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Indians bring the thunder in 42-14 victory at Murray County

Towns County hosts Riverside Military in Friday's home opener

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Chatsworth - Towns County is 1-0 for the first time since 2021 following a 42-14 season-opening victory at Murray County.

The Indians were all geared up and ready to go when the scheduled game at Chatsworth was called for extreme weather.

The game was postponed until Saturday, August 17th at noon and it was a scorcher. The thermometer topped out at 91 degrees. But that didn't hinder the Indians. Our tribe bested their tribe (Murray County Indians) 42-14.

Towns County grabbed a 14-0 lead after one and doubled the lead entering the break. The Indians held a 35-0 advantage through three.

"I was very excited by how well the team showed us what we see in practice every day," head coach Jason Roquemore said. "We tell the guys to go out there and do your job to the best of your ability and that's what we saw. Tremendous effort. Watching the film, even the mistakes we made were made with effort."

Quarterback Peyton McGaha completed 13 of 14 passes for 154 yards and two touchdowns for a 152.8 rating.

Tucker Engert had two carries for 37 yards and a touch-



The Towns County defense swarms a Murray County ball carrier during the 42-14 win on Saturday afternoon in Chatsworth. Photo/Shelly Knight

down. Additionally, Engert had five catches for 86 yards and a 33-yard touchdown.

Dustin Barrett had 20 carries for 139 yards and two touchdowns, with a long of 50 yards. He also had seven catches for 33 yards. Morgan Walker had one catch for 20 yards and Grayson Youngblood had one catch for 15 yards and a touchdown.

The defense played just

as hard. Engert had five tackles and snagged three interceptions. Dustin Barrett had five tackles and caught two interceptions. Walker made 10 tackles. Jacob Nicholson made a sack and caused two quarterback hurries. Youngblood had six tackles.

Deep in the second half with the team well ahead Dustin Barrett took multiple direct snaps for runs to maintain pos-

session and melt the clock.

And let's not forget Reed Adams. He had a touchback into the end zone and converted all six extra points.

When asked about the team's progress so far, Roquemore says, "it's still very early, but our confidence in the things we are coached to do is growing and we're very hopeful."

Watching Coach Roc, it's



Freshman Tucker Engert hauls in a reception in the Murray County red zone. Photo/Shelly Knight

difficult to tell what he loves more; the game or his boys. Even as he is watching every play, he's coaching his boys on the sideline, checking on their cuts and bruises and pushing water. He talks strategy and tactics, but he also talks heart and soul. And the boys eat it up.

There will be no resting on any laurels, however. Coach says, "We've got a saying -

there are no fat cats. Fat cats don't catch mice. We've gotta be thin cats."

The Indians face Riverside Military Academy at home on Friday August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Come join in the excitement of watching these boys play as a cohesive, passionate team. Tickets can be purchased at GoFan for \$10.00, or at the gate.

Lady Indians overcome injuries, bounce back with win over Gainesville

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The Lady Indians lost at Rabun on Aug. 13 by a score of 14-7, but bounced back with a 10-2 win over Gainesville at the friendly confines of Lowell Nicholson Field on Thursday, Aug. 15.

Still the girls played with heart and resilience.

"We started off hot vs Rabun, loading the bases and pushing across a couple of runs before an unfortunate injury to Chloe Sutton occurred," said Towns County head coach Clay Livingston.

"She dislocated her kneecap while swinging. The amazing part of it is that she had a base hit and an RBI. It was really tough to keep playing after the injury, but I was proud of how we kept competing and closed the gap twice before it finally got away from us in the sixth inning. We hope to get her back soon."

Jaycie Cross went 2 for 4 with an RBI and 2 runs scored. Drew Livingston finished 1 for 2 and had two RBIs and a run. Chloe Sutton slugged 1 for 1 with an RBI. Taylor Mulkey went 2 for 4 with RBIs.

Hailey Gibson went 1 for 3 and scored a run. Gracie Jones walked and came around the bags to score.

Next the girls hosted Gainesville on Thursday August 15th at Lowell Nicholson Field and knocked it out of the park.

Final score?
10 - 2.

The team played with much improved fielding, and pitcher Jaycie Cross shut down Gainesville during the first four innings.

At the bottom of the first inning Alaina Murphy and Taylor Mulkey walked and Jaycie Cross had a single, but failed to score. In the bottom



The Lady Indians prepare to face Gainesville at Lowell Nicholson Field. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

of the second, Hailey Gibson and Scotlyn Fain walked and Murphy had a bases loaded triple bringing in three runs.

In the bottom of the third, Mulkey walked, Alexa Keys doubled to left field, Lilly Martin walked with bases loaded and Hailey Gibson had a base hit. Towns scored three runs and the top of the inning ended on via a triple play.

In the bottom of the fourth Mulkey had a single, Keys had a single and an RBI, and Martin had an RBI and scored a run.

The fifth inning was a doozie. In the bottom of the frame, Fain singled and stole second. With one out, Murphy scored the tenth run. At the next out, the umpire called the game over via the mercy rule.

"We played well against Gainesville and if it wasn't for a crazy sequence that ended up in them turning a triple play with the bases loaded, we probably would have put that one away sooner," said

Livingston.

Fine line scores show Scotlyn Fain at 1 for 2 with an RBI, a stolen base and two runs scored. Jaycie Cross went 1 for 3 with a run scored.

Alaina Murphy finished 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs and a run scored. Taylor Mulkey went 1 for 1 with 2 runs scored.

Hailey Spear went 1 for 2 with 2 RBIs. Hailey Gibson hit 1 for 2 with an RBI and a run scored. Alexa Keys slugged 2 for 4 with a walk off sac fly. Lilly Martin pitched in with an RBI and a run scored.

All in all, the team played with great effort and toughness and the final score reflects all of their determination.

The Lady Indians next game is against Fannin County at Lowell Nicholson Field on August 19th.

Towns County visits East Jackson (Commerce) on Aug. 22.

Tickets can be purchased online at GoFans.

Mountain High Hikers Schedule

Mountain High Hikers offers three hikes in the local area each week: Tuesdays - a long hike from 8-14 miles and a shorter hike of 5-8 miles. Thursday we lead a leisure hike usually around 5 miles. We also maintain over 100 miles of trails in North Georgia and Western NC area and run trail maintenance hikes on Thursdays each week.

For more info visit www.mountainhighhikers.org.

Veterans Golf League

The Veterans Golf League plays every Thursday at Chatuge Shores Golf Course.

This week's winning team was once again led by Todd Ostuni. Teammates contributing to the 9-under victory were Jeff Butcher, Mike Miller and Ray Ide. Congratulations!



Alexa Keys during the win over Gainesville. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association held their weekly play



Nancy Perryman, Sandra Snyder and Gail Cole

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Assoc (CSLGA) held their weekly play on August 13th. It was a mild and cooler day and a great day to golf.

The game was "O-N-E-S", where only the holes starting with one of those letters count.

Our 1st flight winners were 1st place Martha Zimmer, 2nd place Mary Mott and 3rd place Bonnie Shore. Our 2nd flight winners were 1st

place Debra Estes, 2nd place Linda Robinson and 3rd place Sandra Snyder.

Our low putt ladies were Martha Zimmer with 28 putts and Holly Cox and Gail Cole with 32 putts. Mary Mott had a great chip in birdie on No. 14.

If you are interested in joining us and it's never too late, please contact Vicky Healy, vhealy55@gmail.com. We are a fun group of ladies who love to golf in our beautiful mountains!