

# Towns County Sports

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## Towns County Football gearing up for start of new season

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Heads up, Towns County Football fans – the time is rapidly approaching to don Indians Blue and scream at the top of your lungs for your favorite football action, as less than a month remains before the Indians travel to Polk County, Tennessee, for their pre-season scrimmage on Aug. 5.

The Boys in Blue have been hard at work practicing this summer to improve their skills on the field in preparation for the 2022-23 season starting back up next month, with the first official game of the season away at Hayesville, North Carolina, on Aug. 19.

Recently on Thursday, June 30, the Indians participated in the annual FCA Day at Towns as part of their preparedness efforts. FCA stands for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which is a student-led sports organization offering spiritual and faith-based guidance.

The camp welcomed schools from around the region, including Oglethorpe, Gilmer, Johnson-Gainesville and others, with over 275 players in total coming out to hone their craft and sharpen their skills in 7-versus-7 game matchups.

Jason Roquemore is coming up on his fourth year as the Head Football Coach for Towns, and in an interview with the newspaper last week, he touched on the passion and dedication of his student-



Towns County football preps for the 2022 season during a 7-on-7 contest late last month vs. fellow Class-A opponent Oglethorpe County at TCHS. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

athletes and their go-getter work ethic.

"My kids have been doing great working hard this summer," Roquemore said. "In the (7-versus-7 games), the Indians ended up winning the Lineman's Challenge for the second year in a row, so we have a lot of momentum coming out of the summer into the official season.

"We have been going Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. until about 10:30 a.m., with helmets only for now. We start

off lifting weights first and then go on to what we call the 'functional strength circuit,' and then do about an hour of time on the grass where we work on football logistics, conditioning and tape watching.

"I am very pleased on where we are at in the process. We are finding ways to continue amplifying our strengths, while still addressing and adjusting in the areas we need to get better.

"One of the biggest things for me as a coach is watching

our belief system and values continue to take shape. Our kids have done an outstanding job of creating a 'No Excuses' culture.

"And as for my favorite thing about being a coach, from Day One it has always been about the relationships that we all build together. After watching all these kids grow up from middle school into the men they are today, they literally do become just like your own children. My family just keeps getting extended as each year

passes.

"Going into the new season, I feel like we are more equipped than ever before to keep chiseling our stone that we are carving out for our football legacy. And at the end of the day, (our goal is) to never make any excuses, because more so than winning, the business that I am in is to help create and guide and morph these boys into men, and really, they do more of the work than I do."

Lastly, as the cherry on top, Roquemore said that the

most amazing part of the FCA Day was that "we had a devotion that morning with all of the teams and saw about 10 kids come to Christ, and that in of itself is more important than anything."

In addition to the upcoming scrimmage and first game away, Towns County fans can look forward to the first home game tentatively set for Friday, Aug. 26, against Lake Oconee Academy at 7:30 p.m. in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

## North Georgia Rapids Swimming Team: Back-to-back division champs



**Gainesville** - Fifteen teams, over 530 swimmers, proved no match for the North Georgia Rapids Swim Team.

The Rapids competed in the North Georgia Swim League's Championship meet during a two-day competition in Gainesville June 25 and 26th.

Our local team again was one of the smaller teams attending, competing in the league's small team division. The team's 16 members earned a first place standing in their division bringing home the league's first place trophy. (Technically, they were fifth overall among the league's

15 teams)

The team's top performers earning individual high point trophies were as follows: First place girls - Senior age group: Hannah Sheffield.

Second place boys - 13-14 age group: Hunter Yancey.

Third place boys - 13-14 age group: Andrew Nushtayeva.

Second place boys - 8&U age group: Sawyer Yancey.

Other team members earning medals with strong showings: Tanner Simpson (2), Wyatt Nichols (2), Henry Kazmierzak (3), Nicholas Nushtayeva (4), Clara Kazmi-

erzak (2), Brooke Yancey (4) and Lily Helton (2).

Strong performances by team members earning ribbons and team points include: McKenly Simpson, Conner Whittney, Kimberly Simpson, Wyatt Chandler and Wyatt Yancey.

The North Georgia Rapids Swim Team practices year round and includes members from multiple local counties.

The team is limited in size but does have periodic openings. If you would like additional information about the team, contact Barry Gay at (706)835-1662.

## Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association Weekly League Play

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association (CSLGA) held their weekly league play on Tuesday, July 5.

Vice President Evie Miller kicked off the day with announcements about the upcoming Par 3 tournament to be held on July 19. All lady golfers in the area are invited to play and enjoy free lunch after the round. Registration is \$50 and starts at 8 AM with a shotgun start at 9 AM. A putting contest is held during registration and there is also a raffle drawing for cash prizes. Non CSLGA members may get more information by reaching out to Glenda Geddings at Frank\_Geddings@yahoo.com.

The game this week was Selective Nine which allows each player to select which 9 holes, front or back, will be counted for the game. Results for the first flight were first place Bonnie Shore and second place Katie Fariss. Geni Preece and Mary Mott tied for third



Desna Jarrett

place in this flight. Results for the second flight were first place Sandy Snyder and second place Cathy Clement. Gail Cole and Desna Jarrett (the newest member of the league) tied for third place in this second flight.

There were no birdies this week, but Geni Preece had a chip in, so won the cumulative pot from the last few weeks. Lowest putts went to Bonnie Shore with 30 and Gail Cole was second

with 33 putts.

CSLGA plays every Tuesday at Chatuge Shores Golf Course 260 Golf Course Rd, Hayesville, NC 28904. Tee time is 9 AM.

The league has 30 members from throughout the tri-county area and includes golfers of all skill levels. If you are not a member, but are interested in joining, please email our President, Vicky Healy at vhealy55@gmail.com. NTJuly13.F2JH

## The Veterans Golf League Competition

The Veterans Golf League plays every Thursday at the beautiful Chatuge Shores Golf Course.

This week's competition was won by the team lead by Randy Tompkins. Teammates contributing to the 8 stroke under par victory were Chuck Lehman, Rick Rozema and Rick's guest Gary Blanton.

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