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## Indians Baseball wraps up postseason play against Gordon Lee

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Towns County Indians Baseball officially concluded its 2022 season April 29 during the first round of the Georgia High School Association Class A Public State Playoffs.

The team headed into the tournament seeded No. 4 in Region 8 and fell to Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga.

And though they were unable to advance to the second round of postseason play, the Indians put forth a valiant effort that matched the determination they displayed throughout the 2022 season.

In the April 29 double-header, the Indians dropped two games in a row to Gordon Lee. With a final Game 1 score of 11-1, senior Kyle Oakes scored the lone run on an RBI double from senior Collin Crowder.

Game 2 was a considerably closer contest, ending in



With a playoff berth from a tough Region 8-A, Indians baseball can hold its head high when looking back on 2022. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

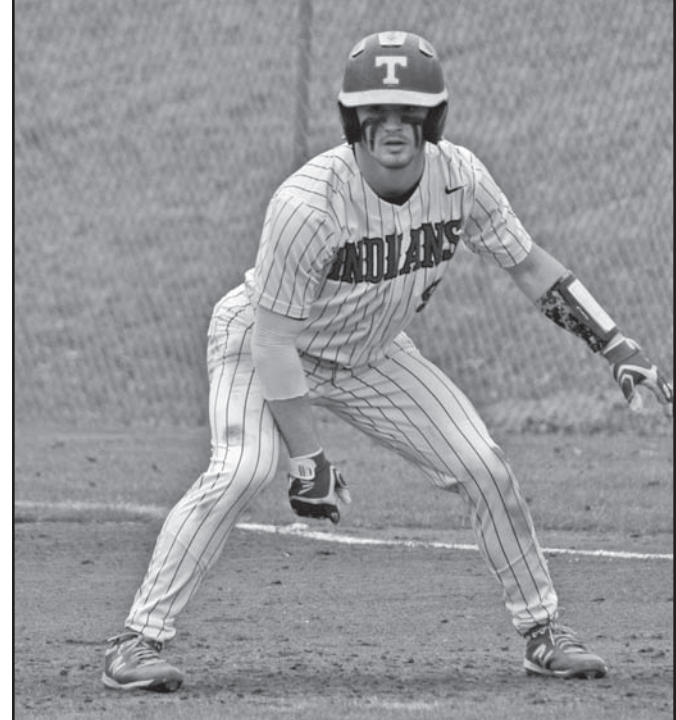
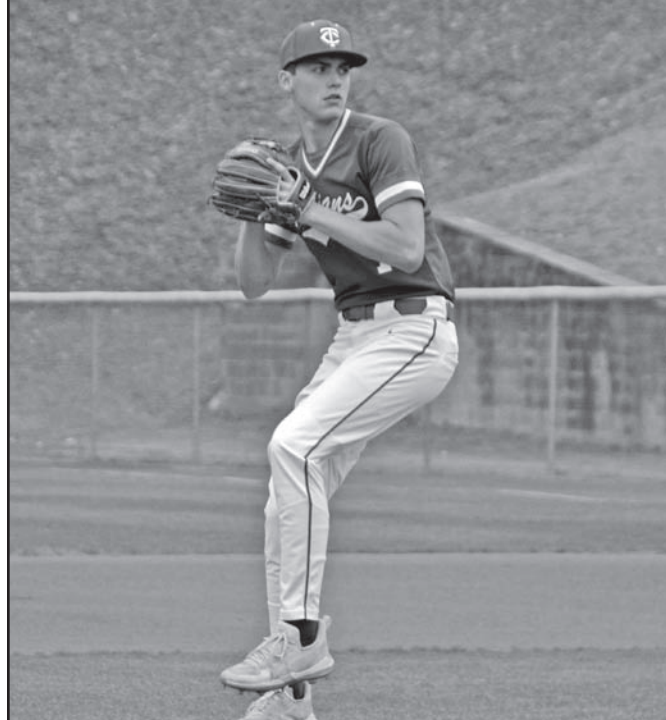
a 4-2 loss, with sophomore Tanner Cunningham crossing the plate both times, once on an RBI single by fellow sophomore Connor Chastain, and again on a passed ball. "I felt in both games we went toe-to-toe against one of the best teams around who is moving up to 3A division next year," Head Coach Shannon Floyd said. "We had a great season despite the small setback at the beginning (due to overlap with an extended basketball season), and everyone played hard and, more importantly, together as a unit and family. "They are all competitors with that warrior mental-

play and being there for each other."

The 2022 season featured a 9-9 region record and ended on a high note for Indians pride when seven of the student-athletes made First and Second Team All-Region.

Those players were: Crowder for Second Team infielder with a .364 batting average; junior Seth Gillis for Second Team infielder with a .317 batting average; sophomore Stone Chauncey for Second Team designated hitter and third base / utility player with a .325 batting average; Cunningham for First Team outfielder with a .408 batting average; Chastain for First Team catcher with a .468 batting average; sophomore Kade McConnell for First Team pitcher with a 3.00 ERA; and sophomore Zane Floyd for First Team pitcher with a 1.68 ERA.

Great job to all the up-standing student-athletes and gentlemen as the Towns County Baseball legacy continues to grow. Go Indians!



## Run Above the Clouds attracts 100-plus participants in first race since 2019

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Suches - The Run Above the Clouds returned to the Suches community on Saturday, April 23, ending the event's recent hiatus that began with its cancellation in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Approximately 105 runners took part in last month's race, the winner's of each race/age group are as follows.

Female - 10K  
20-29: Natalia Yakushko;  
30-39: Savannah Crittenden;  
40-49: Amy Rase; 50-59: Teri Hilchie; 60-69: Allyson Brantley; 70+: Linda Evans.

Male - 10K  
14U: Aiden Gilfillan;  
15-19: Ervin Altman; 30-39: Paul Anderson; 40-49: Woon Yeo; 50-59: Thomas Karisny; 60-69: Paul Blais.

Female 5K  
14U: Katie Payne; 15-19: Natalie Payne; 20-29: Grace Crumley; 30-39: Christy Dixon; 40-49: Miranda Callis; 50-59: Vanessa Bernstein-Goldman; 60-69: Diane Hall; 70-79: Susan Ross.

Male 5K  
14U: Whit Daniel; 20-29: David Echols; 30-39: Zachary Padgett; 50-59: Greg Goldman; 70+: Larry Robbins.

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Run Above the Clouds, which will also take place in the spring. For further details, you may visit www.runabovetheclouds.org.



Despite the challenging course facing the participants, runners of all ages and skill levels couldn't wait to return to the scenic sights, sounds and smiles that have become a staple of Suches' annual Run Above the Clouds 10K and 5k races. Photos by Todd Forrest