

# Towns County Sports

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## Softball: Lady Indians knock it out of the park in season opener

### Towns County blanked 8-0 at Fannin County

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In an exciting season opener the Lady Indians out-scored Rabun, 11-10 on Monday Aug. 5.

The Indians had been scoreless until the third inning when they punched in two runs. Then the fifth inning really heated things up, with Rabun scoring five runs and the Indians answering with four.

Still, it wasn't looking good in the scoreless sixth inning, but our formidable ladies battled back with five runs and one in the seventh, winning the game for an ecstatic home crowd.

"It was a nice win," said head Coach Clay Livingston. "We didn't play as well as we would like, but considering the fact that was the first game, we did some really good things."

"The most impressive thing was the persistence and resilience we showed throughout the game. We were led at the plate by Alaina Murphy, (1 for 2, 2 RBIs). Murphy also scored two runs.

"Drew Livingston went 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs. Hailey Gibson was 1 for 2 with an RBI and a run scored. Alexa Keys delivered the game winning single in the bottom of the seventh to walk it off.

"Jacie Cross went the distance for us in the circle and got us out of some tough jams we created with some errors. Jacie also scored twice. Scot-



Jacie Cross fired a complete game during Towns County's season-opening victory over Rabun County on Monday, Aug. 5. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

lyn Fain and Taylor Mulkey also scored a run. All nine starters contributed at least an RBI or a run scored.

"We will need to continue that kind of team contribution to keep having success. We also need to keep polishing up our fundamentals and improve our base running. I know that we will because we have an outstanding group of girls with great work ethics and attitudes."

The home crowd agreed

cheering and celebrating with every crack of the bat.

**Lady Indians 0, Fannin County 8** - The Towns County Lady Indians battled valiantly but were unable to roust Fannin County last Thursday, August 8 in Blue Ridge.

"We made a few errors early on that put us in a hole that we just couldn't battle our way out of," said Livingston. "We just weren't ready to play. I think the big and very emotional win last Monday prob-

ably had something to do with it. I think we will learn from it and get better because of it."

"I need to do a better job of making sure the girls are ready each and every game. Every non-region game we play is important to us to get ready for region play. And of course, you have to be ready to play your best throughout region play and the playoffs.

"Scotlyn Fain and Alex Keys each had a hit. Scotlyn also had a stolen base to put



Taylor Mulkey and Towns County lineup churned out 11 runs during the win over Rabun. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

herself into scoring position. Alaina Murphy had a walk and a stolen base to put herself into scoring position.

"If we could have pushed one or both of those across the plate, maybe we could have gotten a rally going to chip away at their lead. Some of the better hits that we had were right at them and they have a very good defensive team.

"Jacyie Cross pitched well for us. She just wasn't able to pitch around all of the

errors. She struck out three, and more impressively, gave up no walks.

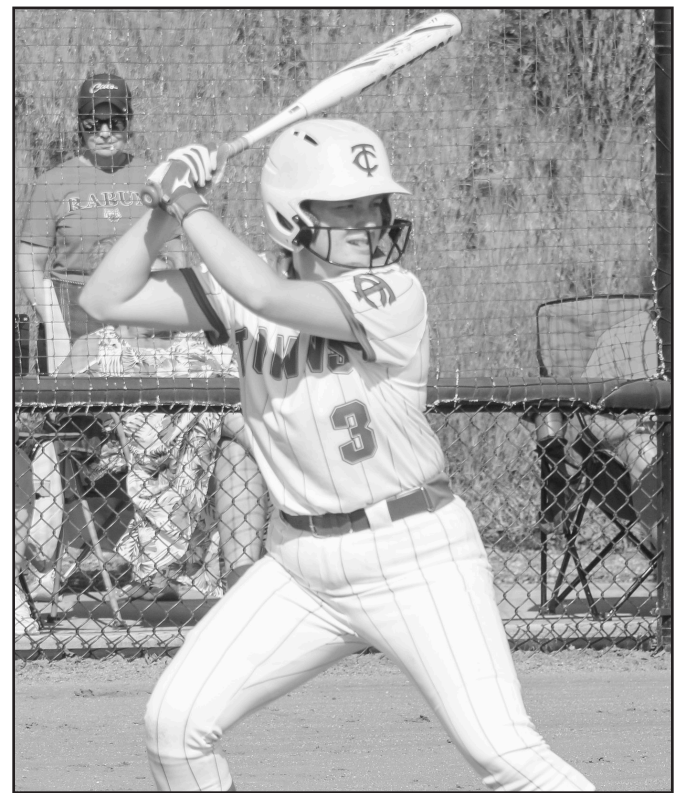
"We will learn from each and every setback and continue working. I feel strongly about his group. They will bounce back. The best is yet to come," said Livingston.

The next game is August 13 at 5 p.m. at Rabun County. The Lady Indians will host Gainesville on Aug. 15. Tickets can be purchased online at GoFan.

Date	Opponent	Time
August 5	Rabun Co	5:00
August 8	@Fannin Co	5:00
August 13	@Rabun Co	5:00
August 15	Gainesville	5:30
August 19	Fannin Co	5:00
August 22	@East Jackson	5:30
August 26	@Gainesville	5:30
August 28	@Pickens	6:00
September 3	Cedar Shoals	5:30
September 10	@WW	5:00
September 12	LOA	5:00
September 17	Lincoln Co	5:00
September 19	@LOA	5:00
September 24	WW	5:00
September 26	@Lincoln Co	5:00
October 1	Athens Christian	5:00
October 3	Pickens Co	5:00
October 7	@ Cedar Shoals	5:30



Scotlyn Fain vs. Rabun County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Drew Livingston vs. Rabun County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Alaina Murphy behind the plate vs. Rabun County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



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