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Washington-Wilkes sweeps three-game set; Indians host Lincoln on Friday

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The Indians dropped three games by a combined tally of 40-12 during last week's region series vs. No. 6 Washington-Wilkes.

Towns County's week (6-6, 3-3) opened by suffering an 11-1 home loss to the Tigers, allowing six runs in the fourth inning of a 2-0 game, then giving up three more in the sixth. Washington-Wilkes totaled 10 hits and 10 walks in the victory while limiting the Indians to four hits and one unearned run.

Over the weekend, Towns County traveled to Washington for a doubleheader, suffering a 15-5 loss in game one before falling 14-6 in the finale.

The Indians couldn't protect an early 2-0 lead in game two of the series, surrendering one in the first frame and six in the second en route to a 15-5 loss. Trailing 7-2 in the fourth, Towns County scored two in the top half of the inning, then added another in the fifth to make things interesting.

Unfortunately, Wilkes put the game away with three in bottom of the fifth and five in the sixth. The Tigers overcame five errors by churning out 15 hits -- six going for extra bases.

Connor Chastain finished 2 for 3 with a double; Cale Kirby drove in a run during a 2-for-3 day that included a two-bagger.

going 1 for 3 with a run and an RBI. Caleb Berrong plated two during a 1-for-3 performance. Cade McConnell walked and scored during a 1-for-2 game; Tanner Cunningham finished 1 for 3 with one run. Zane Floyd walked and scored.

Gillis opened the scor-



Connor Chastin finished the Washington-Wilkes series by going 3 for 6 with 2 RBIs over the weekend. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

ing in the first by knocking in Floyd via an RBI triple. He later scored on Berrong's groundout.

Kirby's groundout made it a 7-3 game in the fourth, and Cunningham scored on an error to move the Indians within in the sixth. three. The final run came around in the fifth on backto-back doubles by Chastain and Berrong.

Seth Gillis tripled while up seven runs and seven hits over 1 1/3 innings. Stone Chauncey allowed 10 hits and seven earned in 4 innings

> In the series finale, Towns County held leads of 2-0 and 6-4 but couldn't hold on down the stretch during a 14-6 defeat.

The Indians grabbed a 2-0 edge in the second, then put up four in the fourth to move back in front 6-4. The Tigers tied the score in their half of the frame before tacking on five in the fifth and three

Floyd scored and knocked in a run during a 2-for-4 game. Chastain went 1 for 3 with 2 RBIs. Gillis On the hill, Floyd gave swiped a bag, scored and plated another run while going 1 for 2 at the plate.

Cunningham and Chauncey each finished 1 for 4; Ian Wood scored twice; Eli McNabb and Morgan Walker added a run.

Braydon Barrett went three innings on the mound, surrendering six hits and six



The Towns County infield gathers on the mound as Kade McConnell (12) prepares to take the ball in Tuesday's series opener vs. Washington-Wilkes. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

earned runs. Matthew Chastain worked 1 2/3, allowing five earned; Kirby gave up three runs in $1 \frac{1}{3}$.

Up next: The Indians look to get back on track this (11-6, 2-2). Towns County visMarch 21 before the region up a 21-7 victory over GSIC series shifts to Hiawassee last week. for a Friday doubleheader at

Lincoln County dropped week against Lincoln County two of three to Lake Oconee Academy to begin region ac-

its the Red Devils on Tuesday, tion. The Red Devils picked

Towns County will host Copper Basin, Tennessee on Thursday in a non-region matchup. First pitch is at 6

Soccer: Indians, Lady Indians blanked at LOA

Greensboro - The Indians surrendered six goals over the final 30 minutes during a 6-0 loss to third-ranked Lake Oconee Academy (LOA) on Friday, March 17.

Locked in a scoreless tie during the 50th minute, LOA got on the board before blowing things open with five more

Earlier in the day, the 10th-ranked Lady Indians dropped a 3-0 road contest to fourth-ranked LOA.

Towns County currently sits tied for fourth in Region 8 but owns the tiebreaker over Greene County.

Towns County traveled to Washington-Wilkes on Monday and will host Georgia Military College at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The Lady Indians will host third-place Lincoln County on March 28 with a chance to improve their playoff seeding.

The fourth-place men remain in the postseason hunt and can jump into third in 8-A with a win at Washington-Wilkes.



Indians soccer in action during their recent home victory over Greene County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf League Opens for 2023



The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf League

Ladies Golf League is ready for spring and a new golf season! We are a fun group of ladies with our members living throughout the tri-county area.

Pre-season league play begins April 4th with a tee time of 10 AM. Official league

The Chatuge Shores and runs thru September 28th cap is easy and the league can at Chatuge Shores Golf Course with a 9 AM tee time.

\$30 per year and the weekly course fee is \$27 which includes a cart. Membership requires an official handicap in the USGA system (called play starts Tuesday, May 2nd GHIN). Establishing a handi-

help with that if needed.

For more information Membership dues are the about the league please contact Vicky Healy at 616-292-4686 or vhealy55@gmail.

> Speaking on behalf of the entire league, Vicky says "Come out and join the fun!"

TCHS Baseball Schedule Tue, Mar 21 Lincoln County High School 5:00 pm Conference Game Lincoln County High School Copper Basin High School Thu, Mar 23 Towns County High School 6:00 pm JV/Varsity DH Fri, Mar 24 Lincoln County High School 5:00 pm Towns County High School Conference Game Fri, Mar 24 Lincoln County High School 7:00 pm Towns County High School Conference Game Lake Oconee Academy Tue, Mar 28 Towns County High School 4:00 pm Conference Game Hiwassee Dam High School Wed, Mar 29 Away 6:00 pm JV/Varsity DH Hiwassee Dam, NC Fri, Mar 31 Lake Oconee Academy Lake Oconee Academy 4:30 pm Conference Game Fri, Mar 31 Lake Oconee Academy 6:30 pm Lake Oconee Academy Conference Game Mon, Apr 3 Union County High School 5:30 pm Towns County High School Tue, Apr 4 Union County High School 5:30 pm Union County High School Robbinsville High School Mon, Apr 10 Robbinsville High School 4:30 pm Aquinas High School Fri, Apr 14 5:30 pm Conference Game Towns County High School Sat, Apr 15 Aquinas High School Towns County High School 11:00 am Conference Game Sat, Apr 15 Aquinas High School Aquinas High School 2:00 pm Conference Game Tue, Apr 18 Rabun County High School 5:30 pm Rabun County High School