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After tough loss in Athens, Indians look ahead to Homecoming Game Friday

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ATHENS – The Towns County Indians Football Team fell to 0-5 on the season after traveling to Athens-Clarke County on Friday, Sept. 27, to take on the Spartans of Athens Academy.

Athens Academy is currently the top-ranked football team in the single-A region and has competed in back-to-back state championships.

The Spartans won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball, returning the opening kickoff 57 yards into Towns County territory.

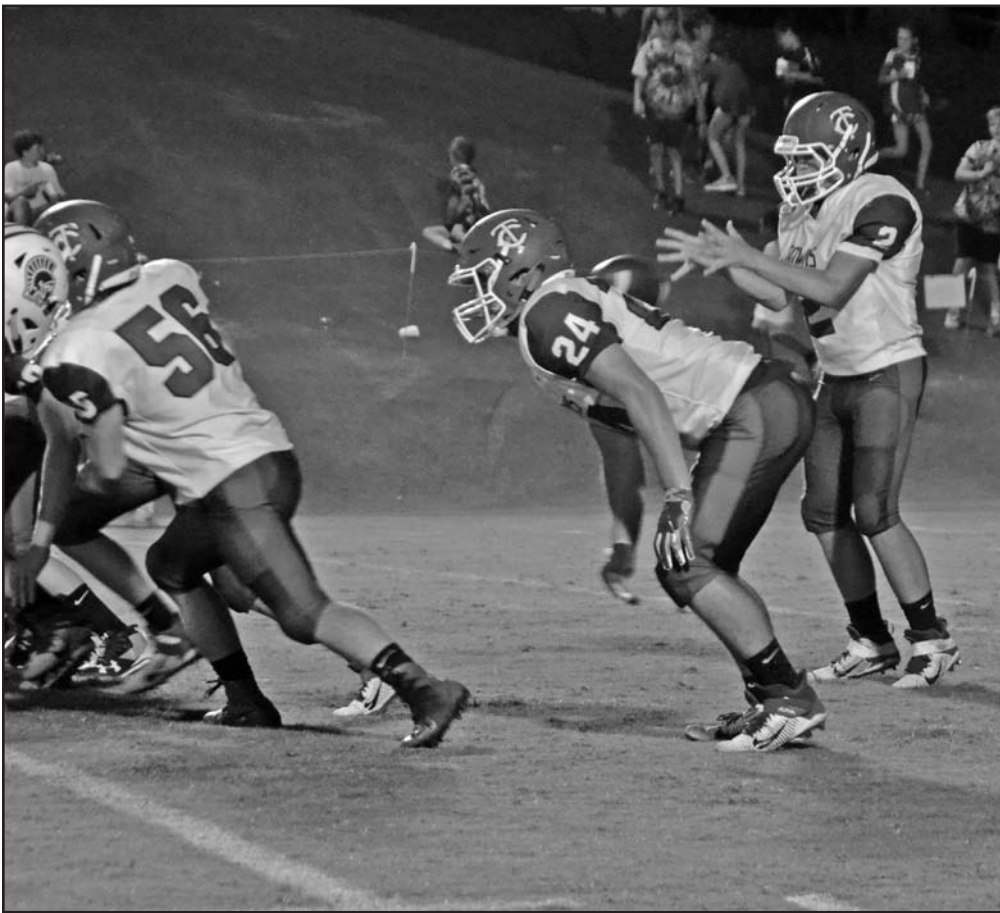
After the kickoff return, Athens Academy scored first on a 14-yard screen pass in the opening minute of the first quarter. They received a flag, however, which backed them up 15 yards for the point-after attempt, and Athens Academy missed the 35-yard kick.

With the Indians down 6-0, they started their first offensive drive from their own 20-yard line after the Athens Academy kickoff sailed into the endzone for a touchback.

The Indians offense continued its struggles from last week with another bad snap from the center that sailed over the head of Indian sophomore quarterback Kyle Oakes.

Facing a second-and-19, Oakes lined up in pistol formation and connected with his brother junior Garrett Oakes for a wide-receiver screen, but the Spartans were not fooled, tackling Garrett for a three-yard loss.

The Indians were forced



L-R: The Towns County offense in action at Athens Academy last Friday. Nick Houser begins the game by booting the opening kickoff. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

to punt from their own end zone after Oakes was sacked inside the Towns County 5-yard line.

Athens Academy returned a 40-yard punt for a touchdown that was called back for holding, and ultimately, the Indians went into halftime down 64-0 against the Spartans.

The Boys in Blue started to find a rhythm on offense midway through the third quarter.

Quarterback Oakes connected with his brother Garrett for a 69-yard touchdown pass

to give the Indians their first touchdown with just over six minutes left in the third quarter.

After the Towns County touchdown, the Spartans started to attack the clock by running the ball.

Athens Academy held the ball for more than 10 minutes in the fourth quarter alone, resulting in a touchdown to take a 77-6 lead.

The Boys in Blue continued to fight, however, getting the ball back with just over four minutes left in the game.

Two back-to-back quarterback keepers for 13 yards by Oakes gave the Indians a fresh set of downs as they refused to give up, even as the clock hit zero.

Oakes got up limping after his last carry for five yards, but Indians Head Coach Jason Roquemore said after the game that everyone was healthy.

Oakes carried the ball 19 times and went 4-of-13 through the air for 99 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Senior running back

Dakota Edge rushed for 21 yards on five carries, and junior Garrett Oakes hauled in three catches for 101 yards and a touchdown. Junior Nick Houser led the way on defense with eight tackles.

The Indians will take on the Eagles of Riverside Military Academy for Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 4, at Frank McClure Memorial Stadium, with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff time.

VFW and American Legion fundraiser golf tournament

The VFW and American Legion is having a Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 17 at 10 a.m. at Chatauge 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!

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Lady Indians finish season 5-11, play in Region Tournament this week

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Lady Indians Softball has finished the season 5-11 under first-year Head Coach Clay Livingston, after losing the final two regular games of the season on the road last week.

"We have a young team, but I'm confident and know these girls can play with any team in our region," Livingston said. "We didn't finish as well as I thought we could have, but we lost several close games."

"I'm very proud of them. They never quit, even when a game got out of reach. Everyone stayed healthy and improved throughout the year. We're not done yet, we still have a region tournament to play, and if we play like I know we can, we can continue into the postseason."

On Monday, Sept. 23, the Lady Indians headed to Rabun County to face the Lady Wildcats.

Towns County made the scoreboard early when the team's leadoff batter junior Remington Parker got on base and scored on a base-hit RBI from senior Sophia Shook in the top of the first.



Lady Indian sophomore Alisa Moss at the plate last Thursday during Towns County's contest at top-ranked George Walton Academy.

Ace pitcher junior Kennedy Henson held Rabun scoreless through the first two innings, and the Lady Indians scored two more runs to take a three-run lead in the top of the third.

The Lady Wildcats

evened the score in the bottom of the third with three runs, and both teams remained scoreless in the fourth inning.

Rabun scored a run in the bottom of the fifth to take the team's first lead of the game at 4-3, and the Lady Indians were

held scoreless again in the sixth and seventh innings.

The rival Lady Wildcats went on to score three more runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull away with a four-run lead, and they defeated the Lady Indians 7-3 on Monday.

Henson threw for six innings, retiring seven batters and giving up six earned runs.

Junior first baseman Abby Mauldin finished the day 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs, Parker was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, and Shook was 1-for-3 at the

plate with an RBI.

The Lady Indians traveled next to Monroe on Thursday, Sept. 26, for their last regular season game against the Lady Bulldogs of George Walton Academy.

George Walton is the top-ranked team in the 8-A region with an overall record of 17-3 and a region record of 10-0.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Indians 8-0 on Thursday, taking advantage of four Towns County errors in the bottom of the second to take an early 7-0 lead.

Henson pitched well against the bulldogs, only giving up two earned runs through five innings. She was 1-for-1 at the plate that Thursday, and senior Jessica Taylor went 1-for-2 in the batter's box.

The Lady Indians competed in the 8-A regional tournament after press time on Monday, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m. at East Jackson Park in Nicholson.

If they won their first game, they would have advanced to play at 6 p.m. that Monday, and if they lost their first game, they would compete in another match after press time on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m.



Sophia Shook waits on a signal from the dugout during an early season game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Kennedy Henson fires to the plate during a home game earlier in the year. Photo/Lowell Nicholson