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Time to say goodbye: A look back at a historic 2016-17 basketball season

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Perhaps the most difficult moment for any athlete at the high school or other levels of play is the realization that their career at that level has come to an end with this recently being the case for six very productive basketball players at Towns County High School.

The Region 8-A Tournament game at Lakeview Academy against George Walton Academy marked the final appearances for the Lady Indians for seniors Kristen Henson and Kirsten Ledford while the Class A Public State Tournament game at Calhoun County marked the final appearances for Indian seniors Adam Barrett, Will De Vries, Major Moss, and Colton Shook.

Much appreciation is extended to these young ladies and young men who have provided countless hours of hard work in serving their teams on the basketball court while coming up through the ranks in representing their various recreation, middle school, and high school teams.

In reality, the often intense action fans see on the court during games represents just a tiny percentage of the time and effort to achieve various accomplishments along with much time and monetary expense required for their families for many years,



including prior to their high school careers.

Individual and team accomplishments have been addressed at length for each of these players during their careers in articles in the Towns County Herald with these articles being available in the Archives on the newspaper's website at www.townscountyherald.net for those who would like to pursue viewing of the coverage of some quite notable accomplishments.

As is often the case at

TCHS, second and sometimes third generation players have seen action for the Lady Indians and Indians with it having become a tradition to mention some of these exploits that readers may not be aware of with Henson, Barrett, De Vries, and Moss especially fitting this category.

Mention of more distant top notch basketball playing relatives of actually all six seniors would be endless but a bit of info about some of the closest of relatives will hopefully be of

interest to readers.

Henson is the granddaughter of Edwin Berrong, a 1941 graduate of TCHS who was way ahead of his time in the sport of basketball in scoring around three hundred points as a senior in an era when high scoring totals were rare and he was recalled by long time observers with great admiration for his playmaking abilities and no look passes.

He later played for a national championship Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) team

in a tournament in Atlanta.

Barrett's father, Kenny, was a high scoring two year starting forward for the Indians before graduating from TCHS in 1984 and Adam's brother, Brandon, was a very valuable four year starting guard prior to graduating in 2004.

De Vries' mother, the former Susan Waldroup, was a vital starting member as an outstanding shooter and defensive player on the Lady Indians' 1977 region championship team as a junior

and on their sub-region tournament championship team in 1978 with the championship game wins coming against powerful teams from Buford and Rabun County.

And Moss as the son of Ketron Moss proved to be a chip off the old block as a powerful rebounder for the Indians with his accomplishments in this talent being especially noteworthy from his point guard position.

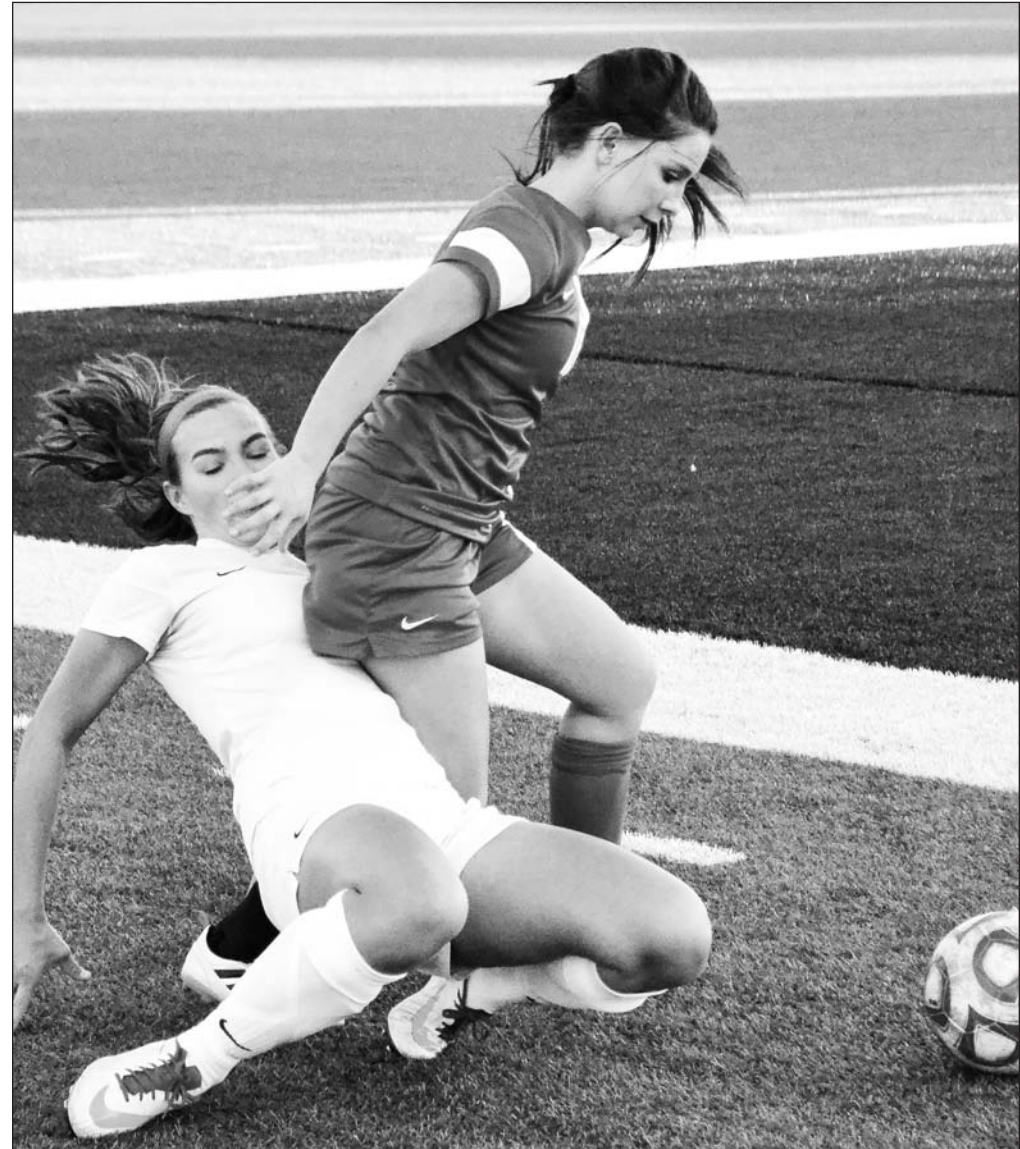
Unfortunately, the only consistent statistic kept through the years is the scoring of points but your reporter in more than fifty five years of following the Indians well remembers Ketron as being one of the Indians' most dominant rebounders ever as a senior before graduating on the 1981 state tournament team which earned the trip to state with an upset win over Buford in the region semi-finals.

Many thanks are extended from the Towns County Herald and this reporter to Kristen, Kirsten, Adam, Will, Major, and Colton for their many hours of dedicated and highly regarded service to their school and teams and best wishes are extended to each of them for the future.

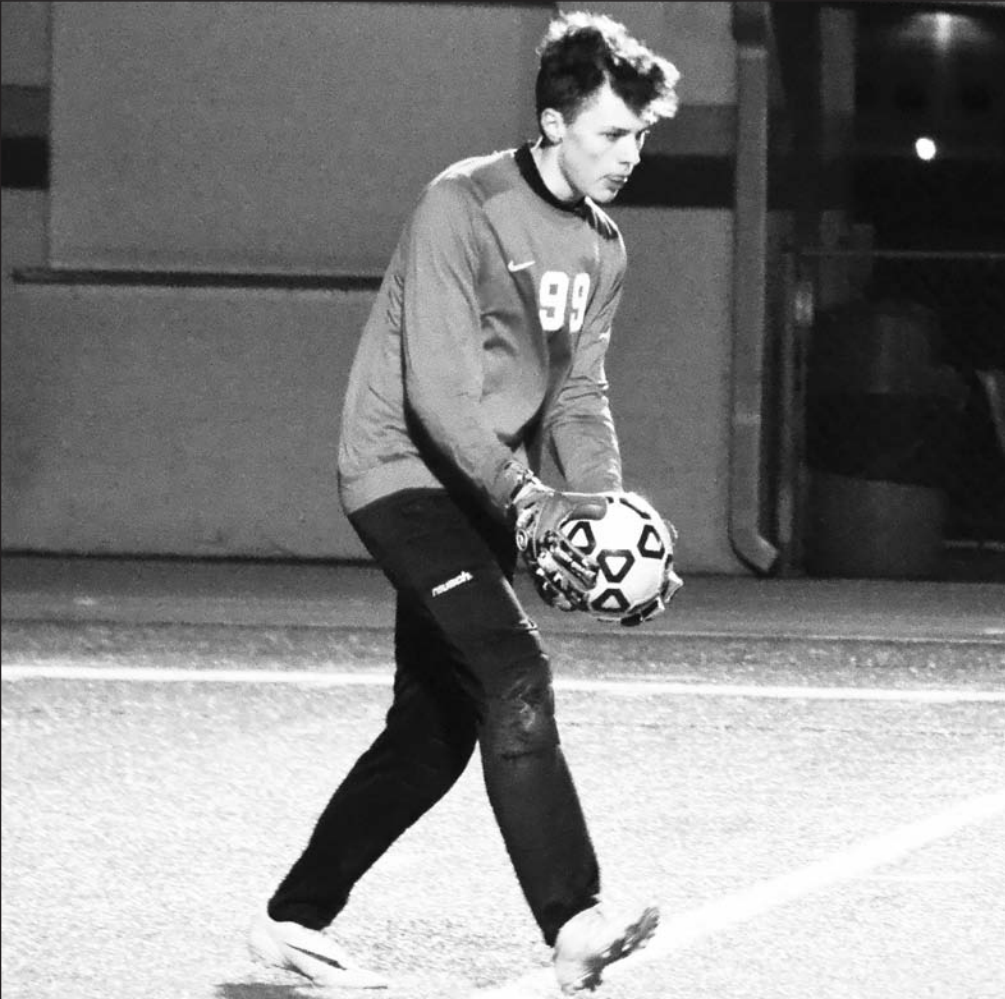
Editors Note: Next week the Towns County Herald will begin its 2017 baseball coverage with an in depth look at the current season with game results, stats, pictures, and more. Currently, the Indians have a 1-4 record.

Soccer: Lady Indians escape Union County with 1-0 victory

Towns County men fall victim to early onslaught during 7-2 loss at Union



Towns County's Brooke Barrett during their 1-0 win at Union County last week. Photo/Todd Forrest



Towns goalkeeper Jordan Hyatt (top) kept Union off the board for 80 minutes last Thursday allowing Kaitlyn Davis to score the game-winning goal with 13:18 remaining. Hyatt and backup keeper Lea Neumeyer withstood nine shots from the Lady Panthers during the final 10-plus minutes of the game. Neumeyer entered with 6:21 to play and kept Union from scoring for nearly two minutes until Hyatt returned with just under 4:30 remaining.

During the boys game, the Indians also got tremendous play from their keeper Andrew Rogers (bottom), who came up with several difficult saves to keep his team in the game. After Union jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead, Chris Perez got Towns on the board. Trailing 6-1 at halftime, Dylan Shook provided a second half goal as the teams played to a 1-1 stalemate over the final 40 minutes. Photo/Todd Forrest

9th Annual STRA Trials Bike Competition at Trackrock Campground & Cabins March 18 and 19



for the "up and coming" riders. Ages 6-10. There are over a dozen different levels of competition, including Champs, Intermediate, Novice, Women and Vintage. See www.stratrials.com for more info.

A delicious lunch will be available for purchase.

The Southeastern Trials Riders Association (STRA) is a group of members located in 7 southeastern U.S. states. They are dedicated to the ex-

citing and family friendly sport of Observed Motorcycle Trials. They cater to both the serious competitor and the casual or fun rider. The competition schedule consists of 12 or more STRA championship events with classes for modern and vintage bikes.

Information about the Campground and directions can be found at www.trackrock.com or on at Trackrock Campground & Stables.

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The 9th Annual Trackrock Trials will be held on March 18th and 19th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This free family friendly event is a must see with no other like it in this area. Participants from 6 to 75 years of age must possess extraordinary balance and agility skills to weave their way over 8-10 difficult courses in rough terrain that are different each day of the event. The course is easy walking for spectators and a great day outdoors.

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, there will be a Youth Trials Division competition

Annual Trackrock Trials