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Football: Indians win Homecoming Game vs Lakeview, 38-17

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On Friday, Sept. 17, the 2-1 Indians hosted the Lakeview Academy Lions for their Home Opener and Homecoming Game inside Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

The Lions won the opening coin toss and elected to receive the ball, and on their first possession drove 75 yards and scored to take an early 7-0 lead.

Towns struggled most of the first quarter, having to punt the ball back to the Lions. On their next possession, Lakeview drove down the field to find the end zone once again, expanding their lead to 14-0 at the end of the first.

In the second quarter, the Boys in Blue successfully moved the ball down the field, with senior Running Back Kyle Oakes scoring on a 6-yard toss. Following the 2-point conversion, the Indians cut Lakeview's lead down to six.

Following the Indians score, the Lions returned the kickoff to their own 25-yard line with under six minutes left to go in the first half.

Lakeview drove down the field to get in Indian territory, but Towns County was able to get a stop, forcing the Lions to decide between kicking a field goal or going for it on fourth-and-goal inside the 10-yard line.

The Lions elected to kick a field goal and took a 17-8 lead before both teams hit the locker rooms.

Unable to stop the Lions on offense in the first half, the Indians defense needed to make some adjustments, and that they did.

Towns County received the kickoff to start the second half, and senior Wide Receiver Collin Crowder returned the ball to midfield, giving the Indians great field position at the beginning of the third quarter.



L-R: The Indians take the field ahead of Friday's Homecoming victory. A pair of Towns County seniors sense a win is near during the fourth quarter. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

For most of the first half, the Indians moved the ball pretty well, but after the half, they found their groove, driving down the field to find the end zone as sophomore Quarterback Connor Chastain connected with Crowder for a 14-yard touchdown pass.

With Oakes scoring on the 2-point conversion, the Indians cut into Lakeview's lead 17-16, down a single point early in the third. And the Indians covered the kickoff well, pinning the Lions deep in their own territory.

Junior Linebacker Mason Yeomans made a tackle for a loss, putting the Lions with their backs against their own goal line.

On the following play, a host of Indians defensive linemen sacked the Lakeview quarterback in the end zone for a safety, awarding the Boys in

Blue their first lead of the night with an 18-17 score midway through the third.

From then on, the Indians offense moved the ball at will against the Lakeview Lions, scoring once more in the third quarter with Oakes making it to the end zone from 1 yard out for a 24-17 lead to end the third quarter.

After Indian defenders forced a Lakeview punt early in the fourth quarter, Oakes broke several tackles on a 62-yard touchdown run to give Towns a 30-17 lead.

They would find the end zone once more with Crowder scoring on a 56-yard touchdown pass, and the Indians defeated the Lions 38-17 over Lakeview Academy to earn their second win in a row and a 3-1 season record.

Towns County enjoyed 420 total yards, with the Indi-

ans defense holding Lakeview Academy to just 186 yards.

The Indians finished with 257 rushing yards, led by Oakes with 28 carries for 239 yards and three touchdowns.

Chastain threw for 163 yards and two touchdowns, while Crowder hauled in 13 catches for 136 yards and two scores.

The Indians defense held Lakeview Academy scoreless in the second half with two sacks and a safety.

With the win, Towns County improves to 6-9 all-time vs. Lakeview Academy.

Towns will take to the road on Friday, Sept. 24, to play against Bethlehem Christian Academy in Bethlehem, Georgia, with a kickoff time of 7:30 p.m.

The Indians won last year's meeting 28-14.



Justin English lines up out wide during the second half of Towns County's fifth win over Lakeview since 2013. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Lady Indians fall to 1-11 on season, 0-6 in region after recent losses

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Following Towns County Softball's first win of the season against Chestatee on Thursday, Sept. 2, the Lady Indians fell at home to the Fannin County Lady Rebels on Tuesday, Sept. 9, on Lowell Nicholson Field.

Both the Lady Indians and the Lady Rebels remained scoreless after the first inning, but in the top of the second, the Lady Rebels brought in one runner to take a 1-0 lead.

Fannin extended their lead to 4-0 in the top of the third inning, and the Lady Indians answered right back with three runs of their own to get back to within a single score.

Things got out of hand for the Lady Indians in the top of the fourth, however, as they gave up 10 unanswered runs for a Lady Rebels lead of 14-3.

The Lady Indians held off the Lady Rebels in the top of the fifth but were only able to score one run in the bottom of the inning, falling to Fannin County 14-4.

Towns took to the road for a doubleheader on Saturday, Sept. 11, to go up against an 8-A regional foe Washington-Wilkes.

With a 1-7 record heading into that Saturday's games, the Lady Indians were hoping to leave with a region victory,



The left side of the Towns County Lady Indians defense awaits a pitch during the Sept. 14 Region 8-A Public meeting with No. 8 Commerce. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

but the Lady Indians fell to the Lady Tigers 9-1 in the first match.

After dropping the first game of their doubleheader, Towns had hoped for a better performance and a win in Game 2, but the Lady Indians lost again to the Lady Tigers

20-3.

Following the Sept. 11 games, the Lady Indians were 1-9 overall and 0-4 in the region. They played a home game on Tuesday, Sept. 14, and were defeated 15-0 by regional foe the eighth-ranked Commerce Lady Tigers.

Hitting the road next, the Lady Indians traveled to Lincoln County on Saturday, Sept. 18, for another 8-A region game, which they lost 8-2.

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, the 1-11 Lady Indians are scheduled take on the North

Murray Lady Mountaineers, who are 6-13-1 on their season. It will be a non-region home game and will begin at 5 p.m. in Lowell Nicholson Field.

Then, the Lady Indians will take to the road on Thursday, Sept. 23, for a doubleheader against regional foe the

Social Circle Lady Redskins starting at 4 p.m.

Keeping things on the road, the Lady Indians will travel to Commerce on Monday, Sept. 27, to play at 5 p.m.

as they look to avenge their loss from last week.