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Towns Basketball shoots for strong performances at state

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Both the Indians and Lady Indians Basketball Teams are headed to the Georgia High School Association Class A Division II State Championship Playoffs this week after punching their tickets in the Region 8A Tournament.

The third-seeded Indians came in fourth in the Region Tourney last week, and the second-seeded Lady Indians finished Second Place.

First up, the Indians took on Lake Oconee Academy on Tuesday, Feb. 14, earning a hard-fought victory at 34-29.

Then on Thursday, the Indians lost to second-seeded Aquinas by a single point, 52-51, and they experienced another close defeat 61-57 against Lincoln County High on Friday, Feb. 17, in the consolation round.

"Although we lost in a controversial way from a foul call due to an out-of-bounds that would favor Aquinas in being awarded three free throws at the very end after a half-court shot," said Boys Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt, "I am very proud of the extremely gutsy effort of the boys' on every single night and losing two very tough games by only three (scores)."

"We grow stronger through our struggles. That's just part of it, and that's exactly what we will do - we'll continue to go out there and just keep plugging (as we head into the State Tournament)."

The seventh-ranked Lady Indians entered directly



The seventh-ranked Towns County Lady Indians finished second in Region 8-A Div. II last weekend and are preparing for the program's third consecutive State playoff appearance when they host Christian Heritage on Tuesday night. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

into the semi-finals round on Thursday, Feb. 16, to net a win against Warren County with a final score of 53-46, advancing them to the Region Championship game.

"We had to battle through foul trouble and allowed (Warren's) pressure to frustrate us," Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor said. "I am so proud of the girls for closing the game out and getting the team to the championship; this is the first time in 10 years

that our girls played for a region championship!"

On Friday, the Ladies lost a tough match to Lake Oconee Academy in the finals, 60-21, to secure a Second Place result in the tournament.

"Things did not go the way we planned, as we turned the ball over way too much and could never get it going on offense," Coach Taylor said. "LOA shot it very well and at times could not miss.

It hurt leaving Greene County as Region Runner-up."

Action for the Lady Indians tipped off this week after press time with a home game against Christian Heritage in the first round of the State Playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The Indians will play their first playoff round at Class A Div. II's No. 1 ranked Greenforest Christian Academy down in Decatur on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7

p.m.

In other news, Lady Indians senior Sarah Shook and junior Breelan Sieveking were selected to the 8A Division II All-Region First Team, with All-Region Honorable Mentions going to senior Kaleigh Beaver and junior Laura Mauldin.

Coach Taylor himself was voted the 8-A Division II Coach of the Year.

"It's a reflection on this

team and all of the hard work these girls have put in over the past year," he said. "Also, a reflection of good coaching from the Middle School level and my assistants. So, I would like to thank and recognize Kerri Abernathy, Chase Phillips and Sheena Kendall.

"I knew when I got the job there would be people that doubted my system, but I think it's working, and this program is moving in the right direction."



Junior Connor Chastain (12) goes up in the paint during Towns County's semifinal contest vs. Lincoln County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Men's Golf at Chatuge Shores

For those of you who may not be aware, there is a men's golf league at the Chatuge Shores Golf Course. It is called the Chatuge Shores Men's Golf Association (CSMGA) and it has been around since at least the 1990's, maybe earlier.

They meet and play 18 holes of golf every Monday and Wednesday morning, weather permitting, all year round. The CSMGA is open to all residents in the area, whether full or part time.

Monday's round uses the Stableford point scoring system and, on Wednesday, they use the two best balls with handicap system to determine the winners. There are individual, team and closest to the pin awards.

Handicaps are established after the first 5 rounds of golf. Each year, in early September, the CSMGA holds a two-day tournament

with an awards and annual meeting luncheon after the last round on that Wednesday. Annual dues are \$35 which includes the annual meeting and the luncheon.

The CSMGA has members of all ages from their 50s to their 80s and a whole range of golfers from 4 to 26 handicaps.

All golfers are welcome. You can have some fun, get a little exercise, meet new people, be competitive or just enjoy the company, the course and the scenery.

The next season begins in April so it's now time to join and get your handicap established for the new golfing year.

For information on how to join or just try CSMGA out as a guest, contact President Jerry Couse at (706) 994-6900 or Secretary/Treasurer Richard Purdy at (303) 909-1090. T/Feb15,A6JH

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.