

# Towns County Sports

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## Lady Indians Soccer makes playoff appearance this week

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After a great season with an overall record of 11-4-1 and going 10-4 in region play, Lady Indians Soccer headed to the first round of the Georgia High School Association Class A Public State Playoffs after press time on Tuesday, April 12, to face Armuchee High School in Rome.

Last year, Head Coach Clay Livingston took the girls all the way to the Final Four of the state tournament, where the ladies lost to the eventual State Champs, and this year, the Ladies are entering the playoffs with an even higher seed than in 2021.

"A lot of times it would be disappointing to be placed as a No. 3 seed, but in our region, the No. 1- and No. 2-ranked teams (Social Circle and Commerce, respectively) are the No. 1 and 2 in the entire state as well," Livingston said. "So, it is quite an accomplishment to finish ahead of Lake Oconee Academy and Lincoln County, because they both gave us really good games this year.

"Overall, this is a great deal to us, because we know we have worked extremely hard. We have statewide respect for our Towns County program and our entire region in general.

"But ultimately, we choose not to put any focus or attention on the ranking, stats or numbers that we have. We believe that it cannot be our main drive, because there are never any guarantees, and



The Towns County Lady Indians begin postseason play on Tuesday with a trip to Rome's Armuchee High School.

anyone can win at any given time.

"We were seeded No. 4 last year and made the run all the way to the Final Four, so we kind of broke the mold a little bit and proved that if you get hot at the right time of the year, and if you are healthy, anything can happen.

"It has been a very

physical season, and everyone is feeling a little banged up. Since we are at this point now, we are taking measures to try and recuperate and get refreshed leading up to the playoffs by making plans on who will be moved up to this or that position in the worst case we lose someone to an injury. You have to think ahead on things like that.

"We have taken some opportunities to look at some different personnel groupings and formations, because we want to be prepared for any scenario that arises. We have learned better when to take risks, when to not, and when to stick to your guns and continue to do the same things that got you there.

"We have very great

confidence heading in because we see that we have a lot of depth in certain areas, so we are trying to make those work in a positive fashion. We are set out to prove that this program is here to stay and that last year was no fluke, and (we want to) take everything a step further to try and win it all."

Added Livingston,

"This is the time of year when our efforts count the most. Everything we have done has led up to this point to get prepared to make another deep run in the playoffs and cement our status in the state as one of the top Single A girls soccer programs."

Tuesday's match kicks off at 5:30 p.m. at Rome's Armuchee High School.

## Baseball: Indians go 2-1 in series against Lake Oconee Titans

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The Towns County Indians saw more hard-fought action last week with a series of games that began on Monday, April 4, on home turf against Lake Oconee Academy.

Sophomore Zane Floyd began the game on the mound, and he and the Indians quickly retired the Titan side to end the first. Senior Collin Crowder at his first bat drove the ball up the middle for a triple, putting him in scoring position early in the game.

Sophomore Stone Chauncey then walked to first, and sophomore Connor Chastain knocked a 2-run base hit to send Crowder and Chauncey home. Floyd also scored to put the Indians ahead 3-0 right off the bat.

Towns County kept the lead throughout the game, only giving up 2 runs in the top of the sixth while adding 6 more runs of their own in the bottom of the same inning, ultimately resulting in a 9-2 victory.

"We may have had a

### Veterans Golf League Update

There will be a league formation meeting at VFW Post 7807 on Sunnyside Road on Thursday, March 31st at 3:30 PM. Those interested in joining the league should try to attend.

The league is open to all VFW and American Legion members, including their auxiliaries and the SAL regardless of post affiliation.

Any questions, Call Bart Rodgers, 706-970-7008.



Sophomore Zane Floyd picked up the win in Towns County's 9-2 victory over LOA in game one. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

couple of miscues in the beginning, but tonight everyone on our team played nearly flawless," Head Coach Shannon Floyd said. "Our defense had several putouts, and we all did what we needed to do.

"With scoring three runs by the end of the first, that switched our mind frame a lot, and we kept that confidence and momentum through the rest of the game. Everyone truly delivered tonight."

Towns County and the Titans went head-to-head two more times in a doubleheader on Thursday, April 7, away at Lake Oconee.

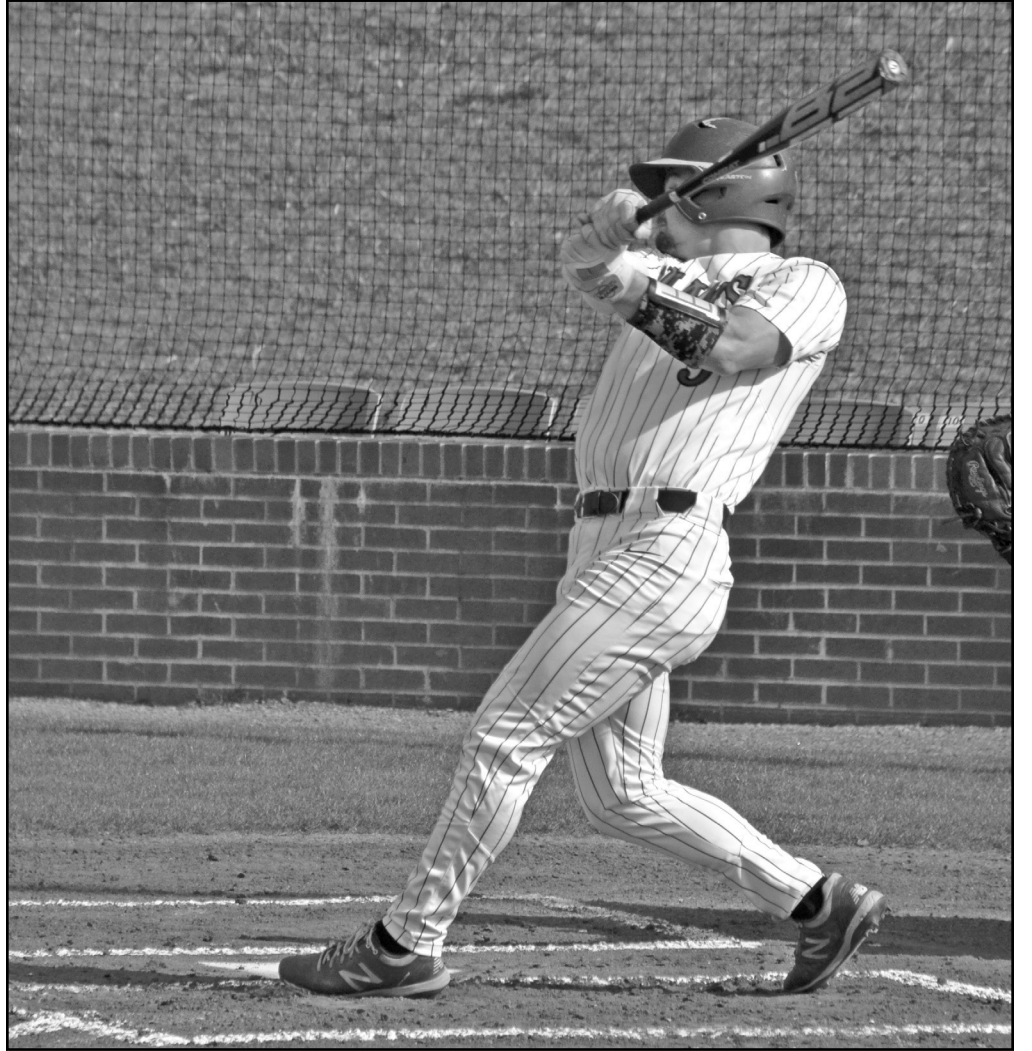
The Titans took the first game 3-2, while the Indians

notched a win in the second game with a score of 5-3 in true turnaround fashion.

"We were playing some great defense in the first game," Coach Floyd said, "but then after us making a few blunders, we let Oconee back into the game, and we felt like we let that game slip away.

"Even though we were on an emotional rollercoaster, we knew we had to switch gears (for Game 2). We regrouped in a hurry and told ourselves what we are going to do best at defensively and offensively for the duration.

"For a while it was looking pretty grim for us again, but we decided to execute things a



Seth Gillis has provided Towns with a big stick in the middle of the lineup. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

little differently all around and drove it home that we needed to get people out. We had a few pop flies and ground balls to end the game, so that was a huge series win for us.

"I believe we are just now finding our groove as a whole team after most of our guys missed the first half of our season due to basketball extensions, and words or actions cannot express how truly

grateful I am to be coaching this bunch of never-quitting men."

After enjoying spring break and boosting their region record to 6-9, the Indians returned to the field after press time on Monday, April 11, at home against Union County. They will play at home against Copper Basin High School on Thursday, April 14, in a JV/Varsity doubleheader.

### Veterans Golf League Season

The Veterans Golf League kicked off the season under cold, windy and wet conditions. Overall the scores were low but a team led by Steve Crayton were victorious. Teammates adding to the win were Caroline Crayton and Harry Steiner. Congratulations! T(Apr13,A6)gg