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Football: Towns County Indians send seniors off with a 20-17 victory

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LILBURN—The Towns County Indians defeated the Providence Christian Academy Storm 20-17 in Vaught Stadium on Friday, Nov. 2, closing the season out with a big win for the team's seniors.

The Storm entered the game with a 4-5 season record and were hoping to beat the Indians for the first time ever, which would have secured Providence's first trip to the playoffs in program history.

Unfortunately for them, the Indians had other plans.

Towns County won the coin toss before the start of the game and elected to defer to the second half.

Right away, the Indians came out and stopped the Storm Offense, holding them to a three-and-out.

In return, the Indians put together a decent drive but got halted on fourth down, and Indians Head Coach John Cornett called out Wesley Calhoun to kick a massive 47-yard field goal, which gave the Indians a 3-0 lead.

On the following possession, Providence drove the ball all the way to the red zone, but Wesley Calhoun had yet another big play with an interception on the goal line.

The Indians then proceeded to march downfield, but due to a couple of penalties, they had to settle for Calhoun splitting the uprights again, and it was 6-0 Indians on the



The Towns County Indians celebrate their season-ending victory at Providence Christian Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

scoreboard.

Next, with the help of a big jet sweep, the Storm were able to notch the game's first touchdown, bringing the score to 6-7 at halftime.

The third quarter was a defensive showcase, with big stopping plays by both teams. Late in the third, however, the Indians gave up a field goal to bring the game to 6-10 in favor of the Storm.

But on that kickoff, Providence kicked it deep to Nick Bradley, which turned out to be a critical mistake. With a couple jukes and cuts, Bradley ran untouched for 97 yards to the end zone, scoring the Indians' first touchdown of the game.

And just like that, the Indians took back the lead, 13-10.

The Storm drove the ball down to the red zone on

their next possession, but Trent Bradshaw came up with an interception, and the Indians took the ball to the field yet again.

Bradshaw then completed a big pass to the Indian receiver on the 2-yard line, and on the very next play, the Boys in Blue scored again to bring the game total to 20-10 with under two minutes of game time remaining.

The Indians made sure to

do their job on defense, holding back the Storm until right before time expired. Providence scored one last time on a trick play as the clock ran out, bringing the final tally to 20-17, Indians.

"I'm so proud of my players and my seniors who have put in the work for me over the past three years," said Coach Cornett after the game. "And even though we didn't

quite meet our goals for the season, I am very proud of our men and the effort they gave."

The Indians finished the season 3-7 and with a region record of 1-8.

Friday was the final Towns County football game of the year, but the community is encouraged to show their support and check back in for the Indians' 2019-2020 season.

Cross Country: Lady Indians place 10th at State with five freshman runners

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CARROLLTON -- The youthful Towns County Lady Indians Cross Country team have built a solid foundation for the future following Saturday's top 10 finish at the Class A Public State Cross Country Championships.

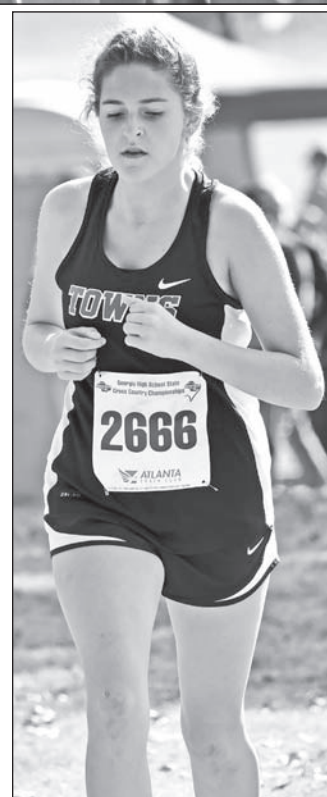
"These girls are all freshman and they all act like freshman," Towns County Cross Country coach Tim Rosser said with a laugh before quickly turning serious prior to last weekend's race. "Nobody expected us to be here, but here we are, and we're going to give it our best shot."

When the dust settled, 101 runners had crossed the finish line and the Lady Indians found themselves among the top 10 in Class A Public Girls -- the final race of a two-day State Championship event that featured all seven classifications.

With 242 points, Towns County edged longtime area-rival Commerce by 16 points, knocking the Tigers from the top 10. The Lady Indians finished just three points shy of ninth place Pelham County and 46 back of another area-foe, 8th place Georgia Military College.

Individually, Towns was led by 24th place Bazya Smith at 25:46. In 33rd was Alison Markham at 26:26, Kayla Peacock was 54th at 28:33, Macy Brinson was 72nd at 30:04 and Gali Quijada placed 80th at 31:24.

"I'm proud of what our girls accomplished," Rosser added. "We placed fourth at Area, just barely missing third, and that's more than a lot of people expected. But these girls always give their best and continue to get better with each race."



The Towns County Lady Indians Cross Country team in action last weekend in Carrollton for the Class A Public State Championships. Photos/Todd Forrest