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Indians blank RMA, improve to 2-0 for first time since '08

Towns County travels to Lakeview Friday in battle of unbeatens

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In front of a huge and supportive hometown crowd, the Towns County Indians took on Riverside Military Academy last Friday, Aug. 23, and despite numerous penalties, they edged Riverside 14-0.

For the first time in 16 years, the Indians are sitting at 2-0 and have a chance to match that same 2008 squad's 3-0 start when they visit 2-0 Lakeview on Friday.

During the win over Riverside, Towns County got on the board in the second quarter to take a 7-0 edge into the break. Later, the Indians put the game away with a fourth-quarter score.

Quarterback Peyton McGaha completed 11-of-18 passes for 122 yards. The team rushed for 96 yards and two touchdowns while Riverside had 25 carries for 64 yards.

The Indians also converted four of its five third down conversions, while the visiting team converted only one of six.

Offensively, Dustin Barrett had 12 carries for 60 yards and two touchdowns. He caught five passes for 50 yards. Alexander Baert had six carries for 68 yards with two catches for 19 yards.

Grayson Youngblood had two catches for 31 yards and Morgan Walker had two catches for 22 yards.

However, the offense



The Towns County Indians take the field at Frank McClure Stadium for the first time in 2024. The Indians rewarded the hometown crowd with a 14-0 victory and the program's first 2-0 start since 2008. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

also committed 10 penalties for a total of 176 yards with 4 touchdowns called back.

"As a Coach I have to say I'm disappointed with the penalties, but I also think tonight was some of the best defense we've played," said Coach Roquemore.

Remembering that the purpose of the defense is to do whatever it takes to keep the other team from scoring,

and that defense wins championships by generating stops, turnovers and pressure, is certainly what the Indians did last Friday.

Alex Henderson had nine tackles with three tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks and two quarterback hurries. Jacob Nicholson had six tackles, two sacks and four tackles for a loss.

Wyatt Woody had five

tackles and half a sack. Daylen Sosebee had five tackles and half a sack. And Morgan Walker had eight tackles.

"We've got another great opportunity next week. It will be just another week of trying to go 1-0," said Coach Roquemore.

Friday's win marked Towns County third shutout under Roquemore.

The team takes on

Lakeview Academy in Gainesville, next Friday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available on GoFan for \$10.00.

This week marks the 16th meeting between Lakeview and Towns County with the Lions taking 9 of the 15 previous contests.

The Indians won the last meeting in 2021 by a 38-17 score. Lakeview won all three meetings between 2018-2020

after Towns County handed the Lions a 56-13 thrashing in 2017.

Towns County won three straight between 2013-2015 but Lakeview took five of the first six series matchups beginning with an 8-6 win in 2007.

The aforementioned 2008 Indians squad won 26-13 in Gainesville in week two.

Indians bounce back from Fannin loss with 10-8 victory over East Jackson

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Towns County Varsity softball has been occupied with two worthy opponents last week.

On Monday, Aug. 19th, the ladies took on Fannin County and experienced disappointment with an 11-1 loss at Lowell Nicholson Field.

Scotlyn Fain whacked 1 for 3, stole a base and scored. Hailey Gibson hit 1 for 2, Drew Livingston had an RBI and Alaina Murphy went 1 for 3. However, their efforts were not enough.

"We played well against Fannin until the top of the seventh inning when the wheels just came completely off. We talked about it after the game and the next day before practice," said Coach Clay Livingston.

"We cannot have moments like that and expect to get where we want to go. Somebody has to step up and make a play for us to stop the bleeding in a situation like that. The score was 3-1 at the time, and we have to have a clean inning there to give ourselves a chance in the bottom half of the inning.

"Jaycie [Cross] pitched well, striking out 8, which is a season high for her. But there was no pitching around what went down in the top of the 7th. We will hopefully have a better mind set the next time we run into similar adversity."

Then on Thursday, the ladies upped the ante and took charge of East Jackson, scoring a 10-8 victory. Fain turned in a 3-for-4 day, had an RBI and scored two runs. Cross went 2 for 3, had two RBIs and scored a run. Murphy finished 1 for



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

3 with 3 RBIs and a run. Lily Martin went 1 for 2 with two runs scored.

"We played pretty well vs East Jackson on Thursday," Livingston said. "We are still making some fundamental errors that need to be cleaned up."

"The biggest positive was how we responded to some adversity. We made pitches and

plays when we needed them to get out of some tough spots.

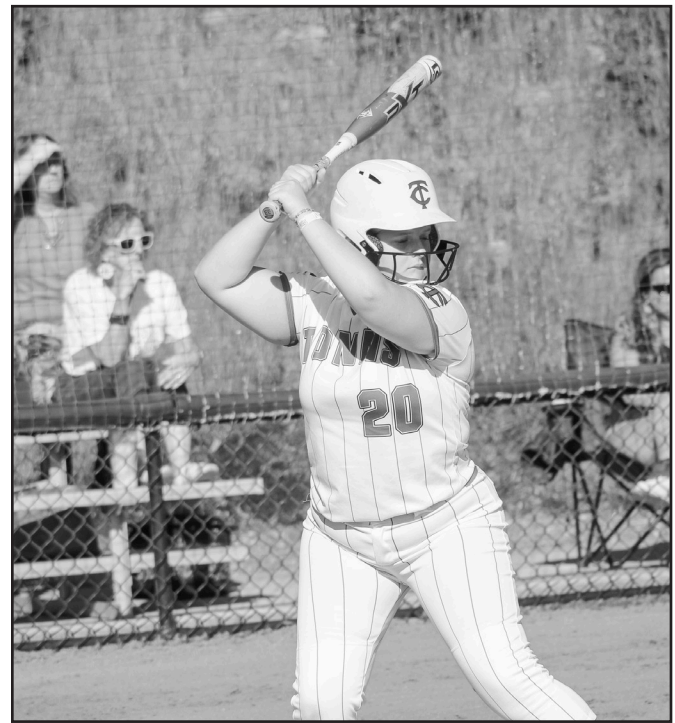
"We hit the ball well, but some base running errors cost us some opportunities to put more runs on the board. It was a good win, especially after what happened Monday night. It was a good response from the girls."

"Scotlyn [Fain] pitched well, striking out four and

working around some errors and walks. Jaycie relieved Fain in the last 1 1/3 innings, and along with some nice defensive plays, shut the door on them with a strike out and no hits."

The Lady's next game is at Gainesville on August 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at GoFans.



Lilly Martin vs. Fannin County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Hailey Spear vs. Fannin County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson