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Indians Football kicks off with valiant effort in Polk County

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Benton, TN - On Friday, Aug. 5, local football action picked back up with the start of the new school year, as the Towns County High School Indians traveled to Polk County, Tennessee, for a pre-season scrimmage matchup against the 2A Wildcats.

Despite the 20-0 loss, the Indians put forth a valiant effort throughout the entirety of the game, which remained scoreless until the Wildcats got a touchdown following an interception with nearly three and a half minutes to go in the first quarter.

Senior Grant Ingram returned the kick to the 20-yard line, afterward catching a pass from junior Quarterback Connor Chastain to continue the forward momentum. Next, junior Justin Miles-Hill executed a 3-yard run to end the first quarter, with the Wildcats leading 7-0.

At the start of the second quarter, on second down at the Polk County 18-yard line, the Indians threw a second interception that ultimately led to another Wildcats TD to put the game 14-0.

Ingram once again took the kick at the 20-yard line, and after a very nice inside play, the Indians gained the first down but lost yardage back to the 40 on the next. Towns County ended up punting to



The Towns County offense goes to work during the first half of Friday night's scrimmage contest at Polk County, Tennessee. Photo/Jeremy Foster

Polk just before the halftime buzzer, and everyone hit the locker rooms.

Returning to the field for the second half, Towns kicked to Polk to begin the third quarter at the opponent's 20-yard line. The Wildcats scored once more but missed the extra point with a little less than three minutes in the third, and the quarter concluded with the Wildcats ahead 20-0.

After multiple attempts by each team to move the ball in the fourth quarter, an Indians turnover on downs

saw the action going back to the Wildcats with 59 seconds left in the game and the ball on the 43.

On the first play, the Indians made a beautiful interception when sophomore Defensive Lineman Wyatt Woody snagged it deftly out of the air to gain possession for Towns County.

A successful toss was then completed between freshman Tight End Grayson Youngblood and Ingram to attain the first down, but shortly afterward the timeclock ran out

to end the game with the final result being a 20-0 victory for Polk County.

Catching up with Head Coach Jason Roquemore after the team had talked and was getting ready to load the bus back home, he gave his critiques of the pre-season matchup that served as preparation for the first game of the regular season.

"I think it is typical of any scrimmage that there were some key moments in the game we did not play well, where we put the ball in harm's way,"

Roquemore said. "We had two turnovers, and really, we kind of forced ourselves offensively, so you cannot do that to sustain drives and have the outcomes that you want."

"Defensively, we did not play that bad. We were put in some poor positions early on in the game, but I am really proud of our younger kids in the second half with the energy and effort that they played with by coming away and forcing two turnovers."

Added Coach Roquemore, "Polk is a very

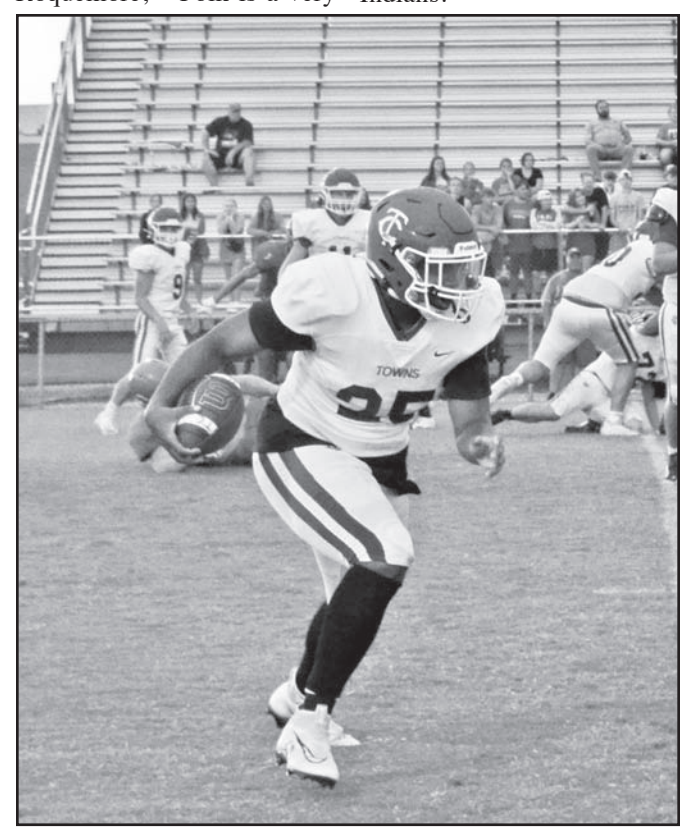
physical and large football team, and that was good for our kids to see that, so we will look at the tape and get it addressed and get ready for game one."

Next up, the Indians will have the first official game of the season on Friday, Aug. 19, in an away game versus Hayesville High School in North Carolina, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Visit www.townscountyathletics.com for more team information. Go Indians!



Senior Grant Ingram (12) turns the corner as fellow senior Seth Gillis (9) looks for someone to block. Photo/Jeremy Foster



Junior running back Justin Miles-Hill eyes an opening after catching a pass out of the backfield. Photo/Jeremy Foster



An animated Coach Roquemore motivates his squad during the second half of last week's scrimmage. Photo/Jeremy Foster

Towns County High School 2022 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
8/5	Polk County, TN (Scrimmage)	Away	7:30pm
8/19	Hayesville	Away	7:30pm
8/26	Lake Oconee Academy	Home	7:30pm
9/2	Union County	Home	7:30pm
9/9	NON REGION BYE		
9/16	Coosa	Away	7:30pm
9/23	REGION BYE		
9/30	*Greene County (Homecoming)	Home	7:30pm
10/7	*Aquinas	Away	7:30pm
10/14	Johnson-Gainesville	Away	7:30pm
10/21	*Warren County (Park & Rec Night)	Home	7:30pm
10/28	*Washington-Wilkes (Senior Night)	Home	7:30pm
11/4	*Lincoln County	Away	7:30pm

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Head Coach: Jason Roquemore Principal: Roy Perren
 Asst. Coaches: Evan Woodard Asst. Principal/AD: Jim Melton
 Ken Camp
 Chris Drury
 Wade Hodges

Cheer Coach: Christa Houser

Band Director: Allison Arnold