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## Football: Indians defeat Polk County, Tenn., 20-7 in preseason scrimmage

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The Towns County Indians held the Polk County Wildcats to just 7 points on Aug. 12, defeating the Tennessee-based team 20-7 in a preseason scrimmage played at Frank McClure Stadium.

The Boys in Blue are hoping to build off their 3-6 record from last season, which may prove to be a tough task after graduating several starters from the 2020-21 squad.

Indians Head Coach Jason Roquemore is entering his third year as head coach, and though he has lost a lot of senior leadership from last year's team, he still has close to 40 players from which to draw talent.

And the Indians will have a new arm at quarterback with sophomore Conner Chastain replacing Mason Thomas, one of the seniors who graduated in May.

Towns County Football fans will be excited to see one of the state's leading rushers return to the back field with Kyle Oakes, who is looking to have another great season his senior year.

Also returning for his senior season is wide receiver Collin Crowder, who is likewise expected to have a big year.

As mentioned above, the Indians have a lot of depth this season, but most players are young and will therefore be required to learn via trial by fire, as they may be thrown into in-game situations and be expected to produce.

Showcasing what fans can hope to see more of this



Under the direction of first-year starting quarterback Conner Chastain (11), the Towns County offense piled up 303 yards during a 20-7 scrimmage victory over Polk County, Tenn. on Thursday, Aug. 12. Photos by Lowell Nicholson

season, the Thursday night scrimmage against Polk County took place just a week before the season opener at home against Pinecrest Academy, which is set to kick off this Friday, Aug. 20.

Both teams remained scoreless in the first quarter of their matchup last week, though the Indians were able to make it into the red zone in the second, with Oakes punching in a Towns touchdown from 8 yards out to give the Indians a 7-0 lead over the Wildcats.

The Indians defense played well in the second quarter and all evening long, holding

the Wildcats offense scoreless throughout the game and ultimately forcing three turnovers.

Junior Seth Gillis forced the first fumble as he ripped the ball from a Wildcat player and took it 55 yards for another Indian touchdown, giving them a 13-0 lead over the Wildcats following a missed point-after attempt.

The Indians defense forced another quick three, making Polk County punt the ball away.

With just under five minutes left in the first half, Towns made a mistake on offense as senior Zion Henderson put the

ball on the turf when trying to keep his balance.

A Wildcat picked up the ball and took it 35 yards for what would be the only Polk County score of the game, cutting the Indians' lead back to six.

The Indians went into halftime leading their opponents 13-7 while being flagged for eight penalties in the first half.

With so many young players and only two weeks of padded practice prior to game-time, penalties can be expected, Roquemore said, adding that it's better to have these issues



in a scrimmage so the coaches and players can clean things up before the start of the season this week.

Again in the second half, the Indians found the end zone on a 39-yard pass from Chastain to Crowder. Following the PAT, the Boys in Blue took a 20-7 lead, and the Wildcats remained scoreless the second half.

Chastain threw 17-for-23 with 142 yards and a score. Oakes carried the ball 13 times for 98 yards and a touchdown. Crowder hauled in 11 catches for 106 yards and a touchdown.

Gillis led the defense

with 10 tackles and a forced fumble that culminated in a score. Sophomore Jacob Young got 9 tackles and 0.5 sack. Sophomore Ian Arrowood finished the night with 5 tackles and 1.5 sacks.

The Indians Offense earned a total of 303 yards, while the defense held the Polk County Offense to just 172 yards and kept them scoreless, with their only touchdown coming off a Towns fumble.

Towns County will host Pinecrest Academy this Friday, Aug. 20, at Frank McClure Stadium at 7:30 p.m. for this year's season opener.

## Lady Indians Softball off to rocky 0-3 season start, visit Rabun Wednesday

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The Lady Indians are currently experiencing a rough beginning to the 2021-2022 season, starting things off with an 0-3 record in their recent road games against North Murray, West Hall and Fannin County.

They lost their season opener on Thursday, Aug. 5, at North Murray 12-4. Towns led the game 4-0 heading into the third inning, but the Lady Mountaineers clapped back in the bottom of the third with five unanswered runs to take a one-run lead going into the fourth.

North Murray would add seven more runs to hold the Lady Indians scoreless through the last four innings, handing Towns County a 12-4 loss.

Next, the Lady Indians traveled to West Hall for their second game of the season, only to be defeated 12-4 again on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Then the Lady Indians traveled to Fannin County to take on the Lady Rebels on Thursday, Aug. 12. They had another fast start, taking a 3-2 lead at the end of the first inning, but the Lady Rebels would go on to score five unanswered runs in bottom of the third to take a 7-3 lead.

Towns scored their fourth and final run of the game in the fourth inning while giving up five more runs to the Lady Rebels, culminating in their third 12-4 loss in a week.

Head Coach Clay Livingston commended his Lady Indians for their hard work and noted that they are a young team that has unfortunately already been affected by COVID



Towns has another week of non-region games before facing Commerce on Aug. 26. Photo/Lisa Oakes

and injuries. Despite a rough start to the season, the team and coaches are all keeping positive attitudes, and especially with having such a young team, Livingston said he doesn't want the girls to worry about wins and losses right now but to just keep working hard and trying to get better.

Of course, they all want to win, Livingston said, but he added that, ultimately, he just wants to see his players continue to battle through the adversity they have faced so far this year.

"The standard is what it is," Livingston said. "We expect to play well and fight for

a playoff spot year in and year out. We are young this year and have already been affected by COVID as well as a couple of unfortunate injuries."

Added Livingston, "We have four seniors who have played well so far and will have to continue to do so for us to get where we want to go."

The four seniors this year are Alissa "Lele" Moss, Rylie Livingston, Lilly Winn and Payten Calvert.

Towns County has several more returning starters, including Laura Mauldin, Izzy Edwards and Halie Arrowood, each of whom will be counted on this year if the Lady Indians hope to fight for a playoff spot,

Livingston said.

"Coaching here is a blessing because of the type of kids we have, hard-nosed and hard working," Livingston said. "I also am fortunate to coach my own kids and have that time with them."

As the head coach of the Lady Indians, Livingston has enjoyed the opportunity to coach his two daughters: Class of 2021 Graduate Kenzie Livingston, and Rylie Livingston, who is a senior this year.

The Lady Indians will once more take to the road this week, traveling to Rabun County on Wednesday, Aug. 18, with a start time scheduled for 4:30 p.m.



The Lady Indians suffered three 12-4 losses over the first two weeks but hope to right the ship this week at Rabun. Photo/Lisa Oakes

### Towns County High School Announces Digital Ticketing for All 2021-22 Events

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Towns County High School fans and guests will have a more convenient way to buy tickets to TCHS events during the 2021-22 school. TCHS has partnered with HomeTown Ticketing to provide complete digital ticketing for TCHS Indian games this year.

Tickets for TCHS games can be purchased through the Towns County High School athletic website (townscountyathletics.com/tickets-events-tickets/) or by downloading the HomeTown Fan App. The HomeTown Fan App will allow guest to manage their ticketing experience on most iOS or Android mobile devices.

Fans can:

- Search for local events by school name and school zip code.

- Choose their favorite schools to keep updated on the latest events.

- Purchase and access tickets from their smartphones or mobile device, making it easy to review purchases and scan at the gate.

- Enter the events. All tickets and passes can be scanned directly from the app to enter events, providing for true touchless redemption.

Tickets will not be sold at the gates for any TCHS sporting events this year. All tickets will be purchased through HomeTown Ticketing.