

# Towns County Sports

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## With huge victory, Indians gain momentum on path to playoffs

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On Friday, Oct. 21, the Towns County Indians Football Team won a superbly fought game, defeating Warren County High School 20-8 at home in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

The victory was made even sweeter by the occasion of the night, with players in black uniforms sporting pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Also recognized that evening were residents and staff of the Hiwassee Park Senior Living Community and Towns County Youth Football players, who showed their support from the sidelines in cheering the Indians on to their big win.

The game featured many admirable feats of physical prowess from the athletes, such as sophomore Julian Mosley catching a clean interception and earning a touchdown.

Freshman Cruz Kitchens recovered a fumble from a kickoff return to Warren County, with another fumble recovery by junior Colton Garrett on a Warren County fourth down that he took into the end zone.

The Indians made another outstanding interception caught by senior Grant Ingram, and senior Jonathan Dockery made a 54-yard Pick 6 for a score, with junior Zion Calhoun putting up two successful extra-point kicks in the game.

"I think in the second half (Warren County) made some really good adjustments; it was one of those nights where both offenses were struggling for consistency,"



Coach Roquemore's wife Brandy is a cancer survivor and a paraprofessional at TCMS, and she took the field with players for Breast Cancer Awareness on Friday. Photo/Jeremy Foster

Towns Head Coach Jason Roquemore said. "But I can't applaud or talk enough about how our defense played collectively as a unit and took the game over from there."

"We have put ourselves in a situation where if we win this week then we punch our ticket into the playoffs. We have all been fighting our tails off, and with this win here, it puts us in a tie for the No. 4 slot."

"I am extremely proud of our kids and the way they just continue to overcome adversity. I felt like we never panicked, and that is signs of us maturing, growing, and being the football team I know

we can be."

The aforementioned game Coach "Roq" spoke of will be happening this Friday, Oct. 28, in the final home matchup of the season as the Indians seek to capitalize on their impressive momentum against Washington-Wilkes High School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

And being the last home game of the year, fittingly, it will also feature the much-celebrated student-player Senior Night recognition, so make sure to fill the stands so as not to miss all of the Friday Night action as the Boys in Blue battle for a position in the playoffs.



Towns County's youth football players were recognized on the field during Friday night's game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Indians celebrate a score vs. Warren. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Lady Indians Softball wraps up postseason play in Bowdon

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Towns County Lady Indians Fastpitch Softball's 2022 season came to an end on Thursday, Oct. 20, when they traveled to Bowdon High School in Carroll County for the Georgia High School Association Class A Public State Playoffs as the No. 4 seed from Region 8.

The double-elimination tournament was to determine who would go on to vie for the state championship, and the ladies lost two tough games, the first to host and No. 1 seed Bowdon 15-0, and then to No. 3 seed Johnson County 12-4.

"I was super proud of the way we came out and competed against Johnson County after the earlier game versus Bowdon," Head Coach Clay Livingston said. "We jumped out to a 3-0 lead and battled until the bottom of the sixth inning, and we finally seemed to run out of steam. I received numerous compliments from opposing coaches and fans about how scrappy and classy our kids were."

"As they say, Rome wasn't built in a day. We definitely took a huge step forward with the program getting to the playoffs, and I believe the girls



Junior Elizabeth Edwards at bat. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

will be hungry to get back next year. Not only get there, but make some noise as well, competing to win a Super Regional and get to Columbus for the Elite Eight."

Livingston offered praise for several of his players who performed particularly well in the tail end of a season that saw an overall region record of 4-8.

"(Junior) Hope Chastain was a warrior in the circle for us, pitching both games," Livingston said. "Hope and (freshman) Scotlyn Fain both were amazing

in the circle the last few weeks of the season helping get us into the playoffs."

"We were led at the plate by freshman Delaney Moses and Fain. Moses had three hits on the day from her leadoff spot, and she also added one RBI and one run scored. Fain had two hits and a run scored."

"(Junior) Laura Mauldin had a hit, (sophomore) Drew Livingston contributed one RBI with a sac fly, and (sophomore) Hailey Gibson and (junior) Zoe Philips each scored a run."

## Georgia Mountain Pickleball Club Hosts 7th Annual Pickleball Fall Classic Tournament 2022



Tournament at Pickleball Courts

The Georgia Mountain Pickleball Club hosted the 7th Annual, 2022 Georgia Mountain Pickleball Fall Classic Tournament September 30th - October 2nd.

Over 350 players from as far away as Colorado converged on Towns County for the 3-day event, bringing

### Mountain High Hiking weekly schedule

Mountain High Hikers offer three hikes each week: Tuesdays, a long hike from 8 to 14 miles; a short hike from 5 to 8 miles; and a Thursday leisure hike from 3 to 5 miles. We also do trail maintenance on Thursday and some outside events. Check us out on our website: mountainhighhikers.org. NT10ct26Z22)CA

with them revenue and support to our local businesses and rave reviews about the tournament and our world-class pickleball facility.

It was due to over 40 local volunteers each day, players and our local sponsors, who were largely responsible for making this event such a huge success. We wish to thank them all for their kind support of our tournament and for their leadership and concern for the welfare and betterment of our community.

Please support the following businesses who sponsored our tournament, and we hope you'll continue to support all our local and area businesses:

Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital; City of Hiwassee; Mary's Southern

Grill; Century 21 - Black Bear Realty; Union General Health System; Collage Boutique; Folger Gas LLC; Asiano; Barrett & Associates; Hayesville Brew; Moss Forestry Consulting Services, Inc.; Lake Chatuge Lodge; McClure Barber Shop; State Farm; Jacky Jones Automotive; Pic-A-Nick Basket Deli; Atlantis Commercial Group, Inc.; Ingles; The Ridges Resort & Marina Station; Hawg Wild BBQ; Athens Neurological Associates; Hiwassee Brew; LaCabana Mexican Restaurant Inc.; FLR Interior Design & Consulting; United Community Bank; Tilted Pizza; Pickleball Bella; Hemlock Homes & Renovations; Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. NT10ct26Z19)EE

## Local Racing report: Tri-County

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**Brasstown, NC** - Tri-County Racetrack hosted its final scheduled race of the season - The Tar Heel 53, presented by Jacky Jones Automotive Group and track promoter Ray Cook.

The payoff for the Super Late Model race was \$20,022 -- a track record. The pit started filling up on Wednesday night with some drivers camping at the track. FloRacing Night FK Rod was present to televise the race.

Street Stock: The first race of the night was street stock and No. 95 Alex Vance took home the win, breaking Charles Devine's winning streak. No. 14 Devine was second. No. 01 Jacob Lynch was third. No. 21 Troy Turner was fourth. No. J6 Jim Weller came in fifth.

Open Wheel: No 12c Syc Strickland brought home the win. No. 108 Chuck Southard was second. No. 95c Stevie Clark was third. No. 37 Michael Barnett placed fourth. No. 55 Brad Sosbee was fifth.

Crate B: No. 149 Seth Speed was the winner. No. 3L Mark Ledford was second. No. 7 Keith Rollins was third. No. 3 Floyd Self as fourth. No. 30 Josh Wooten was fifth.

602: No. 117 Dylan Beaver took home the win. No. 03 Dante Curtis was second. No. 17 Brandon Stroud was third. No. 100 Copper Twiggs was fourth. No. 27 Joe Denby was fifth.

Super Lates Models: This race brought out names like Johnathan Davenport and Brandon Overton to the track, but the winner of the night was No. 17m Dale McDowel. No. 76 Overton was second. No. 44 Chris Mad-

den was third. No. 42K Clay Knight was fourth. No. Garrett Albertsons was fifth. No. 49 Davenport didn't win but did have the fastest qualifying time of the night.

FWD: No. 32 Jim Exum took home the win. No. 59 Matt Cordin was second. No. F3 John Fulford was third. No. 6A Austin Kinsey was fourth. No. J3 Josh Deese was fifth.

The racing season has ended once again. Cook would like to thank everyone that supported the track, including the fans and the drivers.

You may support your local drivers by becoming a business sponsor. The drivers work many hours in and out of season to put on the weekly show. Coming from a family that can have up to six cars at the track, there is always something to do.

See y'all next year.