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## Football: Indians shut out Lake Oconee Academy 23-0 at home

## **By Jeremy Foster Towns County Herald** Staff Writer

The decision by the Towns County Indians Football Team to host a blackout game for their first home matchup of the season lined up well with their shutout victory against the Lake Oconee Academy Titans in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium on Friday, Aug. 26.

Earning such a decisive offensive and defensive victory highlighted the Indians' admirable ability to bounce back after a loss, like the incredibly close 13-12 season opening defeat against Hayesville, North Carolina, just the week before.

The pregame ceremony Friday night featured members of the Hiwassee Park Senior Living Community Center being welcomed onto the sidelines, part of an ongoing community outreach effort by the Towns County football squad.

These proud members of the community continued watching the game from the sidelines after the Indians Marching Band pumped up the players as they made their dramatic entrance through the huge inflatable Towns Indians football helmet tunnel.

Lake Oconee was the first recipient of the ball after the coin toss but ended up punting it away to the Indians, who took over on their own 13-yard line.

Indians up 13-0.

lead to begin the halftime.

Hiawassee was honored during

the halftime show to highlight

and an extra point by Calhoun

munity partnerships.

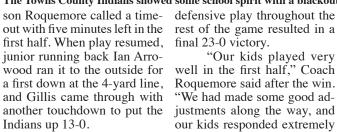
Possession changed hands the entire first quarter, and when play continued in the second, the Indians capitalized on a long drive that landed them at first-and-goal for a follow-up touchdown by senior linebacker/tight end Seth Gillis and a good extra point attempt by junior kicker Zion Calhoun.

Later in the quarter, senior defensive back and wide receiver Dawson Barrett pulled in an interception, after which junior linebacker and running back Justin Miles-Hill caught a pass from junior quarterback Connor Chastain for first down on the Titans' 19

Towns Head Coach Ja- third quarter, and tremendous



The Towns County Indians showed some school spirit with a blackout game during their winning matchup against Lake Oconee Academy Friday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Titans turned it over well with them. on downs after receiving the "We played hard in the kick, and the Indians earned second half, but our execution big yardage from senior wide was a little sloppy with having receiver Grant Ingram, sophotwo turnovers going into the red zone, and you can't do that more wide receiver Julian Mosley and Chastain collectively, to win games or region games resulting in Towns getting down the stretch. But I think within field-goal range for a we took a step in the right good 3-point attempt by Caldirection tonight. houn to give the Indians a 16-0

"I am proud of our kids and the way that they fought, Gameday sponsor Mc- and we are looking forward Connell Baptist Church of to and moving on to the next one

The Indians' next task the vital contributions of com- lies ahead on Friday, Sept. 2, in another home game against Coming back from the mountain rival Union County locker room, Towns gained beginning at 7:30 p.m., when another touchdown by Gillis the Boys in Blue will be looking to capitalize on their early within the first minutes of the season momentum. Go Indians!



Hiawassee Park Senior Living Community Center residents enjoyed a special invite to watch the first home game of the season at TCHS. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Softball: Lady Indians 'headed in right direction' after close loss

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The recent action for the Towns County Lady Indians Softball Team saw them play away against Cedar Shoals High School (Athens) on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

And though they ultimately lost 6-5, the matchup highlighted the ongoing growth and progression of the team.

After a rocky start to the season with no wins in their first five games, the Towns County players seem to be on the fast track to finding their rhythm and breaking through to their full potential, with their closest game yet being in Athens last week.

"We really played well, even in the fifth inning when we gave up five runs," Lady Indians Head Coach Clay Livingston said. "Cedar Shoals deserves some credit for having some timely hits, and ultimately that was the difference in the game.

'We left 12 runners on base, and eight of those were in scoring position. We played better in every other aspect of the game, and we must con-





The Lady Indians battle at Cedar Shoals High School in Athens on Aug. 24. Photo/Laranda Mauldin

tinue to work and improve. runs; junior Elizabeth "Izzy' I still have the utmost con- Edwards went 2-for-4 with fidence in our kids and feel like we are headed in the right direction.'

batted 2-for-4 and scored two and a run.

one RBI; sophomore Drew Livingston batted 2-for-3 with one run scored; junior Zoe Junior Halie Arrowood Philips hit 2-for-4 with an RBI

Freshman Delaney Moses and junior Laura Mauldin chipped in an RBI each; freshman Scotlyn Fain went 1-for-3 with a run.

Freshman pitcher Jaycie Cross gave up only four earned runs and had six strikeouts and High School in Dalton begin-

three walks in the circle. Next up, the Towns County High Fastpitch Softball Team will compete in

another away game, this time versus Southeast Whitfield

ning at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Visit www.townscountyathletics.com for more information. Go Lady Indians!