

Towns County Sports

Towns County's Leader In Sports

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

After bye week, Indians to take on Commerce Tigers Friday night

By Chad Stack
Towns County Herald
Staff Writer

Last week, the Boys in Blue used their second bye week of the season to get healthy and improve on the defensive side of the ball before heading into the back end of their schedule.

Towns County is 0-7 for the first time in more than 10 years under first-year Head Coach Jason Roquemore, but the Indians are looking to get in the win column with just three games left in their season.

Even with a loss against the Hebron Christian Academy Lions, the Boys in Blue left the game feeling good about what the team was able to do in the second half.

The team scored three second-half touchdowns by moving the ball both through the air and on the ground, and the Towns County defense held the Lions scoreless after halftime.

Of course, the Boys in Blue are still learning the new zone-read offense that was brought in with the new coaching staff this year.

For the past three years, the Indians ran the triple option, though Roquemore has changed things up with the help of assistant Coach Evan Woodard, who came over from Lumpkin County as the team's offensive coordinator and play-



caller. Woodard has experience with the zone-read offense and felt this system would best suit the team's talents, Roquemore said.

This Friday, the Indians will hit the road to take on the Tigers of Commerce High School, who are 5-2 on the year and 2-1 in the region coming off a 21-7 loss to Hebron Christian Academy last week.

The Tigers run the triple option, an offense the Indians

know well after running it for three years under former head coach John Cornett.

Juniors Reace Hampton and Nick Houser have been playing really well on the defensive side of the ball, and Roquemore said he is expecting big things from them in these next few games.

Towns County and Commerce are the only two public schools in the 8-A region, which is made up mostly of private schools.

After the Indians' game against the Tigers, they will return home for the team's last two games.

The Indians will host Lakeview Academy for Senior Night on Friday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

They will be looking to avenge their 2018 loss to Lakeview Academy on the final play of the game that saw a 21-20 Indians defeat.

Depending on how the

region falls will determine if the Indians play Providence Christian Academy or Athens Christian for the team's last regular season game.

The Indians are very young on both sides of the ball and will return most of their starters next year, and Roquemore is also excited about the nine middle school players who will join the varsity team in 2020.

Currently, the Towns County Middle School Football

Team is 2-2 after winning two in a row against Hebron Christian Academy and Lakeview Academy.

Adding nine newcomers next year will give the varsity team some depth, and the Indians will also be more experienced with a year of Roquemore's program under their belts.

The Towns County Varsity Football Team will travel to Commerce on Friday, Oct. 25, with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.



The Towns County offensive line during the scrimmage at Lumpkin County.



The Towns County defense makes a stop at Gilmer during the Aug. 30 contest.



Quarterback Kyle Oakes keeps it himself at Gilmer.



Nick Houser kicks off at Athens Academy.
Photos by Lowell Nicholson and Chad Stack



Garrett Oakes hauls in a pass during an early season contest.