warren by a score of 63-45, putting them 4-2 in region play.

"We lost to the First-Place team in the region, so we knew it would be a tough game," Hunnicutt said. "Warren jumped out to an early lead on us in the first quarter with their full court press."

Towns County fought back in the second quarter to

make it a 7-point game, and the Indians and Screaming Devils stayed even through the third with the lead remaining at seven, even as the boys managed to get within four at one point.

But early turnovers in the fourth quarter coupled with several transition baskets for Warren County stretched their lead out to double digits, and the Indians were unable to rally.

"We had a really big comeback win against Andrews on Thursday," Hunnicutt said. "I couldn't have



Junior Breelan Sieveking led the Lady Indians with 16 points during last week's win over Andrews, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

been prouder of the team's grit to come back and beat that Andrews team at home.

"Then we had a tough go of it on Saturday. Warren County is a good team that is used to winning ball games and playing deep into the State Tournament. They lost in the State Championship last year.

"We've just got to pick up our heads and move forward to Lake Oconee on Friday night."

The top performers of the game were Floyd with 21 points and Cunningham, who

pitched in 6.

Court action resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 11, in a girls-only away game versus Summit Charter, North Carolina, beginning at 6 p.m.

A home game will then follow suit on Friday, Jan. 13, against Lake Oconee Academy starting at 4:30 p.m. for JV and 6 p.m. for Varsity. The LOA girls (13-2) enter as the No. 1 team in Class A D-II.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, the teams will travel to Washington-Wilkes, with JV starting at 3 p.m. and Varsity at 6 p.m. Go Indians!



Laura Mauldin attempts two free throws during the win over Andrews, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Sophomore Julian Mosley fires a 3-pointer vs. Andrews, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson