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Indians battle Class AAA Lumpkin County in close scrimmage

By Shawn Jarrard
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The Towns County Indians hosted a scrimmage match against the Lumpkin County Indians on Friday, Aug. 10, inside Frank McClure Memorial Stadium at Towns County High.

And while Towns County lost the match 14-21, region rivals are likely paying attention, since Lumpkin County is a 3A school.

The two home scores came courtesy of a slick pass from Quarterback Trent Bradshaw to Will Travis halfway through the first quarter, and a terrific 33-yard run from Tyler Swanger some five minutes later.

Wesly Calhoun kicked an extra point after each of the Towns County touchdowns, and down by only a single score at the end of the game, the Tribe proved its got plenty of momentum coming off last season's history-making state playoff appearance.

"No. 1, every player before the game believed we could win that game," said Towns County Indian Head Coach John Cornett. "No. 2, they played hard for the whole game. No. 3, we had big plays.

"Now, bad things, we had mental breakdowns, lots of penalties, and that's the stuff we've got to correct. We've got to nip those in the bud."

The game was close, likely too close for Lumpkin County's comfort, considering the 1A versus 3A matchup.



The Towns County offense on the move during the second quarter. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

"That's why we scrimmaged them," said Cornett. "I wanted our guys to face bigger opponents, with 11 on offense and a different 11 on defense. That's what we needed to see. We needed to play a bigger school, so it helps us. I think every bit of that scrimmage helps."

Team leadership this year is deep, with 15 of the Indians' 26 players being seniors heading into their final season before graduation, and much of the

team now has playoff experience.

"This is probably the best group I've ever coached as far as attitude and effort," said Coach Cornett. "Trent Bradshaw, this is probably the best game I've seen him play in three years. Will Travis was everything I expected. Tyler Swanger, we knew he'd be a force to reckon with on the D-line."

The Indians will play their first game of the season this Friday, Aug. 17, at Hayesville,

North Carolina, with a kickoff time of 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead to the matchup against the Yellow Jackets, Coach Cornett said his team will keep doing what it's been doing since practice started.

"Offense, defense, kicking - everything," said Cornett. "I thought this game would not be live kicking, and that kind of threw us off because we really haven't had a time to perfect punt, and we haven't had a lot of

time to perfect kickoff. That will be corrected for Hayesville."

Last year, the Indians defeated the Yellow Jackets 38-21, and while it looks to be a winnable game for the them, Coach Cornett said they'll be taking nothing for granted.

"They had a young group last year, they're a little older this year, and Hayesville's going to want to beat us," said Coach Cornett. "That's just the game between us and Hayesville."

"It doesn't matter what

happened the previous year. You cannot take them lightly, because they want to beat us as bad as we want to beat them."

Indian stats: (PASSING) Bradshaw 8-20, 146 yards, TD.

(RUSHING) Crowder 6 carries, 63 yds; Swanger 6 car, 57 yds, TD; Bradshaw 6 car, 28 yds; Bradley 3 car, 17 yds;

(RECEIVING) Travis 3 receptions, 71 yds, TD; Crowder 3 rec, 48 yds; Gillis 1 rec, 15 yds; Edge 1 rec, 12 yds.

(PAT) Calhoun 2-2

Register now for youth basketball

Towns County Recreation Department Basketball registration: August 1st - September 21st - \$60. Late Registration: September 22nd thru October 5th - \$75. The Towns County Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in our annual Basketball season with GRPA. There will be evaluations held the second week of October. If you are interested in coaching, please fill out a coaching application at the Towns County Recreation Department and complete a mandatory background check only after you have been selected as a coach.

Divisions: 8u: Ages 7 - 8 born September 2, 2009 to September 1, 2011. 10u: Ages 9 - 10 born September 2, 2007 to September 1, 2009. 12u: Ages 11 - 12 born September 2, 2005 to September 1, 2007.

Please register online at www.TownsCountyRec.com or register in person at the Towns County Recreation Department. Towns County Recreation Department will be providing jerseys & shorts that players will be able to keep at the end of the season.

If you have any questions please contact Matthew Youngblood or Tyler Garrett at (706) 896-2600 or by email at TCRecreation2600@gmail.com. T(Aug15,F1)SH



Towns County Football sideline photos from Friday night's scrimmage game. Photos by Lowell Nicholson



Ridges Ladies Golfers are Criers

Tears of joy is what these three skilled golfers got after winning The Ridges Ladies Golf Association weekly tournament. This weekly net play competition allowed the ladies at completion of their round, to convert their three worse holes to par. Each player pays in \$4 for the game. Prize monies are distributed following the round.

1st place: Sidney Mosser 62 \$11. 2nd place: tie: Dee Ramsey and Judy McCully 66 \$7. 3rd place: tie: Mary Ann Strider and BJ Swilley 67 \$4.

Only one birdie was to be had, and our group organizer Nancy Outlaw got hers on the par 5 hole #9.

A collective lunch was offered in the Ridges Grill Lounge where everyone enjoyed lunch, libations and laughter!

Non-member women are always welcome to play on Thursdays league day with a verifiable handicap. USGA Rules of Golf prevail. Please call The Ridges pro shop for additional details at 828-389-9000 option 1. T(Aug15,G1)SH

VFW Golf League news

The VFW Golf League plays each Thursday at the Chatuge Shores Golf Course. It is open to all members of the VFW and American Legion regardless of post affiliation.

The weather held out this week and 9 teams took to the course for a competitive round of golf. The team of Bill Bongiovanni, Norvel Hasley, Gary Dominello and Walt Scott had the winning score with 12 under par. Great round, congratulations. T(Aug15,F2)SH

Towns County 2018 Football Schedule (*-denotes Region game)

Date	Rank	Loc	Opponent	Opp Rank	Opp Region
Regular Season					
2018-08-17		A	Hayesville (NC)		
2018-08-31		H	Union County		GHSA 8-AA
2018-09-07		H	Andrews (NC)		
2018-09-14		A	* George Walton Academy		GHSA 8-A
2018-09-21		H	* Athens Academy		GHSA 8-A
2018-09-28		A	* Riverside Military Academy		GHSA 8-A
2018-10-05		H	* Hebron Christian Academy		GHSA 8-A
2018-10-19		H	* Commerce		GHSA 8-A
2018-10-26		A	* Lakeview Academy		GHSA 8-A
2018-11-02		A	Region 8-A Crossover		

Local Racing results: Blue Ridge

By Blake Lynch
Racing Reporter
Towns County Herald

Blue Ridge Motorsports hosted a race on August 10 with an \$800-to-win, street stock shootout.

Here are the top five from each class:

Pony - Coming in first place was No. 32 Franklin Burk. Finishing in second place was No. 20R Russell Teal. Coming in third place was No. 43 Tain Ross.

Crate - Coming in first place was No. 22 Jamison Earley. Coming in second place was No.7 Jason Deal. Coming in third place was No.12 Rodney Weeks. Finishing in fourth place was No.1 Junior Whitener. Finishing in fifth was No.49 Bo Stanley

Limited - Coming to the checkered flag was No.4 Danny Ledford. Coming in second place was No.30 Daren Dilbeck. Coming in third place was No.4 Trig Parris. Coming in fourth place was No. 16w Wesley English. Finishing in fifth place was No. 56 Kip Cochran.

Vinson Sims Hot-Shots - Coming in first place was No.22 Tucker Anderson. Finishing in second place was No. 43 Franklin Burk Jr. Chase Norton in the



The Lynch brothers side-by-side

No. 55 car came in third. No.8 Ricky Queen came in fourth. No. 01 Brent Lynch came in fifth place.

FWD - Coming in first place was No.05 Hunter Hughes. Coming in second place was No. 20 Mike Robertson. Finishing third place was No.33 Josh Deese. No. Q2 Jim Exum came in fourth place. No. 30 Maddox Hughes came in fifth.

Modified Hobby - No. 88 Ricky Smith came in first place. Coming in second was No. 17 Brad Thomas. No. 44 Lynn Burchfield came in third. Coming in fourth place was No. 28 Dannie Patterson. Finishing in fifth place was No. 4 Jacob

Parris. Beginner 602 - Coming in first place was No. 31 Jason Walston. Coming in second place was No. 2 Randy Roberts.

Finishing in third place was No. 35 Dillon Daves. Coming in fourth place was No. 41 Jeff Holloway. Coming in fifth place was No. 25 Jacob Hamby.

Street Stock - Coming in first place was No. 14 Charles Devine Jr. Finishing in second place was No. j69 Jim Weller. Finishing third was No. 31 Logan Exum. Coming in fourth place was No. 1 Chad Sellers. Coming in fifth place was No. 192 Jay Lynch.

14th Annual Scott Hogsed Memorial Youth Conservation & Education Day In Memory of Josh Ritz August 25, 2018

FREE EVENT

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION
SAFETY

Pre-Registration, Information, and Directions at:
www.scotthogseyouthday.com

For other information call 828-837-2210 ext 4
Brasstown, NC
Gates open at 7:30AM
Event Starts at 9:00AM

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A Day of Learning About the Outdoors.

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