

Towns County Sports

Towns County's Leader In Sports

www.townscountyherald.net • E-mail: tcherald@windstream.net

Offensive troubles plague Indians at Riverside in Gainesville

By Luke Woody
Staff Writer
Towns County Herald

GAINESVILLE - The Towns County Indians traveled to Gainesville on Friday, Sept. 28, to face the Riverside Military Academy Eagles in a Conference Game.

With both the Indians and Eagles receiving a loss and experiencing offensive struggles the week before, both teams were looking to boost their state ranking with a win on Friday night.

At the start of the first quarter, it seemed it was going to be a slow defensive game on both sides, but that changed quickly, with Riverside scoring before the end of the quarter.

Towns County came right back with a big run by running back Alan Gillis, who carried the ball 74 yards down to the 11-yard line.

But on the very next play, the Indians lost possession on a quarterback-fullback exchange, and after that turnover, the game turned all RMA, with 27 unanswered points for the Eagles.

Right before heading into the locker room at the half, Trent Bradshaw completed a big pass to Will Travis inside the 10-yard line as time expired.

The third quarter was as even as it gets, with both teams scoring 14 points. Tyler Swanger



Towns County football assistant coach Chris Vardo and senior lineman Danny Reagan (61) chat during a break in the action at Riverside Military Academy last Friday night. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

rushed for one of the Indians' touchdowns, and the Boys in Blue scored another on the Bradshaw/Travis combo, which brought the score to 14-41 to end the third quarter.

The Indians Defense was

finally able to halt the Eagles' high-power offense, only giving up one more touchdown before the game ended with a final score of 14-48.

All told, the Eagles only gave up a handful of first downs

and forced the Indians to punt a total of eight times Friday night.

Gillis had a big day on offense, with 14 carries and 139 rushing yards.

On the defensive side of

the ball, Wesly Calhoun had five solo tackles and six assisted tackles.

The Towns County Indians Varsity Football Team has a home Conference Game against Hebron Christian Academy

on Friday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to come out and support the Indians on Friday night.

TCHS Cross Country competes at annual Carney Classic on Sept. 27

Towns County Herald
Sports Special

HAYESVILLE - The Towns County Indians Cross Country Team travelled to Hayesville for the Annual "Buck" Carney Classic on Thursday, Sept. 27.

The field was large, featuring a total of 26 schools in attendance with a mixture of both middle school and high school programs.

Rain and storms had been in the forecast all day, but luckily, the storms held off and the races went on as scheduled.

During the high school boys' race, however, a steady downpour soaked the course and the runners.

In the boys' race, out of 92 total runners, Liam King led the Indians with a 17th



Place finish, coming across the line with a time of 19:39.

Less than four minutes separated the Indians' next five runners, who finished with times as follows: Blythe Smith - 20:22; Luis Quijada - 20:47; Jordan Lovelace - 21:50; Corbin Henderson - 22:41;

and Ryan Tyler - 24:11.

Rounding out Indians scoring was Robbie Peacock, coming in at 29:41, and all told, the Indians managed a respectable 5th Place finish among scoring teams.

The girls' race followed, and with an already drenched

race course, the Lady Indians ran hard and received a 6th Place finish among scoring teams.

All five freshmen Lady Indians posted times within three minutes of each other, right in the middle of the pack.



L-R: Luis Quijada and Alison Markham

Leading the way for the Lady Indians was Alison Markham with a time of 27:30. The next four who followed closely behind had times as follows: Bazya Smith - 28:13; Kayla Peacock - 28:42; Gali Quijada - 29:52; and Macy

Brinson - 30:30.

The Indians XC Team raced at Hebron Christian Academy after press time on Tuesday, Oct. 2, with the boys running at 5:45 p.m. and the girls following.

TCHS welcomes Grimsley, Hooper to inaugural Fishing Team

Towns County Herald
Sports Special

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jim Melton is happy to introduce Mitchell Grimsley and Adrian Hooper as the inaugural members of the new Towns County High School Fishing Team.

Melton is looking forward to an exciting season in the Georgia High School B.A.S.S. Nation, as TCHS Fishing will be competing in nine tournaments at seven lakes located throughout Georgia.

The team has already competed at Lake Seminole in Donaldsonville, Georgia.

Team Coach Brandon Grimsley was excited to travel with the anglers to Lake Seminole.

"Seminole was a tricky lake for the boys and me," said Coach Grimsley. "We had never fished in a lake with the massive amount of hydrilla and underwater stumps that Seminole offered."

"Though we finished in the Top 50 percentile of the field, our goal is to finish in the Top 10 percent of each tournament.



I know these young men will strive to reach this goal at the next tournament on Lake Lanier in October, and the team will make every effort for a good finish on our home lake in November at Lake Chatuge.

"I am extremely honored to be a small part of something that I foresee as a great opportunity for the young men and women anglers in Towns County. My goal

for future years is for there to be many more anglers joining us in the Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation High School organization."

Added Team Coach Chad Hooper: "We are so fortunate to have a B.A.S.S. Team in Towns County. There won't be a more memorable time in the life of a father than to be able to spend it competing with the children in these tournaments. I am extremely

excited about being the coach on Lake Lanier, and we will work hard to compete at a high level."

Both fathers/coaches Brandon and Chad want to thank Jim Melton and the entire Towns County Board of Education for allowing the team to compete on behalf of Towns County High School.

Brandon and Chad each own their own boat, and Mitchell

and Adrian both own all the basic equipment and fishing gear.

However, Mitchell and Adrian were tasked with the responsibility of raising the funds for the team to compete, and financially, it would be near impossible without the help of the team's sponsors.

The sponsors that have made the season possible are CDH Architecture, Cork Howard

Construction, Re/Max Hiawassee Realty, Hiawassee Hometown Pharmacy, VanKeith Insurance, United Community Bank, Ricky Rich Grading, C&J Mountain Outfitters (Nathan Noblet), and the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds.

Additional sponsors are Georgia Outdoor News, Carl Patterson Flooring, Penland Builders, and the Towns County Chamber of Commerce.

North Georgia Sign and Apparel provided team jerseys and signs.

Additional thanks to Holcomb Grading, Brian Kelley, Stephanie McConnell PC, Hill Heating & Air, Wagner Brothers Landscaping, TNT Custom Rods, and Brother's Restaurant.

All of these businesses jumped at the chance to help these young anglers compete across the state.

Brandon and Chad can't thank the team's sponsors enough for this opportunity, and the team hopes the community will take the chance to "like" them on their Facebook page, "Towns County Fishing Team," which will feature the most current updates and photos of the team.