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Soccer: Indians, Lady Indians beat Lincoln County to complete region sweep

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Towns County Soccer completed a region sweep last week, as both the Indians and Lady Indians defeated Lincoln County on Tuesday, April 16.

The lady Indians defeated Lincoln County 8-0 for their final region game, and they remain undefeated in the region and improve their overall record to 8-2.

Senior Taylor Cornett scored four goals for a haul in the match against the Red Devils, and freshman Miranda Spain earned a hat-trick with three total goals.

Macy Brinson rounded out the Lady Indian scorers with a goal to give the girls an 8-point victory.

On the boys' side of things that Tuesday, the Indians were attempting something no other soccer team has ever done before at Towns County – a region sweep – but they had to try it missing two senior starters due to red cards from the April 9 match against Banks County. Fortunately, the Indians



Towns County Lady Indians following the Region Championship victory at Lincoln County.

were able to hold off the Red Devils, and the Towns County Boys were able to join the Lady Indians in completing the region sweep as they defeated Lincoln County 3-1.

Sophomore Peyton

Barrett and freshman Danny Cornett each scored a goal, and sophomore Garrett Oakes scored a goal on a penalty kick. Sophomore goalkeeper Liam King hauled in eight saves during the match, and sophomore

Luis Quijada assisted on a goal to Cornett.

Next up, the Towns County teams traveled to Banks County for their last regular season games on Thursday, April 18, as they prepare for the state

playoffs.

The Lady Indians shut out the Leopards 5-0, improving their overall record to 7-2 as they remain in the Top Five Single-A public school rankings.

Senior Taylor Cornett got a hat-trick against Banks County Thursday night, and Leah Neumyer scored two goals in the final regular season match.

The Lady Indians hosted a home playoff game on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., in a match that occurred after press time against 19th-ranked Bowdon, which is 3-5 on the season.

The Indians lost another tough match against the Leopards 2-1 last Thursday, but they were happy to have their starters back on the field as they get ready for a playoff run as well.

Sophomore Peyton Barrett scored the only goal for the Indians during the match, and goalkeeper Liam King was as active as ever, saving ten goals in the match against the Leopards.

The Indians will host a playoff game on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. against 15th-ranked Morris Innovative from Dalton.

All public Single-A playoff brackets can be found on the Georgia High School Association website at www.GHSA.net.

Boys Golf wins nine in a row; teams prepare for April 29 area tournament

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Towns County Indian golfers extended their win streak to nine last week as they prepare for the area tournament and the chance to compete in the state championship for the fourth year in a row.

The Indians defeated Rabun County on Tuesday, April 16, at Brasstown Valley Resort, followed by a win against Stephens County on Thursday, April 18, at the Links at Lake Toccoa.

Senior Will Travis was the low score medalist for both matches through the week.

Nick Sisco and Kyler Garrett also had a great week, helping as the second low score medalists in the matches.

“The boys have continued an impressive winning streak, and I am very proud of how they are preparing for the end of the season to try and win the area tournament and get a spot in the state tournament,” said Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt.

Next, they played a match against Union County on Monday, April 22, which



Towns County golfers in action during a recent match (L-R) Will Travis and Vanessa Floyd. Photos by Chad Stack

occurred after press time.

That match took place at Brasstown, where seniors Kyler Garrett, Caleb Ledford, Danny Reagan and Will Travis played their last home match as Towns County Indians.

The lady Indians competed well but lost to both Rabun County and Stephens County last week.

Senior Summer Swanson continued as the low score medalist for the Lady

Indians.

Laura Kate Gleaton and Vanessa Floyd held the banner for second low score medalists for the two different matches.

The Lady Indians also



closed out their regular season this week, facing off against Union County at Brasstown on Monday, which served as Swanson's last home match as a Towns County Lady Indian Golfer.

Both teams traveled to play Commerce on Tuesday, April 23, for their final regular season matches before the area tournament on Monday, April 29.

Baseball: Indians finish 9-14 on the year, say farewell to seniors

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The Indians Baseball Team finished the regular season with a 9-14 record after dropping their last two games to Lakeview and George Walton.

Towns County took to the road on April 16 as they traveled to Gainesville to take on the 19-4 Lakeview Lions.

The Lions are also 10-0 in the region and ranked fifth in Single-A, so the Indians had a tough match on their hands.

The Indians started their season with Seth Fullerton on the mound, followed by seniors Trent Bradshaw and Devyn Burrell.

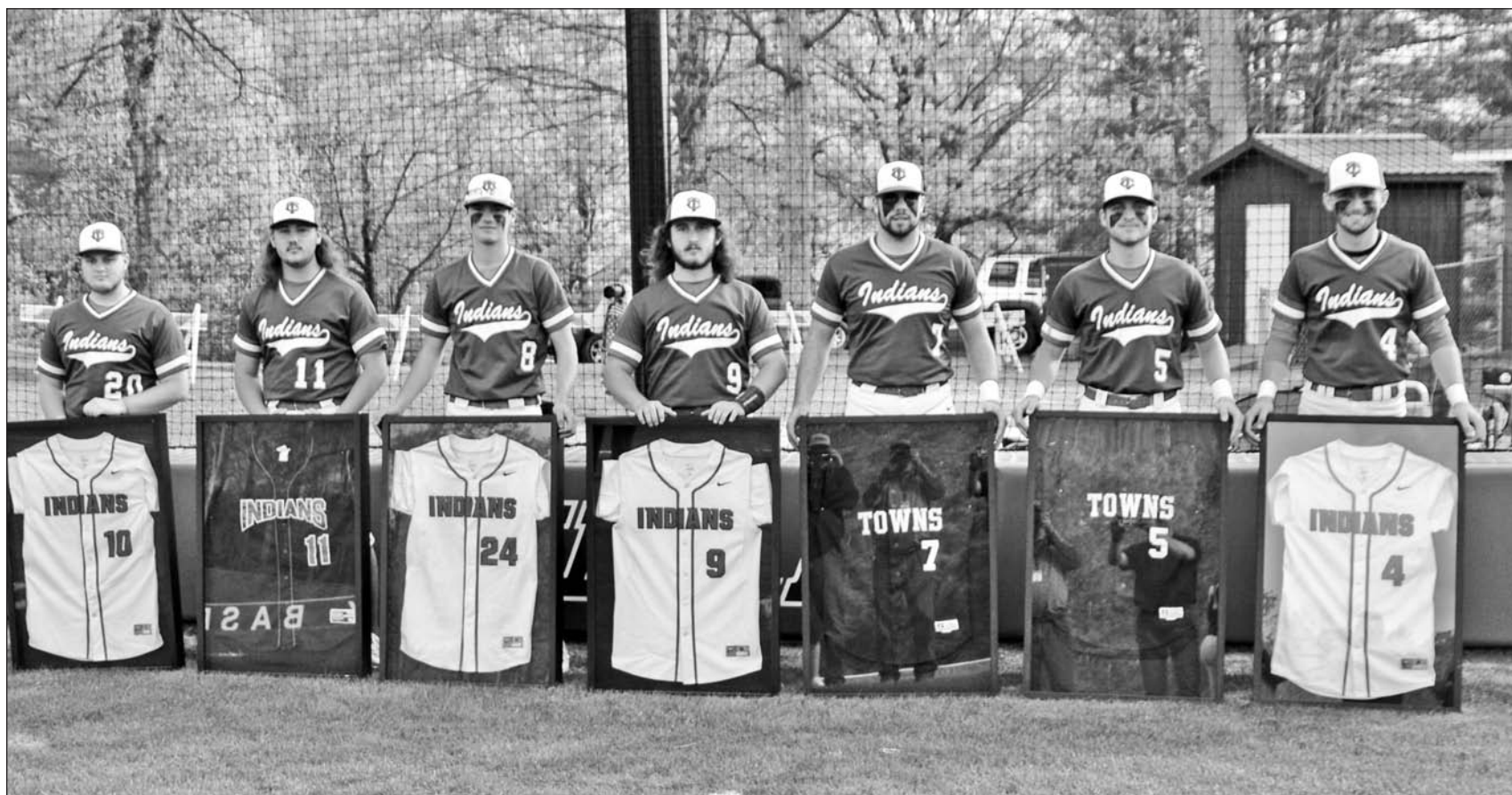
Fullerton pitched one inning and gave up four hits and eight runs, Bradshaw pitched just over one inning, giving up two hits and four runs, and Burrell pitched one inning and allowed three hits and three runs.

The Lions pitcher senior Ian Echols pitched a shutout in four innings, only allowing four hits from Towns County batters. Bradshaw went two for two at the plate, while Burrell and sophomore Aidan Berrong both went one for two at the plate.

The Indians fell to the highly ranked Lions in the fourth inning with a final score of 15-0.

Towns County hosted the George Walton Academy Bulldogs on Thursday, April 18, for the Indians' last home game, and they celebrated Senior Night for six seniors who would never put on the Towns County baseball jersey to play high school ball ever again.

Senior Devyn Burrell started on the mound, and the first inning proved to be a tough one for the Indians, as they allowed two runs due to an error



Towns County's seniors were recognized last Thursday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

and then gave up a two-run home run, enabling the Bulldogs to get a four-run lead.

In the bottom of the first, the Indians were able to put one run on the board, as freshman Colin Crowder hit a base-hit RBI double, allowing senior Andrew Griffin to score at the plate.

Burrell started to get command of the mound in the top of the second inning, striking out the first and the third batters, and senior Brett Denton made a great play in center field, catching a fly ball at the fence for the third out.

Both the Indians and the Bulldogs were held scoreless in the second inning.

In the top of the third inning, Burrell struck out the lead-off hitter, but the next Bulldog batter that stepped up the plate hit a solo shot, giving the Bulldogs a 5-1 lead.

Crowder then made a play at shortstop, grabbing a ground ball to make the throw to first for the second out, and the next batter hit a ground ball right to first base for an easy out, as senior Seth Fullerton picked it up and tagged first base for the third out.

Griffin got a base-hit single in the bottom of the third, and Fullerton was able to get a base-hit double, but the Indians were unable to capitalize with runners

in scoring position.

Head Coach Shannon Floyd went to the bullpen to call on Fullerton and Bradshaw to close the game, as he wanted to allow all his senior pitchers to step on the mound one last time at home.

Burrell pitched three innings, allowing three hits, five runs and striking out four batters. Fullerton pitched just over two innings, allowing three hits, two runs and striking out three batters. And Bradshaw pitched just over one inning, allowing three hits, five runs and striking out three hitters.

With bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth, the Indians

were able to score senior Lane Denton when a pitch hit sophomore Aidan Berrong, though the Bulldogs ended up defeating the Indians with a final score of 12-2.

Senior baseball players were Seth Fullerton, Brett Denton, Trent Bradshaw, Andrew

Griffin, Kayden McClure, Devyn Burrell and Lane Denton.

The Indians had a much-improved year from the 2018 season, and with plenty of young talent on the team, the Indians are looking forward to a great next year.

(Stats and more on Pg 3B)

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf

If you love golf, a beautiful course, and a great bunch of ladies then come on out!

Opening day is Tuesday, May 7th with a Nine Hole Scramble, General Meeting and Lunch. Membership dues are \$25, 18 hole play is \$25.

Tee time is 9 a.m. so please be at course no later than 8:30 a.m.

Sign up sheets are on ladies board at course, or call or text Glenda Geddings 513-312-3173 or Vicky Healy 616-292-4686. TVAPR24/P2/SH