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## LOA stymies Indians offense in 27-0 loss; Union County on deck

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**Greensboro** - Towns County suffered a tough loss on Friday at Lake Oconee Academy (LOA) in a 27-0 final.

LOA churned out a balanced 427 yards of total offense (215 passing and 213 rushing) while limiting the Indians to 83 yards through the air and 59 on the ground.

"We got exposed, very similar to last week," commented Towns County head coach Jason Roquemore, who believes LOA took advantage of the Indians' youth. "Where last week we got exposed up front, this week we got exposed on the perimeter. We just had some young players in key spots. We were starting two sophomore corners and starting a sophomore safety."

The home team set the tone early via a 39-yard carry on the first play from scrimmage. The Titans capped the drive with a 9-yard touchdown strike on third and goal.

After a field goal made it 10-0, LOA added another touchdown pass in the second for a 17-0 score. The half ended with LOA's 23-yard field goal, upping their advantage to 20-0 as the teams cleared the field for the halftime performances.

LOA went up top for its third touchdown pass during the third quarter, bringing the



The Indians take the field last Friday night in Greensboro. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

final score to 27-0, with the fourth quarter facilitating no points for either team.

Despite the results on the scoreboard, the team still played well with several players showcasing their different areas of skill, such as Cruz Kitchens who had a big play, intercepting an LOA pass in the endzone.

The Indians remain optimistic, with Roquemore adding that the loss wasn't a result of a lack of effort, but rather a part of the growing-pain process as a team. "I told the kids right after the game that we've got to grow up quick. I have total confidence in those kids in those spots, but there's a big

difference from playing JV like they did last year compared to playing varsity."

He is proud of the team's hard work this past week, sharing that it was the first time they've experienced such drastic heat and that they did well, suffering very few physical effects. "Our guys did a great job of taking care of their bodies throughout the week."

Senior quarterback Connor Chastain completed 11 of 18 passes for 83 yards. Sophomore running back Dustin Barrett caught six passes for 28 yards.

Julian Mosley's eight tackles led the defense. Colton Garrett notched six tackles

with one for a loss.

Roquemore looks forward to the upcoming game at Union County as it is a great learning opportunity for his Indians and a chance for the two communities to come together.

Towns County will have a bit of history on their side in the Sept. 1 trip to Blairsville. This season marks the 30th anniversary of Towns County's only win over Union County -- a 27-17 victory at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium in September 1993.

The Panthers enter their home opener with a 1-1 record following a 50-12 win at Fannin County and a 44-27 loss at Lumpkin County.



Cruz Kitchens finished with an interception. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Softball: Lady Indians dominate Class AAAA Chestatee War Eagles in convincing home victory

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Amidst fan's exuberant cheers and the thunderous cracks of many bats on Wednesday, Aug. 23, the Towns County Lady Indians once again proved their prowess on the diamond, securing a resounding victory against the Chestatee War Eagles, with a disproportionate score of 16-1.

As the game commenced, Chestatee was first at bat, playing their offensive game well and scoring 1 run by the end of the first frame.

The second unfolded slowly with numerous Towns players reaching first base after being hit by a pitch. With all bases full, Scotlyn Fain was able to cross the plate, earning a run. At her turn to bat, Reagan Rogers reached on an error, allowing both Alaina Murphy and Jaycie Cross to come around to score. After several more players took their turn at the bat, the inning concluded with a score of 5-1.

Towns County made quick work of Chestatee in the third inning, preserving a 5-1 lead.

Many Lady Indians were able to reach base during the fourth inning, with Cross scoring a run after Drew Livingston's RBI, setting the score at 6-1.

The score remained unchanged moving out of the fifth inning, as Towns geared up to bat in the final frame.

The girls raked in a plethora of offense this inning, starting with Rogers coming around on a hit by Zoe Phillips. Later in the inning Phillips and Fain crossed the plate following a hit by Murphy. Laura Mauldin also scored for Towns thanks to Cross' hit, then Cross and Murphy both touched home following another hit by Liv-



Towns County delivered a 16-1 rout vs. Chestatee on Aug. 23. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

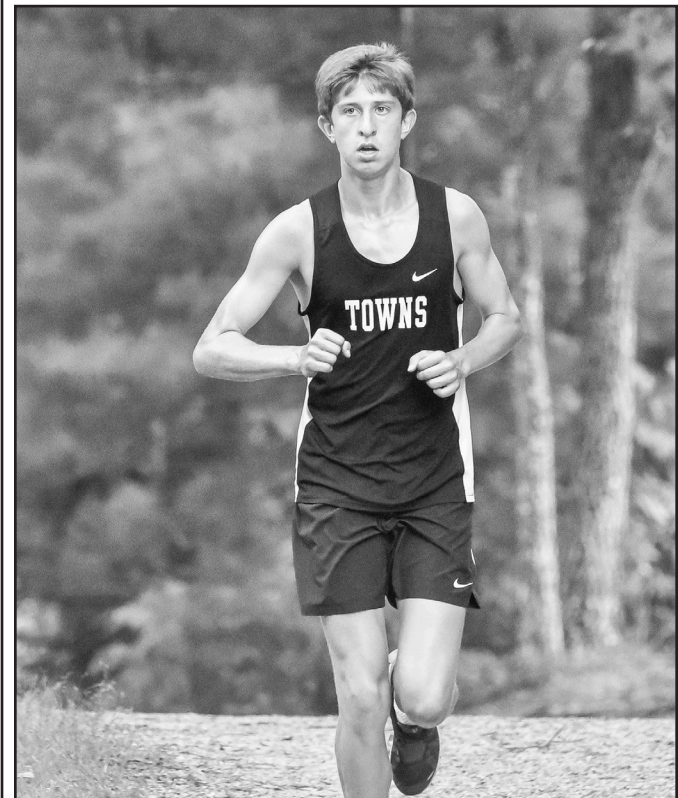
ingston. Rogers scored the final run on Fain's RBI, concluding the game at a score of 16-1.

"I've been coaching a lot

of years and I've had a lot of seasons where there weren't a lot of wins out there, so we're never going to get to a point as a program where we take a

win for granted," commented Towns County coach Clay Livingston, who couldn't be happier with the way the team is coming along.

## Towns County XC opens 2023 at Blairsville's Meeks Park



Towns County cross country at Meeks Park on Thursday, Aug. 24. The guys placed six runners in the top 45 while the girls logged one top-25 finish. Photos/Todd Forrest