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Despite Homecoming loss to Lions, Indians have a memorable night

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The Towns County Indians Varsity Football team would have loved nothing more than to secure a win against Hebron Christian Academy during their Homecoming Game on Friday, Sept. 30, in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

They didn't, though when all was said and done, it was still a good night.

The Indians put up 13 solid points to the Lions' share of 31, and the thing of it is, the two teams were pretty evenly matched – the Lions just capitalized on more opportunities, such as turnovers.

Russell Cox demonstrated his serious carrying ability with multiple first downs in the first half, striking up the middle several times while punching through holes he had to make himself.

Down 10 points to nothing coming out of the half, the Indians decided to kick it up a notch in the third quarter with a 77-yard-touchdown pass from quarterback Trent Bradshaw to receiver Logan Cowart.

The special teams/offense/defensive combo package of Major Moss kicked in a good point after, and all of a sudden the Indians found themselves on the scoreboard with 7 points.

During the subsequent kickoff to the Lions, Major attempted an onside kick – and nailed it, even going so far as to recover it himself.

Unfortunately, what seemed like a rally ended up being four plays that turned the ball over on downs.



Your 2016 Towns County High School Football Homecoming Court. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The Indians declared that they weren't done, however. Down by 17 points with less than half a quarter remaining to them, the Boys in Blue pulled it together for another touchdown.

Once again, young Bradshaw with his dynamo arm hit a 50-yard pass to Moss, who took it in for the score. These would prove to be Towns County's final points, and the game came to an end shortly thereafter.

The night wasn't over, however, as the Indians made their way to their clubhouse to get ready for their post-game Homecoming Dance.

One of their own, No. 50 Walker Ross, had been crowned Homecoming King the day before, so there was still plenty of celebrating to do.

Halftime consisted of Kristen Henson being crowned the 2016 Football Homecoming Queen, followed by Runner-Up Princess Madison Stroud.

After the game, the Towns County Cheerleaders and the Indian Raider Band took to the field to perform their dedicated halftime shows, which had to be bumped up due to Home-

coming festivities.

The 2016 Football Homecoming Court consisted of 10 girls and 10 boys:

Mekenna Cook, Madison Stroud, Amaria Barrett, Kirsten Ledford, Amanda Donnelly, Alexis Pettengill, Sierra Oakes, Kristen Henson, Madison Landress, Summer Nations, Adam Barrett, Will De Vries, Major Moss, Joshua Goeltz, Nick Shook, Walker Ross, Kobe Denton, Luke Ledford, Colten Shook and Andrew Rogers.

Just prior to the game, Towns County Sole

Commissioner Bill Kendall joined Towns County Schools Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong to welcome back members of the 1968 Indians Varsity Football team, which was the first varsity football team in TCHS history.

For those original players who could come, the evening was a Homecoming just for them.

The 1968 Indians Football team was as follows:

Bill Allen, Homer Arrowood, Leon Barnard Jr., Darrell Barrett, Gary Berrong, Danny Bright, Larry Chastain, Mike

Crisp, Charles Cunningham, Steven Dendy, Danny Edwards, Larry Edwards, Gary Nicholson, Carol Garrett, Bob Goodwin, Keith Hunnicutt, Ricky Hunnicutt, Bobby Gibson, Rex Johnson, Benny Kimsey, Dennis Kimsey, Carl Kirby, Jerry Kirby, Tommy Lewis, Jimmy Mulkey, Charles Nicholson, Jimmy Russell, Buddy Shook, George Shook, Gerald Silvey, Davis Sutton, Paul Sutton, Johnny Welch, Jeff Welch, Patrick Welch, Buster Youngblood, and coaches Jimmy Rogers and Jerry Palmer.



Senior running back Kobe Denton races past defenders during Friday night's game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Towns County High School crowned its Homecoming King on Thursday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Towns XC races at Carney Classic



The Towns County cross country teams are running stronger as the calendar turns to October. The region and state meets are now less than one month away.

The Towns County Cross Country teams traveled to Hayesville, North Carolina, to run in the Memorial Carney Classic, which is an annual race hosted as a Senior Project to honor the late Coach Buck Carney.

Coach Carney was beloved by many and inspired more, including Indians Coach Jeannie Ledford.

The men posted their strongest team finish of the year, with all Top 5 men finishing in a close pack.

Senior Marshall Ledford led his Indians for the first time this season, after a severe injury sidelined him all season last year. He was followed by

Corbin Henderson, Kaine Hoffman, Tyler Grimsley and Blythe Smith. The Indians finished seventh overall.

Taylor Cornett, Hannah Whitehead, Jasmine Miranda, Taralee Arrowood and Emma Kate Ledford continue to be the solid pack to lead their Lady Indian Team.

The Lady Indians finished fourth overall, and both teams competed against the Smoky Mountain Conference and larger schools.

Youth Basketball Registration

Towns County Recreation Youth Basketball registration will begin October 10, 2016 and run through October 29, 2016. Youth basketball includes boys and girls ages 6-12. Registration fee is \$45 and is held at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center. Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information please call (706) 896-2600. T10Oct5,F1)SH

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf celebrate playing season

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association players celebrated the end of their playing season with awards and a spectacular luncheon prepared by Chef Claudia Rinaldo. The Club Championships were announced for the four flights. The scores of the best two out of three games were used to determine both gross and net score champions. For those only able to play two games, those two scores were used. The overall gross winner and club champion was Kathy Stewart. The overall net winner was Glenda Geddings. The award for the most improved player, determined by her handicap in May and her handicap improvement by September, went to Nancy Outlaw.

Other winners in the flighted competition were as follows: Flight A: First gross, Judy Schmitt; second gross Nancy Outlaw, and third gross Loretta Hughes. The first net winner was Linda MacDonald, second Claudia Rinaldo, and third Diane Palmer. Flight B: First gross to Barbara Boswell and second Nancy Steck. First net winner was Mary Reece and second Opal Rose. Flight C: First gross winner was Mary Anderson and second Karen Whittaker. The net winners were first Cathy Clement and second Star Glock. Flight D: First gross winner was Desna Jarrett, second Pat Seeley and third Deborah Warner. The first net went to Sandy Jersey and second Frankie Medford.

Barbara Boswell, outgoing president, expressed her appreciation for the work of the officers, Board, and committees during the past year. The new president, Loretta Hughes



Outgoing president Barbara Boswell (l) greets incoming president Loretta Hughes.



Club champion and low gross winner Kathy Stewart (l) celebrates with low net winner Glenda Geddings.

throughout the coming months with tee times around 9 a.m. Call the pro shop for details. Official play begins again in May. CSLGA always welcomes new members and incoming president Loretta Hughes would be happy to respond to any questions. She can be reached at 828-837-2561 or lhughes@hayesvillems.org. T10Oct5,F3)SH

All agreed this was a terrific year with good play and great camaraderie throughout the season. Unofficial play will continue as weather permits