

# Towns County Sports

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## Football: 2-1 Indians match best start since 2008

Towns County routs Lumpkin County 43-14 behind 37 first-half points

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Towns County won back-to-back games for the first time under second-year coach Jason Roquemore following a 43-14 blowout of Lumpkin County.

The Indians raced out to a 28-0 advantage after one quarter, extending the margin to 37-0 at the break. Towns County eventually opened up a 43-0 lead in the third behind a balanced offense and a smothering defense.

Mason Thomas connected on 8-of-10 through the air for 215 yards and three scores. On the ground, Kyle Oakes continued to electrify, churning out 152 yards on 20 carries.

The Indians defense, meanwhile, abolished any semblance of a Lumpkin ground game, limiting the visitors to just 59 yards rushing.

The air attack didn't fare much better, finishing with 105 yards.

Leading the way for the Towns County D were Seth Gillis and Reace Hampton, who tallied nine stops each and combined for five tackles for loss.

Hayden McClure hauled in three catches for 162 yards. Garrett Oakes added three receptions for 31 yards.

The Indians welcome Mt. Zion (Carrollton) to Frank McClure Stadium's Homecoming festivities on Friday night.

The Eagles are currently 2-0 with wins over Central (Talbotton) and Landmark Christian.

Coming off a Sweet 16 appearance and 10-2 record in 2018, Mt. Zion opened 2019 ranked 7th in Class A by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC). They quickly fell out of the polls following a 27-6 loss to Lamar County and went on to lose eight of nine to finish 1-9 on the year.

The 2018 squad climbed as high as third in the AJC rankings with top-five wins



The Towns County offense finished with almost 400 yards of total offense while limiting Lumpkin to half that number. Photos by Lowell Nicholson

over Darlington and Fellowship Christian.

Meanwhile, with a Homecoming victory, the Indians can match the 2008 and 1993 teams for the best four-game start in school history at 3-1.

Since the 2008 season,

when Towns finished 7-3, only the 2018 Indians have opened the year 2-1 (Hayesville, NC and Andrews, NC).

A dozen years ago, Towns defeated Rabun County, Lakeview Academy and Coper Basin, TN before suffering a 34-32 loss at Hayesville to

start the 2008 season at 3-1.

In 1993, Towns County defeated Riverside Military Academy, Union County and Social Circle after dropping game one at Hayesville, NC.

This Friday's contest vs. Mt. Zion will kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

### Local Racing Report: Tri-County

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**Brasstown, NC** - Tri-County Racetrack moved their Topless Outlaw Series to Saturday Sept. 19, along with a full, action-packed racing program.

Here are the top finishers in each class.

**Pony** - Coming in first No. 11 Ricky Dyer. Coming in second No. 104 Ricky Queen.

**Street Stock** - Taking the checkered flag was No. 42 Johnny G. Coming second No. 95 Alex Vance. Taking home third No. 21 Troy Turner. Coming in fourth was No. 12 Roger Beaver. Finishing fifth No. 01 Jacob Lynch.

**Modified Street** - Coming in first was No. 81 John Howard. Coming in second was No. 38 Jamie Oliver. Coming in third was No. 24 Seth Wimpey. Placing fourth was No. 27 Mike Davidson. Finishing in fifth was No. 37 Michael Barnett.

**Beginner 602** - Coming in first place was No. 03 Dante Curtis. In second was No. 22 Tucker Anderson. Coming in third was No. 5 Justin Payne. Placing fourth was No. 44 Jay Lynch. Coming in fifth was No.

17 Justin Rogers.

**FWD** - Finishing first was No. 74 DJ Worley. Coming in second was No. 21t Trenton Moss. Finishing in third was No. j3 Josh Deese. Coming in fourth was No. 15 James Kluckake. Finishing in fifth was No. 401 Brent Lynch.

**Crate** - Taking the checkered flag was No. 88 Ricky Smith. Placing second was No. 9 Brian Kinnersley. Finishing third was No. 1 Junior Whitener. Coming in fourth was No. 11c Preston Crisp. Rounding out the top five was No. 52 Troy Eads

**Topless Outlaws** - Coming in first was No. D6 Ronnie Johnson. Second went to No. 12 Daniel Wilson. Third was No. 4 Danny Ledford. Coming in fourth was No. D5 Drew Collins. Finishing fifth was No. 79 Chad Wallace.

### Learn to play Pickleball

Learn to play Pickleball: Beginner's Lessons every Tuesday, 6 PM (weather permitting). No charge and all equipment provided. Courts are located behind the Health Department. For more information contact: blairsvillepickleball@gmail.com.



Towns County is one win away from matching its decade-best home win total with three victories at TCHS. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

### VFW and American Legion Fundraiser Golf Tournament

The VFW and American Legion in Hiawassee is having our 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 8 at 10 a.m. at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. Join fellow Veterans and supporters for a day of FUN and Golf. Cost is \$55 per person. Winning team will receive \$200 in cash! Contact Mel Halfon at 404-295-6462 for more information.