

# Towns County Sports

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## Indians defeat Lincoln County 15-5, fall to Riverside 9-6 at home

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The Towns County Indians got redemption against Lincoln County on Feb. 27, winning 15-5 in their home opener last Wednesday, following a 6-1 loss to the Raiders in the season opener on the road two weeks prior.

Seth Fullerton started on the mound that Wednesday after throwing a no-hitter against Liberty County in Savannah on Feb. 23. It was familiar territory for the senior player, as he started on the mound in the Feb. 14 game against Lincoln County.

Senior Brett Denton got things started quickly, as he hit the first pitch thrown down right center for a single. The Indians scored four runs in the first inning and ended up going through their whole lineup.

Fullerton only allowed one run in the first inning and pitched into the fourth, but Head Coach Shannon Floyd made a call to the bullpen for Indians closer senior Devyn Burrell after Fullerton walked two in the fourth with one out.

Overall, Fullerton pitched four and a third innings, throwing 75 pitches and only giving up two hits, three



The Towns County pitching staff has posted an impressive 2.67 ERA this season with 42 strikeouts in 34 innings pitched. Photos by Lowell Nicholson



runs with one unearned, and striking out seven batters.

The Indians made five runs in the fourth inning, then scored three runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth inning to win the game by mercy rule, 15-5.

Burrell pitched three innings, only allowing three hits, two runs, one error, and he retired five batters.

Aiden Berrong hit the ball really well that day. Ber-

rong was 3-4 with five RBIs, a double and a triple.

The Indians started region play at home on Saturday, March 2, against Riverside Military Academy.

They came out fast, driving in three runs in the first inning, but struggled to find any offense in the next three innings.

Senior Trent Bradshaw got the start on the mound and pitched into the fourth inning.

Bradshaw only gave up one run in the first inning before giving up three in the fourth.

He ended up allowing six hits, four earned runs, two walks and making five strikeouts before coach Floyd made his way to the mound in the fourth inning for a pitching change with the Indians down by one.

Floyd once more went to his senior closer, Burrell, who has been pitching very well so

far this year, giving his team chances to win late in games.

The Indians regained the lead in the fourth, scoring two runs, but the Eagles came right back in the fifth to score two runs of their own.

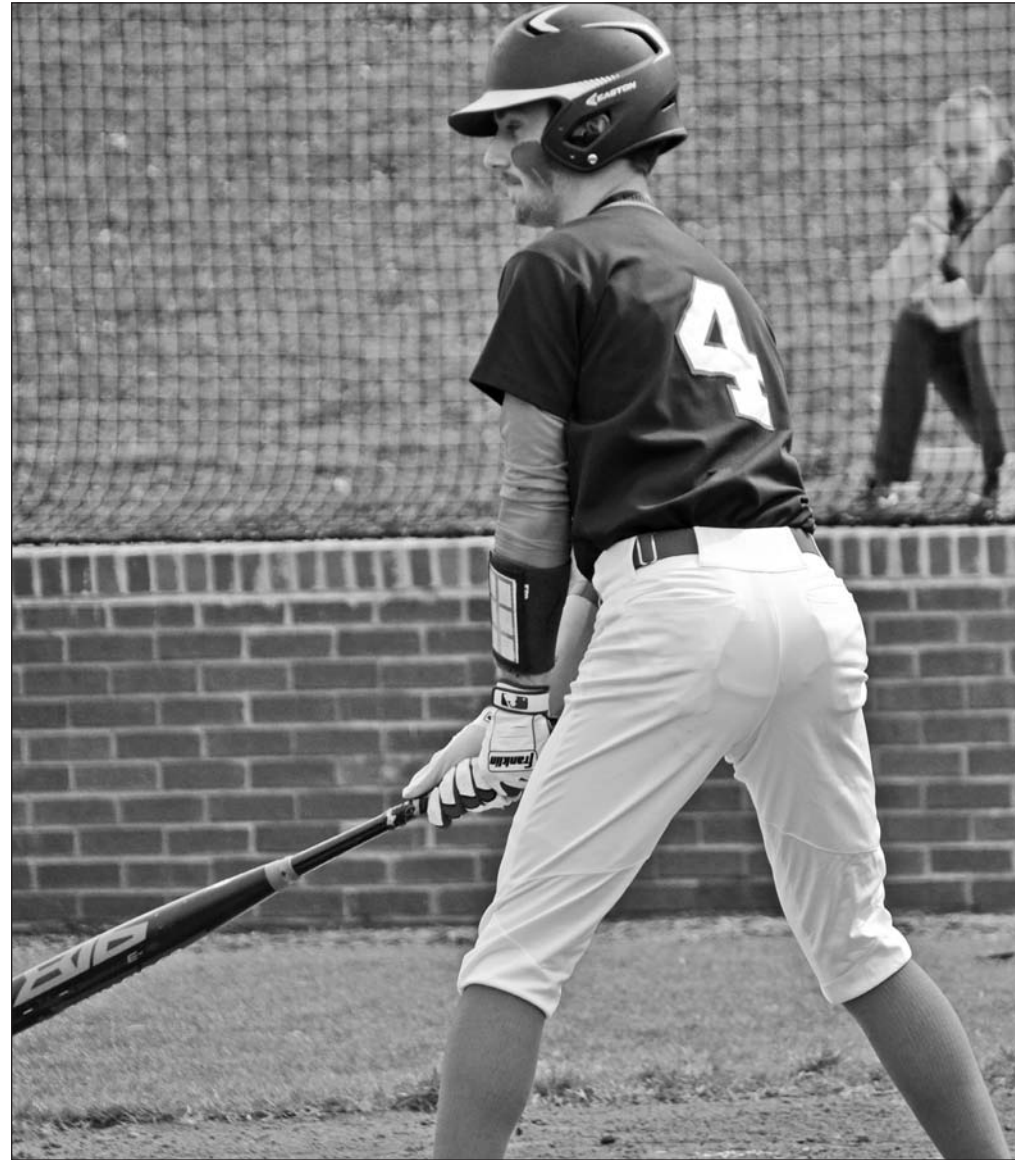
Towns County had another run in the sixth to tie the game, but the Eagles wound up with three more runs in the seventh.

Burrell only gave up three hits but allowed a game

winning two-run homer to give Riverside Military Academy the win 9-6.

In total, Burrell pitched two innings, giving up three hits, three runs and retiring three batters.

The Indians baseball team is 3-3 on the season. The next home game is Tuesday, March 5, at 4 p.m. against Atlanta Jewish Academy.



### Buy tickets now for Soccer Booster Club kayak raffle

The 2019 Towns County Soccer Season is off to a great start for our teams. For the first time we had over 100 students participate in tryouts.

Middle school soccer coaches are Clay Livingston for the girls and Tim Rosser for the boys. High school coaches are Rollie Thomas for the boys and John Cornette for the girls.

This year we have established the first Towns County Soccer Booster Club, led by Brandi Rutan, the President.

The purpose of the Towns County Soccer Booster Club is to promote and maintain an enthusiastic level of interest and participation in the sport of soccer, to support our players and coaches by providing for the needs of the program through fundraising efforts, to encourage strong parental involvement, and to further collaborate within our community for their support.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved along with contributions from the school and local businesses thus far, we have already been able to provide our teams with new sweatshirts, new uniforms, new equipment, and meals for away games for all four teams that the booster club supports.

In order to continue raising funds to provide for next year's needs, we are now raffling off a kayak, generously donated to us by



A few of our middle school players with Lance Markham at Young Harris Water Sports. From left: Eli Fulford, Lance Markham, Abby Pate and Brooke Murrell.

Young Harris Water Sports, Lance Markham.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and can be purchased from members of the soccer team or by visiting Young Harris Water Sports. The drawing will be held April 18th and you do not have to be present to win.

If you would like to come out and cheer on our middle and high school soccer teams, please see the schedules below. Go Indians!

High School Soccer schedule: Game times: 5 p.m. girls; 7 p.m. boys, except with asterisk. March

5th - Home. March 8th - Washington-Wilkes. March 12th - Pickens. March 19th - East Jackson. March 21st - Commerce. March 28th - Home. \*March 29th - Home 5 p.m. girls only. \*April 12th - Home - 5:30 p.m. girls/7:30 p.m. boys. April 16th - Lincoln County. April 18th - Banks County.

Middle School Soccer Schedule: Game times: 4:15 p.m. girls; 5:15 p.m. boys. March 14th - Lumpkin County. March 20th - Home. March 21st - Fannin County.

### 5K Run/Walk to benefit the March of Dimes

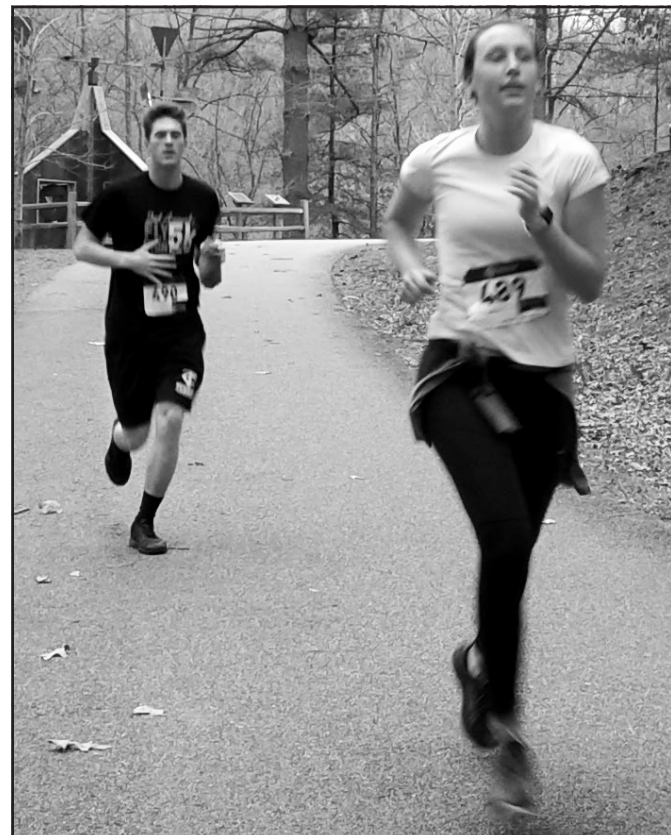


The 3rd annual Duncan Dash 5K run/walk and fun run will be held March 23rd at 8:30 AM at Meeks Park in Blairsville to benefit the March of Dimes.

"The March of Dimes fights for the health of all moms and babies. We're advocating for policies to protect them. We're working to radically improve the healthcare they receive. We're pioneering research to find solutions. We're empowering families with the knowledge and tools to have healthier pregnancies. By uniting communities, we're building a brighter future for us all," says Melissa Cox, senior development manager for the March of Dimes in Atlanta.

Nationally, more than three million people in over 500 communities participate in events to support the March of Dimes. The Duncan Dash is put on by the family of Duncan Lawrence, a brave 11-year-old whose fight for life has inspired many. "Our son was born 4 months premature," says his mother, "and without the March of Dimes, he never would have made it. We want to give back. Last year's Duncan Dash raised over \$13,000 to save babies' lives, and we're hoping to do that again."

All proceeds from the Duncan Dash will support the March of Dimes' work to prevent premature births, save babies' lives, and provide quality healthcare for mothers. Many area businesses



Previous runners for the March of Dimes

and organizations have already stepped up as sponsors for the event, including United Community Bank, Mercier Orchards, North Georgia Family Medicine, Genesis Therapeutics, Carl Patterson Flooring, Brother's at Willow Ranch, the Lighthouse Church, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Kiddos' Clubhouse, Blairsville Martial Arts Academy, Aviator Café, Sage Wax Boutique, Sammies Sub Shop, and Lovely Nails & Day Spa. "This is truly a community event, and we're so grateful for everyone's support,"

says Duncan's father. If your business or organization is interested in becoming a sponsor, or if you would like to volunteer to help with the event, contact duncan5k@gmail.com. Those who wish to sign up to run or walk in the Duncan Dash can do so through www.active.com or at registration the day of the event.

Donations to Team Duncan's fundraising efforts on behalf of the March of Dimes can be made at www.marchforbabies.org/support-duncan. NT(Mar6,A7)CA