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Lady Indians Cross Country headed for State Championship on Nov. 3

Towns County Herald Sports Special

The Towns County Lady Indians Cross Country runners will compete in the State Championship on Saturday, Nov. 3, in Carrollton.

These Lady Indians earned the right to compete at the state level in the Single A Public Region 4 Area Meet, in which the Towns County Cross Country teams ran at host school Georgia Military College on Oct. 25.

Nine schools were in attendance for the Area Meet, including ACE Charter, Commerce, GMC, Greene County, Lake Oconee Academy, Lincoln County, Towns County, Twiggs County and Washington-Wilkes.

The Area Meet is the qualifying meet to run in the XC State Championships, to be held at Carrollton High School.

To qualify, teams had to finish fourth or better at Area, and/or an individual runner, regardless of team finish, had to finish sixth or better.

The Lady Indians team, consisting of five freshman runners, finished Fourth Place and only three points away from third, qualifying them for the State Meet.

Leading the charge for the Lady Indians were runners Alison Markham and Bazya Smith. Markham earned a position at the podium with a 10th



The Towns County girls and boys cross country teams following the Area 4 meet at Georgia Military College last week.

place overall finish and a Personal Record time of 24:27.

Smith just missed the podium, coming in 11th at 24:47. Kayla Peacock came in third for the Indians with a time of 26:53. Gali Quijada and

Macy Brinson pushed hard to secure a team qualifying run with times of 27:59 and 29:24, respectively.

The Lady Indians will be running at the State Meet at 2:45 p.m. this Saturday.

Unfortunately, the boys' team was unable to mirror the Lady Indians' good outcome, having finished sixth in a very tough field of runners, thus not qualifying for the State Meet. They did, however, run

hard and post some of their best times of the year.

Liam King, who as a sophomore has paced the Indians all year, finished with a time of 19:13.

Luis Quijada and Blythe Smith came in nearly together at 19:29 and 19:31, respectively. Jordan Lovelace ran a

solid race at 20:23, and lone senior Corbin Henderson came in at 22:08. Rounding out the Indians was Robbie Peacock at 31:30.

Towns County and the Class A Public girls race will get underway at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Carrollton High School.



Alison Markham placed 10th at Area.

Indians suffer heartbreaking 21-20 loss at Lakeview Academy

By Luke Woody Towns County Herald Staff Writer

GAINESVILLE – The Towns County Indians traveled to Hall County to face the Lakeview Academy Lions on Friday, Oct. 26.

To start the game, the Indians elected to receive the opening kickoff, and Nick Bradley brought the ball out to the 49-yard line.

Then, on a triple option keep, Bradshaw carried the ball down to the 39-yard line. Following a 5-yard Bradley reception and another Bradshaw rush, the Indians lined up in the red zone.

Bradshaw took the snap and threw it to Will Travis on a quick slant to put 6 points on the board for the Indians.

On Lakeview's ensuing drive, the Lions were forced to a quick three-and-out, and the Indians took possession on the 19-yard line.

A deep ball thrown to Travis for a 40-yard completion after a few big passes to Logan Sosebee and Nick Bradley, and the Indians found themselves



Trent Bradshaw (4) looks to the sideline before taking the snap at Lakeview Academy last Friday night. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

back in the red zone.

Bradshaw and Travis connected once again to give the Indians a 14-point lead.

On Lakeview's next possession, the Lions were able to drive the ball to about midfield, and with a gang tackle in the backfield on the quarterback, they fumbled the ball.

Jake Parker quickly recovered the fumble to give the Indians excellent field position, and yet another big pass to Travis saw the Indians enter the red zone, which had become familiar territory.

Next, it was Blaine Rogers' turn to punch it in to give the Indians a 20-point lead.

Unfortunately, the Indians missed the point after touchdown due to a snapper/holder miscue, leaving the score 20-0 with 6:50 remaining in the first half.

On the following Lakeview possession, the Lions drove the ball right down the field, running jet sweep, and the quarterback drew and punched it in to

make the score 20-7.

And so, the Indians received the kickoff and drew up a deep play, but it was intercepted, and Lakeview got a big field gain, only to score again on a quarterback rush.

Heading into the halftime, the score was 20-14.

The second half turned into

a pure defensive ball game, with both teams forcing multiple stops and Towns County Defense being led by Wesly Calhoun, who had multiple big hits on Lakeview ball carriers.

But late in the fourth quarter, Lakeview took the field with 5:09 remaining, and they were ready to take their shot.

They slowly put together the longest drive of the game and moved the ball down to the 4-yard line, where they ran a double reverse pass to score a touchdown and nail the PAT to bring the score to 20-21 with under 40 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Down to one last play, the Indians threw up a Hail Mary pass on fourth down, but it fell incomplete, and Lakeview knelt to end the game with a final score of 20-21.

The next game will be the final game of the season for the 2018-2019 Towns County Indians, and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Boys in Blue as they travel away to Providence Christian Academy. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.