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## Football: Indians host Copper Basin, TN Friday in preseason scrimmage

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For the first time in 280 days, Towns County football will be under the lights at Frank McClure Stadium when they host the Copper Basin (TN) Wildcats on Friday, Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m..

"We going to treat it like a regular game with our No. 1s and subs, then during the fourth quarter it's going to be the younger kids," Towns County fifth-year head coach Jason Roquemore said. "The biggest thing is just to see where we are. I thought we had a really good [summer]."

The Indians are coming off a 3-7 campaign in 2022, although, the Indians' W-L record is a bit of a misconception based on some unlucky breaks and its stiff competition.

For starters, Towns appeared to score a late go-ahead



Senior quarterback Connor Chastain. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

touchdown during its 13-12 season-opening loss at Hayesville, NC. However, the Smoky Mountain Conference officials saw things differently and the

resulting penalty took 6 points off the board, all but preserving the Yellow Jackets' victory.

The Class A Indians then faced a brutal schedule that in-



The 2022 Indians defense records a TFL. Photo/Todd Forrest

cluded an early-season contest vs. a Class AA Sweet-16 team in Union County, followed by a pair of region games against top-10 squads in Aquinas and

Lincoln County.

But things are looking up this fall. Back under center for the Indians is senior QB Connor Chastain, who is look-

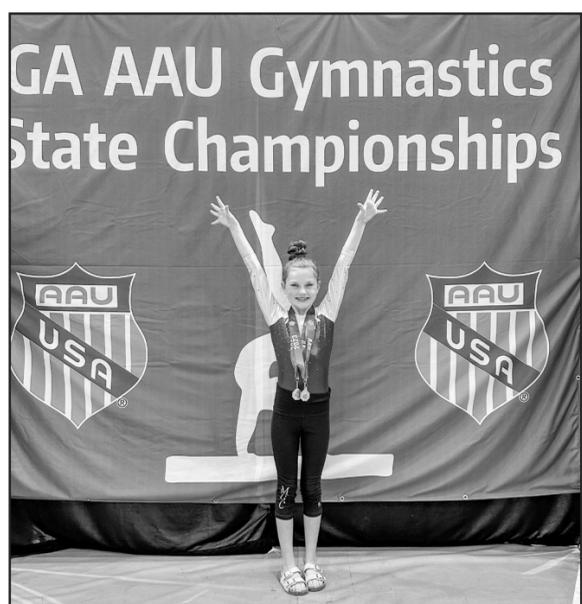
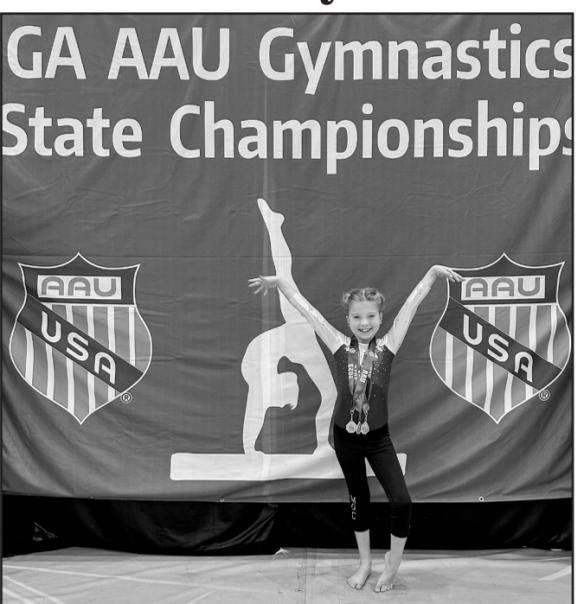
ing to lead Towns County to its first playoff berth since 2017. Although, Roquemore must replace star RB/LB Seth Gillis, but the Indians have a good one in sophomore running back Dustin Barrett, who missed all of 2022 with a season-ending injury.

The Indians also feature plenty of weapons on the outside with receivers Julian Mosley (Jr) and Cruz Kitchens (So), among others. Additionally, senior TE/DL Stone Chauncey could provide Chastain a viable weapon in the middle of the field.

According to Roquemore, the top priority on Friday is keeping everyone healthy. As a result, there will be no special teams play and the starters will be limited to three quarters before handing off to the JV.

In other news, TCHS hosted its annual Midnight Madness event, kicking off the official start of practice at 12 a.m. on Monday, July 31.

## Mountain Gymnastics closes 2022-23 with two State Championships



Mountain Gymnastics Center gymnasts (L-R): Lorelei Whitney, Jaxi-Jule Taylor and Emma Schuette

Mountain Gymnastics Center crowned two AAU Level 2 State Champions, Lorelei Whitney on vault and Jaxi-Jule Taylor on vault, floor and all-around at the AAU State Meet in Carrollton during the spring.

Each girl competed at their level against girls in their age division from the entire state of Georgia. MGC had other placers at State as it wrapped up the AAU season that weekend.

On May 5-6, MGC traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for USAG Xcel Regionals and qualified three: Addison Harkins (Xcel Gold), Shaylyne Davis (Xcel Gold), and Emma Schuette (Xcel Platinum). Regionals follow state because the girls are competing against a region of the United States. These girls competed against gymnasts from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

Harkins and Davis both had fantastic meets with Harkins tied for seventh on floor,

and Davis finishing tied for ninth on bars and fifth on floor.

Schuette qualified for the Georgia State Team -- the first from MGC to qualify for a State Team. She competed against the best of the best from the eight states. There were eight gymnasts on the Georgia State Team. The top four scores from those gymnasts on each event counted toward the overall team score. Schuette's vault, beam, and floor scores were all counted toward the Georgia State Team score. Georgia placed third overall as a team and Schuette also placed in each event out of the top 32 of the senior division in the team competition. She placed tied for eighth on vault and bars, tied for seventh on beam and tied for 13th on floor -- good enough for fifth all-around. This is such a huge accomplishment for Emma.

We had a fantastic 2022-2023 season at MGC and are already working hard for another great season to come. Individual scores are as follows. AAU State Level 2: Tay-

lor - vault 9.235 (1st), bars 8.65, beam 8.825, floor 9.275 (1st), all around 36.075 (1st). Austen Garrett - vault 9.2 (T-4th), bars 8.95, beam 9.4 (T-4th), floor 9.1 (5th) all around 36.65 (5th).

Scarlett Munn - vault 9.075, bars 9.05, beam 9.275 (T-5th), floor 9.15, all around 36.55 (6th). Hope Wright - vault 8.9, bars 8.6, beam 8.9, floor 9.0 (3rd), all around 35.4 (9th). Whitney - vault 9.225 (1st), bars 8.825, beam 8.425, floor 8.9 (4th), all around 35.375 (10th).

Mattie Kate Alexander - vault 8.7, bars 8.4, beam 9.275 (4th), floor 8.75 (6th), all around 35.125 (11th). Sophia Beaver - vault 8.475, bars 8.65, beam 8.475, floor 8.65, all around 34.25 (12th).

Aria Beaudoin - vault 8.85 (8th), bars 8.9, beam 8.7, floor 7.875, all around 34.325 (14th). Camilla Duello - vault 7.8, bars 8.4, beam 8.525, floor 8.425, all around 33.15 (15th).

AAU Xcel Silver: Lucie Burgess - vault 8.85 (T-10th), bars 9.15, beam 9.35 (6th),

floor 9.05 (T-9th), all around 36.4 (T-11th). Madelyn Primeaux - vault 8.7, bars 9.325, beam 9.3 (T-7th), floor 9.05 (T-9th), all around 36.375 (12th).

Ellenore Perrone - vault 8.6, bars 9.25, beam 8.725, floor 9.05 (T-9th) all around 33.825 (T-12th). Baylor Sullivan - vault 8.525, bars 7.95,

beam 8.575, floor 8.775 (5th), all around 33.825 (14th).

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## Local Racing: Tri-County hosts Schaefer Oil Southern National Series

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There was racing under the lights Thursday night at Tri-County Race Track.

Tri-County Race track welcomed the Schaefer Oil Southern National Series. This series has had to fight with rain at many tracks and Tri-County was no different.

Super Late Model: No.

20 Jimmy Owens took home \$7,553 and the win. No. 7 Ricky Weiss was second. No. 79 Donald McIntosh. No. 93 Carson Ferguson was fourth. No. 17M Dale McDowell placed fifth.

Open Wheel: The winner was No. 22 Matt Sandifer. No. 55 Brad Sosebee was second.

Crown Vic: The winner was No. 62 Chuck Sisum. No. 11 Ricky Dyer was second.

No. 18X Lucas Beaver was third.

602 Late Model: No.117 Dylan Beaver was the winner. No. 50 Charles Devine was second. No.56 Colton Berrong third. No.100 Copper Twiggs was fourth. No. 44 Bobby Elkins came in fifth.

Unfortunately, then the rains came, so FWD and Street Stock will race for double points and money at the Aug. 11 race.

## Towns County 2023 Softball schedule

- 8/7 Rabun 5:30
- 8/10 @ N Murray 5:00
- 8/12 @ Fannin 10 am
- 8/16 Cedar Shoals 5:00
- 8/17 @ Athens Christian 5:00
- 8/21 @ Rabun 5:30
- 8/23 Chestatee 5:00
- 8/24 @ Gainesville 5:00
- 8/28 N Murray 5:00
- 8/30 @ Cedar Shoals 5:00
- 9/6 @ Chestatee 5:30
- 9/9 WW DH 12 and 2
- 9/11 Gainesville 5:00
- 9/18 LOA 5:00
- 9/21 @ LOA 5:00
- 9/26 Lincoln 5:00
- 9/28 @ Lincoln 5:00
- 10/3 @ GSIC 5:00
- 10/7 GSIC 2:00
- 10/10 Commerce 5:00