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## Soccer: Lady Indians advance to Elite Eight; Indians fall at Wheeler

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The No. 3 Lady Indians exploded for five goals in a 5-0 win at Dalton's Christian Heritage, punching their ticket to the Class A D-II Elite Eight.

On the men's side, the Indians dropped a 3-1 contest at Wheeler County, ending their season in the Sweet 16. Freshman Caden Coggins provided Towns' lone goal via a feed from sophomore Cruz Kitchens.

During the Lady Indians' trip to Dalton on Wednesday, April 24, Abby Gardella and Chloe Sutton each recorded a brace, converting two goals in the shutout.

Emma Lalletment added a goal and 2 assists; Halie Arrowood dished out a pair of assists; Brittany Cabrera finished with one helper.

"The girls played well..." Lady Indians head coach Clay Livingston said. "The game was called really tight and we had to make some adjustments. Any road playoff win is very satisfying -- a shutout on the road against a quality team is even better."

The Lady Indians traveled to Hawkinsville on Monday night in the round of eight.



Kya Smith during Towns' first-round win. Photo/Todd Forrest



Emma Lalletment scored a goal and handed out 2 assists at CHHS. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## McConnell's masterpiece sparks Indians to series win

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**Gibson** - The Indians advanced to the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive year courtesy of two overpowering pitching performances by seniors Kade McConnell and Matthew Chastain.

Towns County (18-12) opened the 2024 postseason with a trip to Glascock County on Tuesday, April 23, taking two games from the Panthers by scores of 4-0 and 2-0.

The Indians now set their sights on the top-ranked team in Class A D-II, Schley County, where they opened the best-of-three series on Monday, April 29.

**Indians 4, Glascock County 0 (GM 1)** - A fourth-inning hit-by-pitch provided the only Panthers' baserunner of the day as McConnell delivered a performance for the ages.

The senior righty didn't surrender a hit or a walk over 7 innings, recording 6 strikeouts in a 90-pitch outing.

With 4 RBIs, senior Stone Chauncey provided all the Indians' offense, most notably, a 3-run homer in the fifth inning that built a 4-0 lead. Chauncey finished the day 2 for 4 with a run.

Senior Connor Chastain went 2 for 4 with a run; Cale Kirby scored twice during a 1-for-2 day.

Kirby put Towns on the board in the second after he was plunked on a 2-2 count with one away. Following a flyout by Chastain, Kirby advanced to second on a balk and scored via Chauncey's opposite-field single.

Kirby set the table again in the fifth by beating out an infield single to start the frame. Chastain singled to center, putting runners at the corners for Chauncey, who smashed a 3-run shot over the centerfield fence.

Senior left fielder Tanner Cunningham, who recorded the final out of McConnell's no-no, went 1 for 2 with a walk. McConnell drew a walk and was hit by a pitch; Matthew Chastain finished 1 for 3.



Senior Kade McConnell fired 7 innings of no-hit baseball during game one of Towns County's first-round series sweep at Glascock County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

**Indians 2, Glascock County 0** - On the heels of McConnell's gem, Matthew Chastain turned in a 2-hit shutout, propelling Towns County into the Sweet 16.

Senior Zane Floyd drove in both runs during the second inning of his 1-for-3 evening. Chauncey went 1 for 3 as the Indians were limited to a pair of hits.

After stranding two runners in the first, Towns worked a little two-out magic in the second when Oliver Sarafin and Matthew Chastain drew back-to-back walks, setting the table for Floyd, who ripped a two-run

single to center.

Glascock finally reached the hit column against the Indians' pitching staff with a pair of one-out singles in the third, but Matthew Chastain induced a tapper back to the mound and a pop-up to second, ending the threat.

Matthew Chastain faced the minimum over the last four innings, erasing a one-out walk in the sixth, courtesy of his battery-mate, Connor Chastain, who cut down a would-be base stealer at second.

Connor Chastain, Matthew Chastain and McConnell each finished 0 for 2 with

a walk; Sarafin walked and scored during an 0-for-2 game. Tyler Rawdon stole a base.

The Indians traveled to southwest Georgia on Sunday night ahead of their second-round series at No. 1 Schley County, which got underway on Monday, April 29.

The Wildcats entered with a 23-3 mark and received a first-round bye in the State playoffs. Schley County's last game was April 19 - a 6-5 victory over Tift County. On April 17, the Wildcats suffered a 9-2 loss to Crawford County, a team that defeated Towns County 10-0 four days earlier.



Senior Stone Chauncey drove in four runs, including a 3-run homer, during Towns' game-one win at Glascock. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Soccer: Arrowood inks scholarship with Toccoa Falls



Halie Arrowood (seated-center) with family and teammates during last week's signing ceremony.

Towns County Lady Indians senior Halie Arrowood declared her intent to play soccer at Toccoa Falls College during a signing ceremony on April 25, in the Towns County High School Media Center.

Halie's mother Elisha Arrowood, teammates, friends, coaches and administration were present to help celebrate Halie's accomplishment.

She plans to major in pre-professional biology in preparation for a career in physi-

cal therapy.

When asked why she chose Toccoa Falls College, Halie said, "I love their beautiful campus and scenery, the students, and the school will strengthen my relationship with the Lord."

Halie is excited to extend her soccer career and thankful for the opportunity to play for the Screaming Eagles, alongside former teammate and TCHS graduate, Jaden Taylor.