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Football: Indians rally twice but fall short in overtime, 21-20

Kyle Oakes' big night isn't enough as Mt. Zion escapes on late 2-point conversion

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The Towns County Indians (2-2) found an answer each time they fell behind on Friday night, but in the overtime period, Mt. Zion-Carrollton didn't allow them the opportunity.

After playing catch-up all night, the Indians finally grabbed their first lead of the game in OT. Leading 20-13 after striking first in the extra session, Towns County surrendered a rushing score, pulling Mt. Zion within a point.

Instead of forcing a second overtime, the Eagles went for the win and converted the game-ending 2-point run.

Trailing 13-7 moments earlier, the Indians found pay-dirt with 1:53 to play but the go-ahead extra point was unsuccessful.

During the first half, both offenses were quiet for 17-plus minutes before Mt. Zion grabbed a 7-0 lead at the 4:20 mark of the second.

Towns answered in the final minute of the half when a fourth-down touchdown pass by senior Mason Thomas evened the score.

In the latter stages of the third, the Eagles took a 13-7 lead with their second of three rushing scores.

When the dust finally settled at Frank McClure Stadium, the Indians were left shaking their head, realizing this was one game that slipped away. Towns County missed two field goals and an extra point. They were also tagged with 70 yards in penalties.

Thomas turned in another stellar outing, completing 21-of-32 for 166 yards passing. Meanwhile, Kyle Oakes' stock continues to rise following a 140-yard, two-touchdown rushing performance.

Collin Crowder hauled in five passes for 80 yards.

Up next: Towns County starts its first road trip of 2020 on Friday when they visit Lakeview Academy, who are under the



Towns County head coach Jason Roquemore and his squad regroup following a heartbreaking overtime loss to Mt. Zion on Friday. Photos by Lowell Nicholson

leadership of first-year coach Lee Shaw.

Lakeview is coming off its only win under Shaw - a 34-0 victory over Walker.

The Indians are 5-8 all-time vs the Lions after dropping two straight and three of four entering 2020.

Between 2013-15, Towns County rattled off three-in-a-row vs Lakeview with all three matchups decided by one possession.

A year ago, Lakeview blanked the Indians 41-0 in Hiawassee after edging Towns County 21-20 in 2018.

Former head coach John Cornett scored his only victory of the series in 2017 with a 56-13 rout at home.

The Lions won five-of-six between 2007-12. Since 2013, however, Towns County has posted a 4-3 mark vs the Gainesville private school.

Local Racing Report: Tri-County

By Blake Lynch
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Brasstown, NC - Tri-County Racetrack hosted a race with a full racing program plus Super Late Models. Here are the top three finishers from each class.

FWD - Coming in first place was No.33 Josh Deese. Coming in second place was No.74 DJ Worley. Finishing in third was No.32 Justin Queen.

Crate/Limited - Coming in first was No.7 Jason Deal. Coming in second was No.4h Levi Hicks. Coming in third was No.4L Danny Ledford.

Modified - Coming in first place was No.44 Bobby Elkins. Coming in second was No.81 John Howard. Coming in third was No.37 Michael

Barnett. **Street Stock** - Coming in first place was No.x14 Charles Devine Jr. Coming in second was No.95 Alex Vance. Coming in third was No.12 Roger Beaver.

Beginner 602 - Coming in first was No.22 Tucker Anderson. Finishing in second was No.44 Jay Lynch. Coming in third was No.55 Brad Sosebee.

Super Late Models - Coming in first was No.8 David Payne. Coming in second was No.38 Jamie Oliver. Finishing in third was No.x15 Shawn Chastain.

Pony - Coming in first place was No.01 Zack Sanders. Coming in second was No.104 Ricky Queen. Coming in third was No.16 Phil Wood.



Trout stocking sites week of September 21-25, 2020

Fannin: Rock Creek
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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.



The Towns County Indians take the field at Frank McClure Stadium on a soggy night in north Georgia. Photo/Lowell Nicholson