

# Towns County Sports

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## Towns Basketball looking ahead to Region Tourney next week

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Last week held more court-scuffing action for Towns County High School Basketball, with the first set of games starting up at home on Friday, Feb. 3, against Warren County High.

It was a split result, as the sixth-ranked Lady Indians won 80-68 while the Indians lost in a close-call contest 64-56.

Stat leaders for the girls were junior Breelan Sieveking with 21 points, 8 rebounds and 9 assists; senior Tabitha Barnes, 17 points, 3 steals and 3 rebounds; sophomore Kaleigh Beaver, 16 points and 8 rebounds; senior Sarah Shook, 10 points and 3 rebounds; junior Emma Lallement, 8 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals; and junior Laura Mauldin, 5 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals and 4 charges taken.

"It was a big region win with a great display of team basketball," said Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor.

For the boys against Warren County, juniors Gage Rogers led scoring with 16 points; Tanner Cunningham had 13; and Connor Chastain scored 9.

The next games were the following day on Saturday, Feb. 4, in away matchups at Lake Oconee Academy.

Unfortunately, the girls' 11-game winning streak came to an end in a 54-33 defeat, and the boys suffered a nail-biter fall 42-38.

"It was a tough loss for



Towns County junior Gage Rogers picked up the slack for the injured Zane Floyd, leading the Indians with 16 points vs. Warren County and 11 at Lake Oconee Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

our team." Taylor said of his Lady Indians. "We turned the ball over way too much and never found any rhythm on offense. We hope to play them again in the Region Tournament and leave with a different outcome.

"We have two more big region games this week with the regular season coming to an end, and we need to take care of business in order to get a high seed for the Region Tournament."

Versus Lake Oconee Academy for the Indians, Rogers led scoring with 11; senior

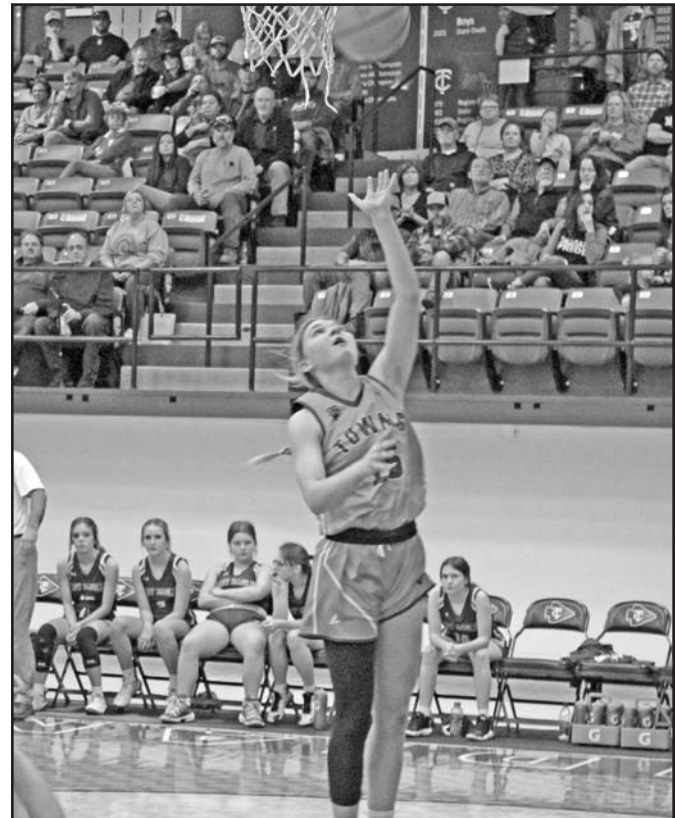
Layne Rouse netted 10; and Cunningham notched 9.

"The boys fought really well this week," Boys Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt said. "We were dealing with an injury to junior Zane Floyd, who is a big part of our team. But I'm very proud of our guys' effort and competitive spirit in both games.

"We came up on the

short end, but we lost to the No. 1-ranked team in Warren County, and the Lake Oconee team has been playing very good basketball of late.

"We are still third in the Region Rankings, and we have two very big games next week. I have confidence that the boys will come out and give their very best to finish the regular season on a high note."



Junior Breelan Sieveking paced the Lady Indians with 21 points during last week's win over Warren County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The teams played away games after press time on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Greene County. There are no JV games and the varsity begins at 5:30 p.m. Towns County will take to the home court on Friday, Feb. 10, to take on Washington-Wilkes, with JV at 4:30 p.m. and Varsity at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 11, is slated as a Mandatory Region Open

Date, which means gameplay will only take place if there are prior cancellations that need to be made up.

And Monday, Feb. 13, will see the start of a two-day Region Tournament to end on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Lincoln County High School, with start times to be announced. Both teams will be looking for sweet Valentine's Day victories.



Junior Emma Lallement with a fast-break layup during a recent home game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Mountain Gymnastics earns three golds at Winter Warm-Up

**Dahlonega** - Shaylyne Davis, Addison Harkins and Emma Schuette finished first at the Winter Warm-Up meet on Nov. 19-20.

Davis received a 36.1 all-around score with first-place finishes on the bars, beam and floor in USA Level 4 competition.

Harkins took home gold with a 34.45 all-around total in Level 4, placing first on the beam and second on the bars.

In Platinum competition, Schuette swept all four events (vault, bars, beam and floor) and the all-around total, resulting in a final tally of 37.0.

Kylee Coggins placed third in Gold competition, finishing first on the beam.

Leading the way in AAU Level II action was Austen Garrett's runner-up finish. Garrett placed first on the vault and third on the bars.

Lucie Burgess picked up a pair of top-three finishes on the vault and the floor during a fourth-place all-around performance (35.2) in AAU Silver.

Ellenore Perrone placed fifth overall in the silver division behind a third-place score on the floor.



AAU Level II



USA Level 4



AAU Silver

Meanwhile, Madelyn Primeaux and Baylor Sullivan each finished sixth all-around in silver competition.



USA Gold

Other Level II gymnasts competing in Dahlonega were Sophia Beaver (seventh all-around), Lorelei Whitney (eighth), Hope

Wright (eighth), Aria Beaudoin (ninth) Mattie Kate Alexander (10th) and Camilla Duello (10th).

## Basketball: 8th grade Tropics first at Fannin Christmas tourney

The local Tropics 8th grade basketball team became back-to-back Fannin Christmas Tournament champions.

Santa brought a few more Christmas surprises to north Georgia this year. Our local Tropics 8th grade boys' team brought home the Christmas trophy with a finals win over Pickens County.

The Tropics represented their respective communities well as they fought hard against many counties from north Georgia and the greater-Atlanta area for three days of competition in order to reach the televised finals of their respective divisions.

The Tropics are made up of 8th-graders from Towns, Union and Fannin counties and Andrews, North Carolina. This is their second year competing in the tournament and are now



The 8th grade Tropics local basketball team repeated as Fannin County Christmas Clash champions.

8-0 with back-to-back Christmas Clash titles.

In January, these athletes returned to their middle school teams to compete for the league title. The Christmas Clash is the

first tournament of the Tropics' season as they will compete throughout the southeast during the spring and summer. Both teams would like to express their gratitude for the community as

many locals attended the tournament and also have assisted them with fund-raising efforts.

Congratulations to the Tropics we wish you nothing but the best in the future.

**Towns County Recreation Department**  
**T-Ball, Softball,**  
**& Baseball Registration**

**Ages 5 to 14**  
**\$60 for T-Ball**  
**\$75 for Baseball**  
**\$75 for Softball**

**Registration: January 16 - February 18**  
**Late Registration: February 19 - February 24**

\*\$10 late registration fee\*

You can register online at townscountyrec.com or in person.