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Soccer: Lady Indians stun top-seed Chattahoochee in round one

Towns County men host No. 9 Armuchee Tuesday in second-round action

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Cusseta - The 10th-ranked Towns County Lady Indians went on the road last week and blanked Region 5-A's top-seeded Chattahoochee County in the opening round of the Class A Public State Tournament.

Jayden Taylor picked up the brace with a two-goal outing; Halie Arrowood added another goal in the win. Sarah Shook recorded two assists; goalkeeper Laura Mauldin notched 15 saves.

Towns will visit Region 6-A's No. 3 seed Drew Charter, who upset the second-seeded and eighth-ranked Georgia Military College 3-1 in the first round. The Lady Indians visited the Atlanta program on Monday, April 26.

The winner of Towns' second-round matchup will travel to either Johnson County or No. 3 Screven County on May 4. Johnson County is also a 4-seed but the GHSA's universal coin flip determined the team in the top bracket will host when equal-seeded clubs meet.

In the regular-season finale vs. Washington-Wilkes earlier this month, the Lady Indians played their way into the postseason with a 5-1 victory over the Tigers.

Meanwhile, the fifth-ranked Towns County men will host No. 9 Armuchee on Tuesday at 5 p.m. The winner will host either Dublin or No. 6 Atkinson County in the Elite 8 on May 5.



The 10th ranked Towns County Lady Indians soccer program is back in the Sweet 16 for the third time in the last four tournaments. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Baseball: Indians finish 2021 on high note with victories over Lincoln County and Copper Basin

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Towns County wrapped up the 2021 baseball season with a pair of one-sided victories over Lincoln County and Copper Basin, TN, sending the young Indians squad into 2022 with positive momentum.

Indians 10, Copper Basin, TN 0 (six innings) - Drew Sofield fired a six-inning, one-hit shutout as Towns County scored five runs in the fifth and sixth innings to put away Copper Basin, TN on Thursday, April 22.

The Indians raked 16 hits as six different hitters turned in a multi-hit performance. Caleb Berrong and Cabe Poston smacked three hits each while Aidan Berrong, Zane Floyd, Connor Chastain and Cade McConnell drove in two runs apiece during their two-hit outings.

Sofield struck out the side in the top of the first and Towns County grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom half. Caleb Berrong doubled home Collin Crowder, who was plunked with two down and nobody on base to keep the inning alive for the Indians' cleanup hitter.

Another 1-2-3 inning from Sofield paved the way for a 3-spot in Towns County half of the second, beginning with a Poston single and a McConnell walk. After consecutive strikeouts, an infield single from Aidan Berrong loaded the bases for a two-out, two-run blooper from Floyd and an RBI single to center by Crowder.

The Indians' freshman southpaw pitched around a one-out walk in the third



Aidan Berrong was recognized on Senior Night with parents Darren and Dionne. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

and Chastain reached on a leadoff single in the bottom half of the frame. Courtesy runner Michael Houser came around to score on a McConnell groundout to extend the margin to 5-0.

Following a scoreless fourth, Sofield struck out the side in the fifth, stranding a leadoff double. Towns County loaded the bases with two down in the bottom half when a two-run single by Aidan Berrong blew things open at 7-0.

Towns County ended the game via the mercy rule with 3 runs in the sixth without recording an out. A triple from Chastain scored Crowder and Caleb Berrong, then a McConnell single to left field plated Chastain for the 10th and final run.

Crowder walked, drove in a run and scored twice dur-

ing a 1-for-2 day at the plate. Matthew Chastain stole a base and scored after reaching on a pinch-hit single.

Caleb Berrong swiped two bags, Crowder and Kyle Oakes stole one base each.

Sofield wrapped up his first varsity season with a 74-pitch outing in the win.

In other action, Towns County blasted Lincoln County 18-3 on Tuesday, April 20. No stats were available as of Monday's deadline.

The season comes to a close with the Indians placing fifth in Region 8-A Public. The Class A State Tournament opens this week with the top-seeded and eighth-ranked Commerce Tigers hosting Marion County in a three-game series beginning Friday.

The second-seeded and 10th ranked Tigers of Wash-

ington-Wilkes host Chattahoochee County.

Region 8-AA's No. 3-seed Social Circle visits Region 5-A runner-up Taylor County. Finally, fourth-seeded Lake Oconee Academy visits top-seed Schley County - the second-ranked team in Class A Public.

Learn to play Pickleball

Free Beginners Classes every Saturday at 10 a.m. (weather permitting). All equipment is provided and there is no need to sign-up... just come. Courts are located on Chase Drive behind the Health Department.

For more information contact: blairsvillepickleball@gmail.com. N(Apr21.22)CA

Local Racing Report: Tri-County

Brasstown, NC - Tri-County Racetrack hosted its second event of the season on April 23 - the Schaffer's Oil Spring National Series with a top prize of \$4,053.

With an unexpected chill in the air accompanying the usual aroma of rubber and racing fuel, fans were treated to a full racing program on Friday night.

Super Late Model: Things quickly heated up when the Super Late Models hit the track, putting on a spectacular show for the home crowd with local driver David Payne taking the checkered flag in his No. 8 car.

Second place went to No. 23 Cory Hedgecock. No. 17M Dale McDowell took home third. No. X15 Shawn Chastain was fourth. No. 7M Donald McIntosh rounded out the top five.

Modified Hobby: The Modified Hobby winner was No. 6 Seth Wimpey, who took home the checkered flag. Second went to No. 2 Bobby Elkins, followed by No. 88 Ricky Smith in third. Fourth belonged to No. 4 Jacob Paris and No. 37 Michael Barnett rounded out the top five.

Beginner 602: The victor was Blairsville's Tucker Anderson in his No. 22 car. Coming in second was No. 4 Mark Ledford. Third was No. 15 Noah Phillips. Fourth No. 28 Roy Hardman. Coming in fifth was No. 16 Teresa Schumer.

Pony: The winner, No. 4M Marty King, took home the checkered flag for the second-straight race, edging out the No. F11 car of Caylee Payne. Coming in third was No. 01 Phillip Wood. In fourth was No. 4 Kaylee Worley.

Front Wheel Drive: No. J3 Josh Dease picked up the win. Coming in second was No. 192R Robby Lynch, and in third was No. 10 Blake Lynch. In fourth place was No. 35 Kyle Worley. Fifth went to No. 05 Glenn Coker.

Street Stock: No. 12 Roger Beaver from Murphy, NC took home the win. No. 21 Troy Turner came in second and No. 169 Jim Weller took home third. No. 44 Chuck Sims was fourth and No. 36F Eric Farnham came in fifth.

Tri-County's next race is May 6. Come support your local drivers that range from ages 12 to 73.

Deyton 5K Fun Run/Walk

When: Saturday, May 8, 2021 (9 am to 1 pm)

Where: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

Details:

Show your love and support for Greg (Goob) as he is fighting neuroendocrine cancer. After Southwire closed its doors, Greg lost his job and his medical insurance. All proceeds will help pay for doctor appointments, hospital visits and medicines.

- Charity 5K Fun Run/ walk at 9 am pledge of \$30 which includes a shirt! If you would like a t-shirt, please fill out the order form by April 28 using the QR code
- Gospel music/singing (lower campground pavilion)
- Silent Auction (crafts, jewelry, baked good, etc)
- Photography by Avieila - 15 minute mini session of 3 images for \$15 donation
- BBQ plates will be sold for lunch starting at 11 am for \$8/each



Greg (Goob) and Glenda Deyton

My flesh and my heart may fail. But god is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

-Psalms 73:26