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Lady Indians Soccer advances to Elite 8 of GHSA State Playoffs

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Towns County High School Lady Indians Soccer experienced a resounding victory in the Sweet 16 round of the Georgia High School Association Class A Public State Championship Playoffs against Treutlen High School in Soperton on Monday, April 18.

The ladies defeated Treutlen 5-0 to advance to the Elite 8 and were slated to play Ace Charter High School out of Macon in a game that occurred after press time on Monday, April 25.

Scorers against Treutlen were junior Sarah Shook assisted by senior Miranda Spain; senior Rylie Livingston assisted by senior Bazya Smith on a corner kick; Shook assisted by Spain and sophomore Halie Arrowood; Shook one last time; and Arrowood finished the game with an assist from freshman Abby Gardella.

"When Shook scored with the double-assist from Spain and Arrowood, it was one of the prettiest goals I have ever seen," Girls Head Coach Clay Livingston said. "It started with a free kick from our own side of the field.

"We went fast to try and take advantage of Treutlen being out of position, then (sophomore) Elizabeth Edwards sent a beautiful ball down to Spain, who headed it to Arrowood. Halie executed a terrific chest trap, bringing the ball down to her



The Towns County Lady Indians celebrate last week's Sweet 16 victory at Treutlen County. Photo/submitted

feet for a perfect one-touch pass to Shook, who finished the play with an excellent shot.

"It was a great team effort, and we played very well in all phases of the game. Having four different scorers and four

different players contribute with assists shows balance that will hopefully be hard for teams to stop moving forward.

"We scored two goals off set pieces, which were executed brilliantly. We may have techni-

cally given up two or three shots on goal, but none would be considered legitimate scoring chances.

"It was great play all around, and hopefully we can keep it going through these next

rounds for the State Title. We knew we had to get rolling after our last win if we wanted to get to the Final Four and beyond, and all of these ladies really kicked it into another gear with this game."

Congratulations go to the Lady Indians for their great success and hard work so far this season, which will hopefully translate to team ownership of the State Championship Title in 2022. Go Lady Indians!

Baseball: Indians advance to GHSA Class A Public State Playoffs

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Congratulations to Towns County High School Indians Baseball for keeping its momentum train rolling with consecutive wins the past few weeks to result in advancement as the No. 4 seed from the region to compete in the Georgia High School Association Class A Public State Playoffs.

The first round of the playoffs will take place Friday, April 29, at 5 p.m. in Chickamauga against Gordon Lee High School for a best-of-three series, with the first two games set for Friday and a third game, if needed, on Saturday.

Last week's action began on Tuesday, April 19, in an away game at Lincoln High School, ending in an Indians victory 13-2 that would ultimately lead them to qualify for the opening round of the playoffs.

"We came out in rare form and really hit the baseball well," Head Coach Shannon Floyd said. "We knew Lincoln had lost a tough game the night before, and they came out a little flat.

"We took advantage of a couple of miscues from them and were able to score six runs by the bottom of the first inning and just kept attacking every inning from there on.

"We had our sophomore, Kade McConnell, as our starting pitcher, and he got the win for the game and only gave up two runs.

"(Senior) Collin Crowder led the game off with a double, (sophomore) Zane Floyd had two doubles, (junior) Seth Gillis had a couple of big hits, (sophomore) Connor Chastain stayed hot the whole time, and it was just a great team effort."

The next game was on Wednesday, April 20, at home in a non-region matchup against Robbinsville High School of North Carolina. The game lasted only four innings after



Seniors (L-R) Kyle Oakes, Collin Crowder and Cabe Poston were recognized at last week's Senior Night ceremony. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

applying the mercy rule for a 17-2 defeat of Robbinsville.

"We picked up right where we left off from the night before," Floyd said. "We started our senior Cabe Poston on the mound and pitched all four innings, and we hid big hits from (sophomore) Tanner Cunningham, (sophomore) Stone Chauncey, Kade McConnell, Seth Gillis, Connor Chastain, Collin Crowder – the whole lineup."

The next games were at home on Friday, April 22, in a doubleheader against Lincoln County again. That evening was also the Senior Night celebration for Towns County.

It was the sweetest victory for the seniors especially but the entire team also, with another win against Lincoln in the first game, 11-1 in five innings, and a second victory in the next game, 11-0, to end Senior Night with great momentum heading into the State Championship Playoffs.

"Even though we may have started off the season with a half a foot behind us, I knew the more live experience in games we had, we would pick up and work together quickly," Floyd said.

Regarding the graduating class of upcoming seniors being celebrated, who were treated to much deserved pomp and circumstance that night in recognition of their hard work

on the field, Floyd shared his thoughts on those leaving.

"It was amazing to see and watch these boys that you coach grow into young men and how much they have changed," he said. "Cabe Poston is 'Mr. Dependable.' Whatever you need done he will be there. He can pitch, he can do any outfield position, play first and anything else.

"Watching him become

the young man he is now has made it a pleasure to be his coach; he is the kind of kid any coach would want to have on their team.

Georgia Mountain Pickleball sponsors Shea Underwood

Georgia Mountain Pickleball has offered a sponsorship to Shea Underwood on his "Road to Pro" journey in the world of Professional Pickleball.

Shea recently competed in a national tournament, the Austin Open, held by the Professional Pickleball Association in Austin, Texas. It's exciting to report that he brought home two silver medals. One in Singles 4.5, 19+ and one in Men's Doubles 5.0, 19+ which is a fantastic accomplishment since in each bracket he was competing against many top players from all over the country.

We hope Shea contin-

ues both his road to success and the national exposure he is bringing to his home town of Hiawassee. If you would like to follow Shea, he has a very entertaining social media presence on YouTube, Shea Underwood Pickleball Road to Pro. The focus in his social media is helping more young people along the path to a life enriched by Pickleball. You can also follow him on TikTok, Instagram and he has several Podcast appearances.

Additionally, he is making time in his busy schedule to give back to our community by becoming an Advisor to the Georgia Mountain Pickleball Board of Directors. T(Apr27,28)CA

Trout stocking sites week of April 18-22, 2022

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Lumpkin: Etowah River, Dockery Lake, Nimblewill Creek and Ward Creek
Union: Cooper Creek, Suches Creek, Toccoa River and Winfield Scott Lake
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