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Indians run 'out of gas' in 42-28 Homecoming loss

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In a thrillingly close showdown last Friday night at the Homecoming game, the Towns County Indians fell short against Coosa with a final score of 42-28.

The first quarter netted Coosa two scores to Towns' one, setting Coosa ahead at 14-6.

After two touchdowns by the Indians in the second quarter as well as another Coosa touchdown, Towns narrowed the gap to 21-20 at the break.

After some well-crafted plays to move the ball down the field in the third quarter, Towns took the lead briefly at 28-21 before another Coosa touchdown tied up the score at 28-28. The final quarter proved unfavorable for the Indians with Coosa tacking on two more touchdowns and the Eagles walked away with a 42-28 victory.

The rushing game stood out for both teams, with Towns amassing an impressive 293 yards from 38 carries, while Coosa gained 272 yards on 36 carries.

Through the air, Towns



The Indians take the field on Friday ahead of the Homecoming game vs. Coosa. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

completed 3-of-8 passes for a total of 66 yards, securing one touchdown pass. However, they couldn't overcome three costly interceptions.

Coosa's passing game mirrored the Indians' perfor-

mance, going 3-8 for 17 yards.

Coosa recorded 11 first downs throughout the entire game, while Towns kept pace with nine of their own. Both teams successfully converted on 3-of-5 third-down oppor-

tunities.

By the end of the game, Towns had accumulated 15 total penalties, setting them back 132 yards. Coosa was penalized 12 times, losing 100 yards.

"Our kids were resilient," said head coach Jason Roquemore. "We lost our QB (Connor Chastain) on Wednesday, and Dustin Barrett had 268 yards rushing - that's a guy that found out he was go-

ing to play quarterback on that Wednesday."

The audience stayed on the edge of their seats throughout the close match, prepared for a win by either team until Coosa stole the show in the 4th quarter.

"We were up 28-21 in the third, so it was just one of those deals there towards the end we ran out of gas," said Roquemore.

During halftime, the Towns County Marching Band got a break from the field as the Homecoming festivities commenced. Seniors Zane Floyd and Hope Chastain were crowned Homecoming royalty.

This coming week the football team will take another bye week, hopefully restoring their health and continuing to improve their strategy.

"We're down six kids, and a lot of those kids play critical spots," Roquemore said. "Hopefully those kids will have time to continue to progress and get healthy. It's the same approach we had going into the first bye week. We're just going to continue to get better at what we do. Having a bye week allows you to invest some time into those opportunities."

Softball: Towns rolls to three straight wins

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The Lady Indians had a great week of softball, collecting three blowout victories over larger schools.

After lightning canceled last week's game at Gainesville, it was rescheduled to Sept. 11, alongside the regular home game. The first game of that evening ended with a final score of 16-0, led at the plate by Scotlyn Fain, who went 3 for 5 with 3 RBI's and scored a run.

Alaina Murphy, Jaycie Cross and Reagan Rogers each added two hits and an RBI, with Cross getting the win after allowing only two hits while striking out 10.

The second half of the Sept. 11 doubleheader resulted in a similar lopsided score of 12-0.

Fain, Murphy, Rogers, Laura Mauldin and Hope Chastain all had two hits, combining for 7 RBI's and 8 runs scored. Chastain and Fain also combined for a 3-hit shutout with 6 strikeouts in the circle.

The final game of the week was played at Cedar Shoals, making up for another canceled game last week. Fain, Murphy, Chastain, Zoe Phillips and Chloe Sutton each had two hits. Combined they got 11 RBI's and scored 8 runs. Chastain and Fain once again combined for a no-hit shutout, striking out three each, setting the final score at 16-0.

While Coach Clay Livingston is proud of their hard work and big wins, he hopes for some heavier competition in the coming weeks.

"We would rather play tighter games and win some close ones, but wins are wins and we are thankful for them," he says.

The next game was Mon. Sept. 18 at Lowell Nicholson Field vs. Lake Oconee Academy (LOA).

The Lady Indians travel to Greensboro to face LOA on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. Towns County is back home on Tuesday, Sept. 26 vs. Lincoln County.



Towns County softball in action vs. Gainesville High. Photos by Daysha Pandolph

Local Racing: Tri-County

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Feature: Mark Ledford took home the win. Coming in second was Jerry Buice. Josh Wooten finished third.

Street Stocks: Roger Beaver took home the win. Alex Vance was second. Third place belonged to Troy Turner. Fourth place was Matt Whitener. Jacob Lynch rounded out the top five.

Open Wheel Modifieds: Cy Strickland was the winner. Second was Brawley Stillwell. Matt Sandefur was third. Fourth was Brad Sosebee. Fifth went to Billy Payne.

Front Wheel Drive: Jim Exum took home the win. Second belonged to James Klauke. Third was Jason Coates. Bobby Raper was fourth. Shannon Jones rounded out the top five.

Crown Vic / Strictly Stock: Alex Vance in his second appearance of the night took home the win. Second was Millner. Third was Anderson. Fourth was A. Phillips. Fifth was M. Phillips. (I apologize that the track only had last names.)

Teague Faster Pastor Race: Coming in first was Jason Morgan. Coming second was Asa Murphy. Coming in third was Chris Rumpf. Fourth was Chris Morehart.

Please come out and support your local racers and track.

Brasstown, NC - On Sept. 4, Tri-County hosted the Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series CT Barnett Memorial.

The next race is Friday, Sept. 22. Ray and the crew have been busy at the track since the last race. Over 70 truckloads of fresh red clay have been added. Turns 1 & 2 and the backstretch have been widened.

We are hoping this will make our last three events the best of the year. Please join us next Friday night for the Interstate Welding 602 LM Championship.

Now it's get to the winners from the Labor Day race. **Super Late Model:** Jamie Oliver took home the win along with \$10,034.37. Coming in second David Payne. Third was Payton Freeman. Fourth was Kenny Collins. Fifth place went to Kurt English.

Interstate Welding 602 Late Models: Dylan Beaver took home the win. Colton Berrong came in second. Third went to Jonathan Cope. Fourth place belonged to Johnny Gulizia. Bobby Elkins rounded out the top five.

602 Late Model B-



Steven Phillips with Phillips Run Drip and Bubble Company carried the flag