

# Towns County Sports

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## Football: Missed tackles sink Indians in 35-0 loss to Johnson

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The Towns county Indians played hard last Friday night, Oct. 13, but came up short vs. Johnson-Gainesville, losing 35-0.

"Missed tackles really hurt us on defense," shared head coach Jason Roquemore. "We had 25 missed tackles."

In passing, Johnson hit 5 of 6 for 56 yards alongside their 28 carries for 177 yards in rushing, putting them at 233 yards total. In comparison, Towns connected on 2 of 8 for 28 yards in passing and 24 carries for 164 yards in rushing, adding up to 192 total yards.

As far as turnovers, Johnson protected the football all night, whereas Towns had both a fumble and a bad snap for a touchdown.

"If you look at the stats, we played well," Roquemore said. "The biggest difference [between Towns and Johnson] was that they were able to convert the third downs in the red zone and we couldn't. We had several opportunities to make a play on third down, and for whatever reason, we just had a hard time converting those."

In total on third down, Towns converted 2 for 7 vs. Johnson's 2 of 4.

While the score favored Johnson, the game didn't go completely smoothly for them, with Johnson facing 5 penalties for 65 yards. In comparison to Towns' 8 for 55, however, things still looked up for Johnson.

"We know we've got a tough stretch ahead," said Roquemore. "These last three (games) are going to be very tough for us to match up. Each week I felt like our kids have done a good job trying to execute what we're putting in, we've just been overwhelmed sometimes and overmatched. But I'm really proud of their ef-



Sophomore receiver Grayson Youngblood. Photo/Todd Forrest

fort and the way they continue to fight."

Roquemore congratulated Connor Chastain, Dustin Barrett, Colton Garrett, Ian Arrowood, River Chauncey, and Morgan Walker for their outstanding contributions to the Johnson game.

This coming Friday, the Towns County Indians will take a 3-hour road trip to face off against Warren County. The game will take place during

fall break, which Roquemore expects to help the team in their effort to recover from any health issues – a problem that has been a recurring theme throughout the past few weeks.

"Last year we were able to win up here. This year we've got to go down there," Roquemore said. "There's a lot of dynamics that will go into this week's schedule, and we've just got to do a good job managing those things."



Towns County hosted its annual Pink Out game in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Friday night. Photo/Lowell Nicholson.

## Lady Indians take loss to Commerce in preparation for playoffs

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The Towns County Lady Indians had some trouble on the diamond last Tuesday evening, losing 6-1 to Commerce in a darkness-shortened game.

The setting sun gave no mercy to the teams, causing the game to wrap up in 6 innings due to the lack of lights at Lowell Nicholson Field.

"We played well. I have known Coach Mullis for a while and we both got out of the game what we were looking to get out of it," Coach Clay Livingston commented on the loss.

Livingston shared previously that the non-region game vs. Commerce was mostly meant to keep the team active in the weeks leading up to playoffs, which he felt it did adequately. The Lady Indian pitchers took the match as an opportunity to work their arms in the circle while the rest of the team polished up their batting skills.

The team played well all throughout, but two errors in the fourth inning led to a couple of runs from Commerce, ultimately giving them the upper hand.

"It was a good tune up for the playoffs," said Livingston, who is proud to take his girls for what is only the second time in 20 years of Towns County High School softball.



Towns County softball hosted its Pink Out game vs. Commerce last week. The Lady Indians will turn their attention to the upcoming postseason. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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