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Indians finish week 2-2; appear headed to the postseason

DeVries opens the week in style by throwing a no-hitter at Riverside Military

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After splitting its four games last week, 22nd ranked Towns County awaits its destiny in this weekend's state tournament.

With the top 24 teams reaching the postseason, the 11-17 Indians are a safe bet to continue playing, but their opponent will remain unknown until at least Tuesday.

One thing that is guaranteed: Towns will travel for its first round series, which will likely be at Bowdon, near Carrollton, or Telfair County in McRae.

Entering last week, the Indians were in 23rd and after losing two straight to Class AA's Oglethorpe County, their fate remained uncertain entering Friday's road trip to Lakeview, where it took eight innings to put away the Lions with an 11-8 victory that helped pad their postseason resume.

However the individual highlight of the week came on Monday when Will DeVries fired a no-hitter as Towns pummeled Riverside 6-0.

The senior right hander walked one and fanned eight over seven innings after crushing a two-run homer to left in the first.

Later in the inning, Brody Graper made it a 3-0 game with a base hit to center – awarding DeVries more than enough run support.

Doubles by Jackson Taylor and Zach Davenport, sandwiched around a DeVries walk made it a 4-0 game in the fourth.

Two Riverside errors in the fifth allowed the Indians to stretch the advantage to 6-0.

Taylor was 1-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs, Graper finished 2-for-4 with an RBI, and DeVries was 1-for-2 with a two-run blast.

On Friday, Towns jumped out to a 5-0 lead over Lakeview but the Lions refused to go away and pulled to within 6-3 through six innings. But after Lakeview scored three in the seventh to force extras, they appeared to have momentum on their side.

But that wouldn't be the case.

All even at 6-6, Towns exploded for five runs in the eighth, jump started by a two-



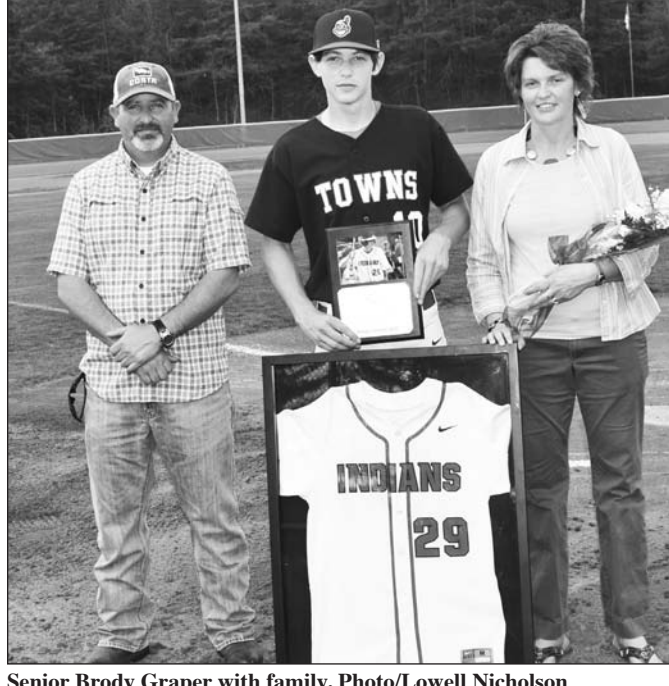
Senior Adam Barrett with family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Kobe Denton with family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Will DeVries with family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Brody Graper with family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Major Moss with family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Jackson Taylor with family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

run single by DeVries. Two batters later, Adam Barrett followed suit with a two-run base knock of his own.

Major Moss capped off the scoring with a sacrifice fly to spot the Indians a five-run lead at 11-6.

Lakeview got two runs back in the bottom half of the inning and even put the tying run on base but Zach Davenport escaped trouble with a ground out to the second baseman Graper to seal the win.

Towns would get on the board in the top of the first with a base hit by Taylor – scoring Davenport.

With two down in the second, Moss used his speed to generate another run on a stolen base and a passed ball.

The Indians made it 5-0 in the third with a two-run double by Taylor and a run-scoring single from Barrett.

However, the Lions roared back with two in the bottom half of the inning and one in the fourth before Towns tacked on a run in the fifth on a Barrett double.

Trailing 6-3 and down to its last out, a two-run triple pulled Lakeview with one at 6-5, then an infield error brought home the tying run.

Barrett finished 3-for-5 with 4 RBIs, DeVries was 2-for-4 with 3 runs and 2 RBIs while tossing 6 2/3 innings of a no decision.

Davenport worked the final 1 1/3 in the win.

Taylor drove in two runs during a 2-for-4 day at the plate.

On Tuesday, Towns was shutout at Oglethorpe County, 5-0 after the Patriots got three in the first and two in the third.

DeVries and Barrett were responsible for the Indians only hits while Davenport and Seth Fullerton combined to allow nine hits and five earned runs in the loss.

Oglethorpe treated Towns unkindly on Senior Night in Hiawassee last Thursday night, dismantling the Indians, 17-1 in three innings.

After scoring five in the first, the Patriots unleashed 12 runs in the third for a 17-0 lead.

Towns scored one in the bottom of the third when Trent Bradshaw drove in Moss, who tripled.

Kobe Denton finished 1-for-2 on the day.

GHSA Class A Public Power Rankings (as of April 24)

*These rankings were updated Monday afternoon following the writing of the front page article

Rank	School	Region	Record	Ranking
1	Schley County	4-A	24-1	17.00
2	Gordon Lee	6-A	21-5	16.64
3	Lanier County	2-A	16-2	14.83
4	Emanuel County Institute	3-A	18-5	14.61
5	Seminole County	1-A	27-0	13.85
6	Charlton County	2-A	19-5	12.90
7	Miller County	1-A	20-6	12.72
8	Baconton	1-A	20-5	12.60
9	Taylor County	4-A	21-3	12.14
10	Irwin County	2-A	17-6	11.96
11	Bowdon	6-A	17-10	11.83
12	Telfair County	2-A	16-9	11.55
13	Treutlen	3-A	15-11	11.45
14	Johnson County	3-A	16-8	10.88
15	Jenkins County	3-A	13-14	10.27
16	Trion	6-A	13-10	10.22
17	Terrell County	1-A	14-8	9.91
18	Clinch County	2-A	14-10	9.86
19	Commerce	8-A	15-14	9.68
20	Georgia Military College	7-A	15-13	9.14
21	Pelham	1-A	13-12	8.85
22	Towns County	8-A	11-17	8.76
23	Marion County	4-A	12-12	8.71
24	Manchester	4-A	13-11	8.56
24	Pataula Charter	1-A	12-12	8.56
26	McIntosh County Academy	3-A	11-10	8.51
27	Washington-Wilkes	7-A	12-12	8.49
28	Webster County	1-A	11-11	8.08
29	Wilcox County	2-A	9-13	7.77
30	Wheeler County	3-A	8-16	7.53
31	Crawford County	4-A	13-11	7.49
32	Hawkinsville	4-A	9-16	7.32
33	Mt. Zion, Carroll	6-A	9-14	7.25
34	Glascocock County	7-A	8-14	6.74

Towns County 2017 regular season stat totals (hitting/pitching)

#	Roster	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	K	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
15	Will DeVries	28	99	82	35	24	8	1	2	22	25	1	2	2	0	16	11	.427	.525	.622	1.147
23	Zach Davenport	27	99	88	29	24	5	0	0	12	19	1	4	3	0	9	14	.330	.398	.386	.784
34	Jackson Taylor	28	98	82	28	17	5	0	6	28	11	3	3	1	0	13	20	.341	.449	.622	1.071
11	Major Moss	28	91	77	23	17	3	3	0	8	20	4	3	5	0	7	14	.299	.386	.416	.802
17	Adam Barrett	28	90	80	20	17	3	0	0	13	6	1	2	3	0	9	33	.250	.333	.287	.621
2	Kobe Denton	28	103	84	18	12	5	0	1	7	17	3	1	0	0	14	40	.214	.347	.310	.656
6	Andrew Griffin	28	93	72	17	15	2	0	0	9	5	3	2	1	0	18	20	.236	.409	.264	.672
29	Brody Graper	27	83	70	17	13	4	0	0	10	11	3	5	0	0	9	28	.243	.354	.300	.654
7	Trent Bradshaw	18	51	40	3	3	0	0	0	4	5	3	5	1	0	5	22	.075	.229	.075	.304
5	Brett Denton	22	7	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	1	0	1	3	.333	.429	.333	.762
24	Denton Lane	5	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.500	.500	.500	1.000
3	Burrell Deven	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
27	Floyd Kendall	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
14	Kensley Jacob	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
10	McClure Kayden	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
4	Seth Fullerton	15	30	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	6	14	.000	.207	.000	.207
19	Trey Chastain	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
21	Walters Hayden	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	.000	.000	.000
Totals		28	855	715	193	145	35	4	9	114	138	22	29	17	1	107	226	.270	.382	.368	.749

#	Roster	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	BS	SV%	H	R	ER	BB	K	HBP	ERA	WHIP
15	Will DeVries	61.2	15	11	4	2	1	1	0	1.000	67	43	29	21	66	2	3.292	1.427
23	Zach Davenport	36.0	13	7	5	3	0	0	0	.000	37	34	25	18	31	6	4.861	1.528
17	Adam Barrett	32.1	13	9	1	6	0	0	0	.000	48	61	38	22	30	13	8.227	2.165
4	Seth Fullerton	15.2	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	23	20	8	10	7	5	3.574	2.106
3	Burrell Deven	7.0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	8	14	12	10	4	2	12.000	2.571
7	Trent Bradshaw	10.1	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	.000	17	21	13	14	4	4	8.806	3.000
29	Brody Graper	3.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	6	5	3	0	1	0	7.000	2.000
11	Major Moss	4.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	8	6	4	1	1	2	7.000	2.250
14	Kensley Jacob	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	1	1	0	1	7.000	2.000
2	Kobe Denton	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Totals		171.0	28	28	11	12	1	1	0	1.000	215	205	131	97	144	35	5.363	1.825