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## Indians stay unbeaten in region play with win over LOA

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The Towns County Indians Basketball team moved to 10-0 in the region and 15-4 overall last week after earning a 49-34 victory against Lake Oconee Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The first half of the game saw both teams scoring neck-and-neck, although Towns County got in a bit of foul trouble during the opening quarter. Despite Lake Oconee capitalizing on that with a very physical game plan, the Indians managed to stay close in scoring and prevent any further fouls.

At halftime, Lake Oconee led by two points, but Towns County quickly pulled ahead towards the end of the third quarter. In the end, thanks to impressive scoring contributions across the team, the Indians emerged victorious by 15 points.

Leading in scoring, Zane Floyd contributed 12 total points. Behind him, Dustin Barrett finished with nine points, nine rebounds and two steals, with Kade McConnell contributing eight points, four rebounds and three assists.

Connor Chastain scored seven points throughout the night, but most importantly held Lake Oconee's best post player to only two points. Other contributors included Gage Rogers with five points and Tanner Cunningham with four.



Towns County senior Kade McConnell scored 8 points with 4 boards and 3 assists during last week's victory at LOA. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

"That is always a tough place to play, and their team was motivated to try to beat us. However, it was truly a team victory," commented coach Brian Hunnicut.

"Connor Williams, Walter, Underwood, Cruz Kitchens, Jonas Rouse, John Durham and, of course, Dustin Barrett put in some big minutes for us. It was great to watch them hold their

own against a region opponent. "Then, the starters did a phenomenal job in the second half of putting their foot on the pedal and closing out the victory.

"I am very proud of the boys for this victory," he said. "I felt like we got some tough calls against us in that game, which made a lot of our starters have to sit a good bit of the

game.

"It was a great win for us. We are at a point in the season where all games are big, and the boys just keep contributing to impress me, first of all, with the work they put in at practice every week, and then their ability to stay focused on our goals.

"Once again, this is just a great group to coach."



Senior Connor Chastain scored 7 points at LOA last Tuesday while turning in a standout defensive effort while still dealing with an injury suffered during a game earlier this month. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## No. 10 Lady Indians fall at LOA; take care of business at Swain Co.

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The Towns County Lady Indians Basketball Team took home both a win and a loss last week.

Against Lake Oconee Academy, the Lady Indians dropped a tough game by a 59-44 final, but the next day, bounced back with a 68-56 victory against Swain County, North Carolina.

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, the girls traveled to Lake Oconee, where they lost to a tough region opponent. The game started slow, but the pace finally picked up as the second quarter approached.

Unfortunately, the Lady Indians did a poor job with shot-selection and rebounding throughout the night, which resulted in a final tally of 59-44.

"Missing two players to sickness made it difficult to do some of the things we wanted to do defensively," commented coach Shea Taylor. "It's been a crazy season thus far, filled with sickness and injuries. I hope we can get everyone healthy in the next couple of weeks as the region tournament approaches."

Despite the loss, Taylor wanted to point out the outstanding contributions by players such as Breelan Sieveking with 17 points, four steals, three rebounds and three assists, Scotlyn Fain with 13 points, two assists and two steals, Ansleigh Hardin with seven points and six rebounds and Emma Lallement with four points and five rebounds.

Laura Mauldin also scored three points and five rebounds, while Jame McCarter added two rebounds and two assists.

The next night, Wednesday, Jan. 24, the girls traveled to Swain County, North Carolina



Senior Laura Mauldin at the free throw line at LOA on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

to defeat their non-region opponent by 12 points. "This was a good bounce back from the night before," said Taylor. "We rebounded better tonight and our defender also improved.

"We still see things that have to get better in order to be where we want to, especially in transition. Offense was patient and we got a lot of great looks to score.

"Our younger kids stepped up tonight and gave us good minutes. We kept a good rotation going as we are still missing players and have some trying to recover. I'm

proud of this squad for getting out of Bryson City with a win. Now we look to next Tuesday as we get a rematch with Lake Oconee at home."

Contributing to the win were Sieveking with 20 points, five assists, three rebounds and two steals and Fain with 16 points, seven rebounds, two assists, two steals and one block.

Lallement had 14 points, 13 rebounds, four steals and two assists, Mauldin had 13 points, seven rebounds, six assists, three steals and one block and Ansleigh Hardin added four points, six rebounds, four steals and two assists.



Senior Breelan Sieveking combined for 37 points in two games last week, going for 20 vs. Swain County and 17 vs. LOA. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

### CLASS A D-II GHSA WEEK 12

GIRLS	SCHOOL	RECORD
#1	GREENFOREST	15-5
#2	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	19-0
#3	TAYLOR COUNTY	20-3
#4	WILCOX COUNTY	17-2
#5	EARLY COUNTY	16-5
#6	TERRELL COUNTY	16-5
#7	CLINCH COUNTY	11-3
#8	CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	14-6
#9	SEMINOLE COUNTY	13-5
#10	TOWNS COUNTY	14-6

