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Softball: Towns punches ticket to postseason on Senior Day

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Following a tough week of back-to-back losses, the Lady Indians have turned around their fate and won a ticket to the playoffs with two consecutive victories against Georgia School For Innovation and Classics.

“For the seniors, this was it,” commented Coach Clay Livingston. “This was their chance to get back in the playoffs and they took care of business, so I’m proud of them.”

To secure their spot in the acclaimed high school sports realm, they first had to beat their opponent on an unfamiliar field last Tuesday. A nearly 4-hour bus ride brought the girls to Hephzibah, Georgia, where they blew the game out of the water with a 8-0 win.

Continuing on with a clear goal in sight, the Lady Indians fought hard Saturday afternoon to set their involvement in the playoffs in stone with a 8-5 victory against GSIC on Lowell Nicholson Field.

Towns initially took the lead, scoring 4 points before GSIC ever passed the plate. However, things started looking grim for the Lady Indians as GSIC caught up, even briefly taking the lead by a run before the score settled at 5-5.



Towns County seniors: (L-R) Hope Chastain, Elizabeth Edwards, Laura Mauldin and Zoe Phillips. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

In the last stretch of the game, the Lady Indians utilized their determination to make some game-changing plays and crown them victorious at 8-5.

This win made Sat. an extra special afternoon for the team – especially the seniors,

who were honored with posters and a heartwarming senior-night ceremony. Families were able to decorate a table for their senior, adorning it with pictures, helmets, old bats and whatever other nostalgic items they could think of. After the

game, the senior girls were lined up on the field where they were bombarded with bouquets and hugs.

Saturday’s game wasn’t only monumental for the seniors, however; the win also meant great things for the rest

of the team.

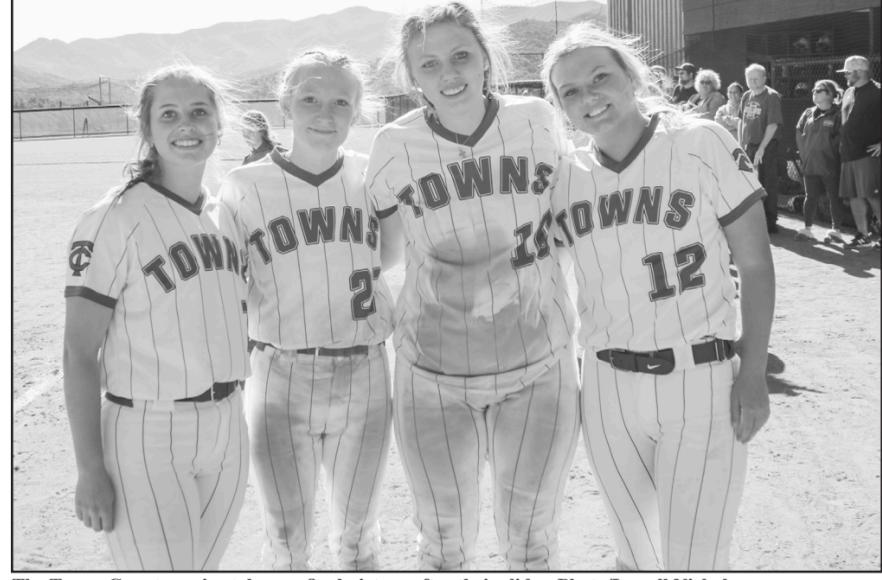
“Last year was the first time [the Lady Indians] have been to the playoffs in 20 years – only the second time in school history,” shared Livingston. “We had to win against a tough opponent to-

day to punch our ticket, so I’m proud of them and it’s a great accomplishment for this program.”

The girls will play their next game at home Tues. Oct. 10, a non-region contest vs. Commerce.



The Towns County seniors each slid into home one final time. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Towns County senior take one final picture after their slides. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Football: No. 7 Aquinas overwhelms Indians with 40-unanswered points

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Under the misty lights of Frank McClure stadium last Friday night, Oct. 6, the Towns County Indians took a landslide loss of 40-6 to Aquinas.

From the start, the Indians had trouble getting ahead. In the first quarter, Aquinas had earned 19 points from 3 touchdowns – a streak they mirrored again in the 2nd quarter to set the score at 40-0.

During halftime, the Towns County Marching Band was forced quickly off the field to spare their equipment from the drizzling rain. While the weeping skies put a stop to the band’s performance, the football teams weren’t shaken, taking the field for the third quarter.

Towns county was able to put together some success in the second half, keeping Aquinas’ offense stagnant and earning one touchdown themselves. The final score, however, favored Aquinas 40-6.

In passing, Towns gained 1-8 for 7 yards compared to Aquinas’ 8-9 for 197. Aquinas had 13 carries for 115



The Indians welcomed senior QB Connor Chastain back to the lineup on Friday night. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

yards, scoring 2 touchdowns in rushing, with Towns completing 35 carries for 137 yards a touchdown.

Aquinas had 22 total plays of 14.2 yards per each,

five of which were explosive. Towns made 42 total with 3.2 per each. Offensively, Towns totaled at 144 alongside Aquinas’ 312.

“I’m just really proud of our kids and the resilience that they showed,” commented Coach Jason Roquemore. “The first half kind of got away from us, but there was no drop off in our effort and we made some adjustments and had some success there in the second half.”

As Roquemore has emphasized in the past, football is a team effort – but that doesn’t mean individual highlights and contributions should be ignored. Friday night, Colton Garrett executed 7 tackles and 1 tackle for loss. Julian Mosley made 4 tackles, 1 forced fumble, and 1 catch for 7 yards. Connor Chastain

contributed 7 tackles alongside Ian Arrowood’s 5.

While all of these players were essential to the Indians’ overall success in the second half, Roquemore gave a special shoutout to Morgan Walker, who tallied 144 yards rushing, 5 tackles, and gained Towns their lone touchdown of the night.

“Morgan really stepped in. Dustin was out – he was unavailable to play, and [Morgan] came in and ran the football really really hard while also

playing really really well on defense. I’m proud of his effort,” said Roquemore.

On Friday, the Indians play a home game at 7:30 p.m. vs. Johnson, where Roquemore served as head coach for 7 years.

“Those kids are going to come up here and expect to win and play hard. They’re gonna be prepared,” said Roquemore. “so we’re gonna come in and make a plan and get ready to play.”

VFW and American Legion Golf Tournament

The VFW and American Legion in Hiawassee is having our 9th Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 19 at 10 AM 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. T0c11,A2JH

Towns County Recreation Department 2023-2024 Basketball Registration

- 6 & Under
- 8 & Under
- 10 & Under
- 12 & Under



Registration opens September 1st and runs through October 7th. Cost: 6U (co-ed) - \$65, 8U thru 12U - \$75. Late Registration is October 8th through October 14th.

Add \$10 for late fee. You can register online at townscountyrec.com, or in person at 150 Foster Park Rd. Young Harris, GA. We also have a 4yr old (co-ed) introduction to basketball-dribble & pass clinic. Cost \$15. Dates: TBD.