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

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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.

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-



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

son Roquemore called a timeout with five minutes left in the first half. When play resumed, junior running back Ian Arwood ran it to the outside for a first down at the 4-yard line, and Gillis came through with another touchdown to put the Indians up 13-0.

The Titans turned it over on downs after receiving the kick, and the Indians earned big yardage from senior wide receiver Grant Ingram, sophomore wide receiver Julian Mosley and Chastain collectively, resulting in Towns getting within field-goal range for a good 3-point attempt by Calhoun to give the Indians a 16-0 lead to begin the halftime.

Gameday sponsor McConnell Baptist Church of Hiwassee was honored during the halftime show to highlight the vital contributions of community partnerships.

Coming back from the locker room, Towns gained another touchdown by Gillis and an extra point by Calhoun within the first minutes of the third quarter, and tremendous

defensive play throughout the rest of the game resulted in a final 23-0 victory.

"Our kids played very well in the first half," Coach Roquemore said after the win. "We had made some good adjustments along the way, and our kids responded extremely well with them."

"We played hard in the second half, but our execution was a little sloppy with having two turnovers going into the red zone, and you can't do that to win games or region games down the stretch. But I think we took a step in the right direction tonight."

"I am proud of our kids and the way that they fought, and we are looking forward to and moving on to the next one."

The Indians' next task lies ahead on Friday, Sept. 2, in another home game against mountain rival Union County beginning at 7:30 p.m., when the Boys in Blue will be looking to capitalize on their early season momentum.

Go Indians!



Hiwassee 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. I still have the utmost confidence in our kids and feel like we are headed in the right direction."

Junior Halie Arrowood batted 2-for-4 and scored two

runs; junior Elizabeth "Izzy" Edwards went 2-for-4 with one RBI; sophomore Drew Livingston batted 2-for-3 with one run scored; junior Zoe Philips hit 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run.

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



Towns opens region play at home on Sept. 8. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

runs and had six strikeouts and 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

High School in Dalton beginning at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Visit www.townscountyathletics.com for more information.

Go Lady Indians!