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Indians fall 31-14 at Armuchee; home opener vs. Pinecrest Academy Friday

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The Towns County Indians took to the road on Friday, Aug. 27, for a matchup against the Armuchee Indians of Rome, Georgia, as they tried to remain unbeaten after a 1-0 season start.

Armuchee won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball, returning the opening kickoff for 40 yards and great field position.

Friday's matchup in Rome was a chippy one, with a lot of extra pushing and shoving after the whistle, and with Armuchee facing a three-and-out, the Indians were called for off-sides, giving Armuchee a fresh set of downs in Towns County territory.

The Boys in Blue were flagged once again but for unsportsmanlike conduct, putting Armuchee inside the 20-yard line. Armuchee made it to the 10-yard line and drew first blood, taking a 7-0 lead over Towns County with more than 10 minutes left in the first quarter.

Senior Collin Crowder returned the kickoff to the Towns 30-yard line. Led by sophomore Quarterback Connor Chastain, the Indians moved the ball well, getting onto Armuchee's side of the field.

Following a quick three-and-out, Towns County was forced to punt the ball away with just under three minutes left in the first quarter.

But the Indians defense answered back with a quick three-and-out of their own,



The Indians fell short of becoming the first TCHS football team in 13 years to win the season's first two road games. Photos by Chad Stack

forcing Armuchee to punt the ball back to the Indians at around the two-minute mark in Q1.

Crowder returned the punt for 15 yards to give the Indians a first-and-10 at their own 45-yard line.

After a couple plays, Towns was facing a third-and-7 at less than a minute left in the quarter. With 39 seconds to go and needing a big play, Offensive Coordinator and Play Caller Evan Woodard instructed Chastain to throw a bomb down the Indians sideline.

Unfortunately, an Armuchee defender made a great play on the ball and intercepted Chastain's pass, giving the rival Indians a first-and-10 at midfield.

Towns County trailed Armuchee 6-0 at the end of the first quarter.

After several more penalties called against the Boys in Blue, the Indians found themselves with their backs against their own goal line again, and Armuchee rediscovered the end zone to expand their lead to 14-0 over the Indians with 9:19



remaining in the first half.

The Indians consistently moved the ball well but were simply unable to capitalize and put points on the board, and penalties plagued Towns County in the first half.

After another good drive, the Indians found themselves inside Armuchee territory. With 2:04 left in the first half, senior Tailback Kyle Oakes scampered 37 yards into the end zone for a Towns County Touchdown to get back within a score.

The Indians trailed 14-7 at the half. After re-emerging

from the locker room, there was a short lightning delay that forced players and spectators alike to vacate the stadium and head into the school gymnasium until it was deemed safe to return to action.

Towns received the ball to start the second half but struggled to play to their capabilities, Head Coach Jason Roquemore said.

The Armuchee defense held the Indians offense to another three-and-out, requiring the Indians to punt the ball away. Armuchee found the end

zone once again in the third quarter to take a 21-7 lead.

Indians Offense once more started moving the ball well in the fourth quarter after a 40-yard pass from Chastain to sophomore Wide Receiver Stone Chauncey to put them inside the 5-yard line, and on the following play, Oakes scored from 2 yards out for another Towns Touchdown.

With a good point-after attempt, the Indians trailed 21-14 with just over 10 minutes left in the game.

The Indians would give up 10 more points to fall 31-14 in Rome, handing the Towns County team its first loss of the season.

Chastain finished with 13-20 for 109 yards and an interception in the air. Chauncey hauled in one catch for 40 yards. Sophomore Colton Garrett finished with two catches for 18 yards, and Crowder had six catches for 20 yards. Oakes carried the ball 22 times for 152 yards and 2 scores.

The Indians ended the game with 263 yards of total offense: 109 passing and 154 rushing.

Defensive performers were sophomore Seth Gillis, who led the team with 12 tackles and one tackle for loss, while Oakes finished with six tackles.

Revealing Stat of the Night: 29 missed tackles.

The Indians will host Pinecrest Academy on Friday, Sept. 3, at Frank McClure Stadium for the Boys in Blue's home opener. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Softball: Bats come alive for Lady Indians during 20-17 heartbreaker vs. Rabun County

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Towns County's Lady Indians hosted the Rabun County Lady Wildcats for their home opener on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Lowell Nicholson Field.

The Lady Indians went into Tuesday's matchup against the Lady Wildcats looking to get their first win of the season, as they were 0-4 to that point, including an Aug. 18 loss to Rabun away.

Sophomore Hope Chastain started on the mound for the Lady Indians on Tuesday.

Both teams were scoreless at the end of the first inning, but the rest of the game became a shootout.

The Lady Indians struggled at the plate in their first four games, but that Tuesday, the bats came alive for the Lady Indians, Head Coach Clay Livingston said.

Towns County was ultimately defeated 20 to 17 by the Lady Wildcats, but Livingston said he was extremely pleased with how his team performed throughout the game.

"I was very proud of the way these girls fought; they never gave up and fought until the end," Livingston said. "The bats finally woke up. Unfortunately for us, (Rabun) hit pretty well, also. They played their guts out."

The Lady Indians finished the day with 20 hits at the plate and scored 17 runs.

Senior Laura Mauldin batted 5-for-6 with four RBIs; junior Halie Arrowood went 4-for-6 with an RBI; senior Drew Livingston was 3-for-4



Towns County freshman Drew Livingston records an out at third base during a high-scoring slug-fest vs. neighboring Rabun County on Tuesday, Aug. 24. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

with an RBI; sophomore Natalie Barnes hit a perfect 1-for-1 for a pinch-hit RBI single.

Towns County then hosted Lake Oconee for a doubleheader on Saturday, Aug. 28, at Lowell Nicholson Field. Saturday's matchup against Lake Oconee was the first Public Single A Region 8 matchup of year.

The Lady Indians lost

10-0 in Game 1 of the doubleheader against Lake Oconee, and things did not improve for the Lady Indians in Game 2, as they were defeated 12-3.

Senior Alissa (Lele) Moss was 2-for-4 at the plate, Mauldin went 3-for-4, and junior Lilly Winn finished 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

In a game that occurred after press time, the Lady

Indians hosted 8-A Regional Opponent Social Circle on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Lowell Nicholson Field, with the first pitch at 5 p.m.

Following the matchup against Social Circle, the Lady Indians will host Chestatee of Gainesville on Thursday, Sept. 2, with the first pitch to be thrown at 5:30 p.m.

XC: Lady Indians place sixth at Chestatee's War Eagle Invitational



Towns County girls XC at a recent meet. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Gainesville - The Towns County Lady Indians took part in the Chestatee War Eagle Invitational over the weekend, coming home sixth behind a private school and five much larger schools that ranged from Class 3A to 7A.

Jayden Taylor placed 17th with a time of 26 minutes, 45 seconds. Bazya Smith came in 31st at 30:25, Kya Smith was 32nd at 30:47 and Gali

Quijada placed 33rd, clocking in at 34:27.

Rounding out Towns' top-six were 37th-place Lilly Cannon (39:09) and 38th-place Lauren Parker (39:12).

With 150 points, Towns finished 45 back of fifth-place South Gwinnett and 19 better than seventh-place Horizon Christian Academy.

Host Chestatee came in first with 48 points.



Trout stocking sites week of August 23-27, 2021

Fannin: Rock Creek and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)

Union: Cooper Creek

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