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Soccer: Indians, Lady Indians open postseason play next week

Both TCHS teams to host Truetlen County on April 16

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In the final game of the regular season, the No. 4 Lady Indians soccer team dominated their opponent, Athens Christian Academy, 9-1.

Although the match on Wednesday night, April 3, took place in Athens, the Eagles did not seem to gain any advantage from playing on their home field; they even contributed to the Lady Indians' win by unintentionally deflecting the ball into their own goal at one point.

While the mistake did put Athens Christian Academy behind, the Towns County victory was still hard-earned. Abby Gardella sat at the helm, scoring four goals; Chloe Sutton trailed close behind with three goals and three assists; and Emma Lalletment contributed one goal and two assists.

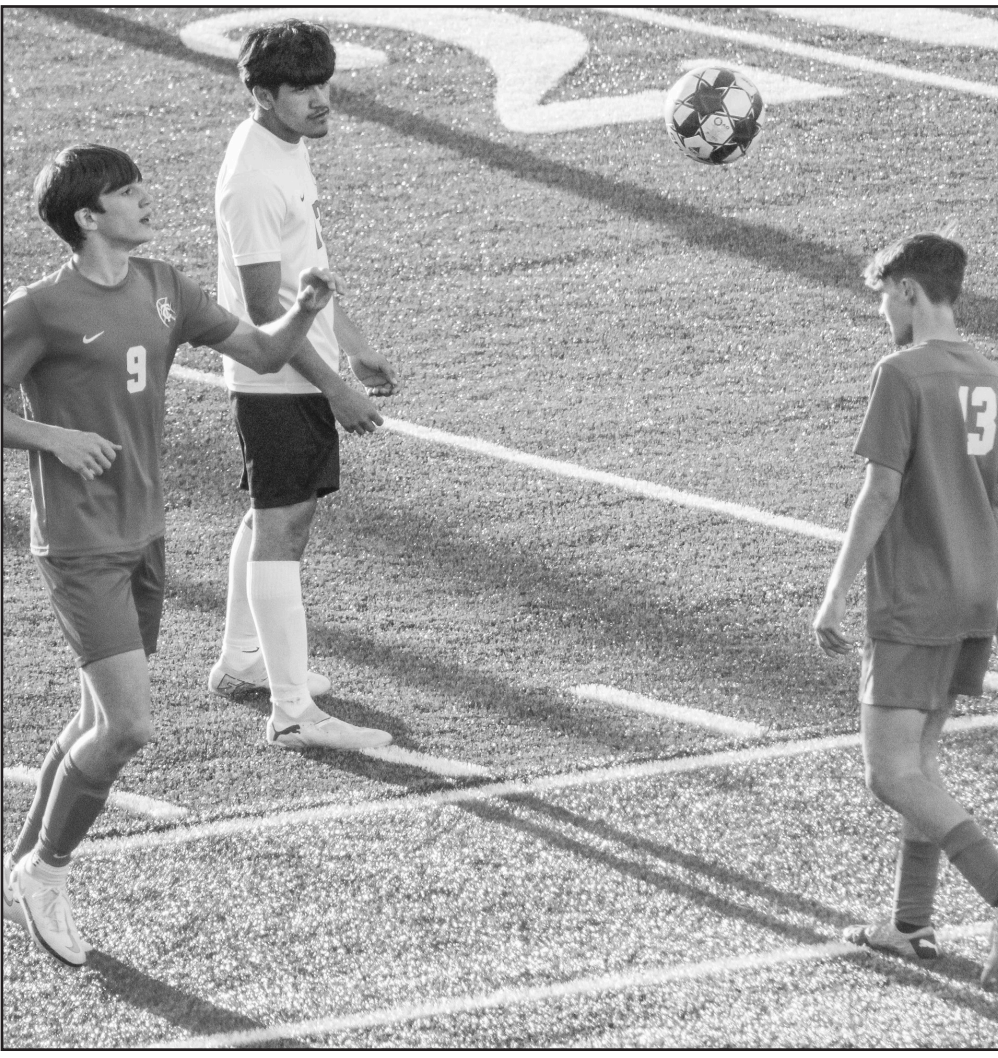
Other key players include Halie Arrowood, who assisted two of the goals, and Elizabeth Edwards, who assisted one.

Following the win, the team will observe a brief pause as the Towns County School system breaks for spring. Upon their return, however, playoffs will be in full swing.

"We are going to take a few days off and get cranked back up over spring break to prepare for the playoffs," commented coach Clay Livingston.

The Lady Indians will host Truetlen County in the first round at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16.

The No. 7 Towns County



Sophomore Jason Chavero (9) and junior Blake Gleaton (13) during a recent match at Towns County High School. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Indians boys' soccer team wrapped up their regular season with a 4-0 win over Athens Christian Academy, raising their record to 9-6 and setting them up to host Truetlen in the first round of the state playoffs.

The deciding game took place in Athens last Wednesday, April 3, and resulted in a

record drop to 3-9 for the Athens Christian Academy Eagles.

Caden Coggins stayed busy putting numbers on the scoreboard throughout the game, contributing the first three of the four goals scored.

The fourth goal was scored by Justin Cantrell. Cruz Kitchens was also a valuable player on

the field, adding three assists.

"This week was an easy week," commented coach Art Cartee, who is excited to see his team make their playoff debut against Truetlen on a Towns County field.

The game is Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m.

WEEK 9 RANKINGS	
1	Lake Oconee Academy 2-3-1
2	Aquinas High School 2-2-0
3	Atlanta Classical Academy 4-3-2
4	Towns County High School 4-0-0
5	Portal High School 6-0-0
6	Hawkinsville High School 8-0-0
7	Lincoln County High School 10-6-0
8	Georgia Military College 5-9-1
9	McIntosh County Academy 7-4-1
10	Wheeler County High School 4-0-0

WEEK 9 RANKINGS	
1	Georgia Military College 12-2-0
2	Lake Oconee Academy 7-2-0
3	Atkinson County High School 8-3-2
4	Fugees Academy 1-0-0
5	Aquinas High School 3-2-0
6	Christian Heritage High School 6-4-0
7	Towns County High School 8-6-0
8	Dooly County High School 11-3-1
9	Atlanta Classical Academy 2-1-0
10	Wheeler County High School 2-1-0

Top: The Lady Indians remain at fourth while the Indians (bottom) are seventh in the latest Class A-D2 Coaches Poll.

Baseball: Towns enters south Georgia road trip on 4-game win streak

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Following a tough set of losses in the Lake Oconee Academy series the week prior, the Towns County Indians baseball team made a big comeback last week when they won four games over Hiwassee Dam and Aquinas.

On Monday, April 1, they met the Eagles at the Hiwassee Dam field, where they earned a 14-2 victory.

Tyler Rawdon, Connor Chastain, Stone Chauncey and Kade McConnell each passed the plate twice; and Cale Kirby, River Chauncey, Tripp Shirley, Tanner Cunningham, Braydon Barrett and Mason Barrett each earned one run for the team.

Towns County scored 11 runs through the first 4 innings before Hiwassee Dam got on the board in the bottom half.

Cunningham ended the day 2 for 2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Chastain went 2 for 2 with a double and a stolen base; Stone Chauncey drove in two and walked during a 1-for-1 day.

Braydon Baldwin knocked in a pair of runs; McConnell and River Chauncey each went 1 for 2; Kirby finished 1 for 1.

Barrett tossed 4 innings, giving up one earned run. Kirby went an inning, surrendering 2 hits and one earned.

Next, the team traveled to Aquinas on Friday, April 5, where they defeated the Fighting Irish baseball team twice.

In the first match, Zane Floyd led the Indians in scoring with three runs. Eli McNabb and Braydon Baldwin each contributed two; and McConnell, Cunningham, Kirby and Morgan Walker scored one run



The Towns County dugout cheers on their teammates during a road game earlier this season. Photo/Todd Forrest

each to secure the 11-6 Towns County victory.

The Indians trailed 3-1 until putting up a 4-spot in the third. Aquinas rallied ahead 6-5 but Towns raced ahead behind a five-run sixth.

Eli McNabb went 2 for 5 with a triple and Chastain drove in 3 runs. Kirby went 2 for 4.

Kirby went 3 1/3 on the mound, allowing one hit and 2 unearned runs with 4 strikeouts.

Barrett worked 3 2/3 allowing 5 hits and 2 earned.

The second game of the night resulted in a 4-0 Towns County win thanks to two runs by Floyd and one each by Stone Chauncey and Cunningham.

McConnell notched 10 punchouts while tossing a complete-game 2-hit shutout. He also drove in one while going 1 for 3 at the dish.

Floyd scored twice during a 2-for-4 day. Stone Chauncey tripled and scored during a 1-for-2 game that included an RBI.

Morgan Walker finished 1 for 3 with an RBI.

The Indians concluded the week with yet another victory over Aquinas – this time on Towns County soil.

Cunningham led his team in scoring with three runs to his name, while Floyd, McNabb, Stone Chauncey and McConnell each earned two. Chastain, Kirby, Rawdon and Walker each passed the plate once to total 18 runs on the scoreboard and defeat Aquinas by an 18-8 score.

Towns scored 4 in the first, fourth and sixth innings during the win.

Cunningham drove in 4 runs while going 2 for 3. Chastain went 3 for 6 with an RBI; McNabb knocked in three during a 2 for 4 day; Floyd finished 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs.

Stone Chauncey went 2 for 5 with an RBI; Oliver Sarafin plated a run during a 1-for-2 day; Kirby scored and drove in one; McConnell scored twice while going 1 for 4; Walker

went 1 for 4 with a run and an RBI.

Floyd allowed 6 earned and fanned six over 4 1/3 innings. Rawdon tossed 2 no-hit innings; Baldwin allowed 2 earned runs over 2/3.

Coming up next, the team will travel to Liberty County on Monday, April 8, to face the Panthers. They will also play away games vs. Bryan County and Crawford County next week.