

# Towns County Sports

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## XC: Lady Indians eighth at State meet, Markham places seventh

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**Carrollton** - The Towns County Lady Indians travelled to Carrollton on Saturday to compete in the GHSA Cross Country State Championship Meet where 162 individual runners representing 23 different schools were competing for the Individual and Team State Championships in the 1-A Public Classification.

As a team, the Lady Indians placed eight overall on Saturday. Leading the way for the Indians was senior Alison Markham, who placed seventh. Her time of 22:33 was nearly two minutes faster than last year's time at the same course.

Markham missed a good portion of the season due to injury and was day-to-day leading up to the State Championship race.

Finishing second for the Indians was junior Jayden Taylor, who had a time of 25:12, good for a 29th place finish. Rounding out the Lady Indians times and finishes are as follows: freshman Kya Smith - 28:48, 82nd; senior Gali Quijada - 28:59, 86th; senior Kayla Peacock - 29:00, 87th; senior Bazya Smith - 29:05, 88th; Freshman Lilly Cannon - 30:10, 104th.



The Towns County Lady Indians cross country team turned in an eighth place finish at last Saturday's State Championships in Carrollton. Photo/submitted

## Basketball Season Passes - Pick Your Seat Night

Season passes for the 2021-22 TCHS Basketball Season will go on sale Thursday, November 18 at 7pm in the Bill Kendall Sports Complex. All fans and community wishing to purchase season passes will have the opportunity to "pick your seat" for the entire 2021-22 basketball regular season, excluding the Battle of the States Christmas Tournament and State Tournament games.

There are twelve (12) scheduled home events for the 2021-22 regular season. Season passes are valid for all JV and Varsity games, excluding the Battle of the States and State Tournament games.



Season passes are \$60.00 each. What are the advantages of season passes? Season passes will be sent to your email so it makes it easier and faster for the season pass holder to enter the game by either scanning their phone or by scanning a printed

hard copy. Season passes also save you money compared to purchasing game day tickets to all the events, a \$12 savings.

Season passes will only be available on Thursday, November 18 at 7pm - 8:30pm in the Bill Kendall Sports Complex where fans can "pick their seat" and Friday, November 19 from 9am until 2pm in the Towns County High School office with Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jim Melton.

Season tickets are \$6.00 per game, per person. The preferred method of purchasing game day tickets will be online at townscountyathletics.com under the "More" tab.

## Football: Washington-Wilkes 49, Indians 32



The Towns County Indians honored its seniors on Friday night ahead of a 49-32 loss to first-place Washington-Wilkes. Towns County gave the Tigers all they could handle, playing the region champs to a 16-16 tie with five minutes remaining in the first half. Leading 30-16 at the half, Wilkes eventually opened up a 42-16 fourth-quarter margin with a pair of third-quarter touchdowns. Photo/Lowell Nicholson.

## YHC men's soccer enter postseason ranked No. 1

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**Young Harris** - The Young Harris College men's soccer team became the first Mountain Lions' program of the 2021-22 school year to be ranked No. 1 in the NCAA regional rankings when they took over the top spot last week.

YHC (15-0-1) also owns No. 1 ranking in the United Soccer Coaches Division II Coaches Poll as they enter the upcoming Peach Belt Conference (PBC) tourney as the No. 1 seed. The Mountain Lions, who are currently the only ranked PBC squad, will meet the winner of last weekend's first-round match between No. 4 seed Flagler College and fifth-seeded Georgia Southwest in an 11 a.m. semifinal match on Nov. 12 in Evans.

The PBC finals will be held Sunday, Nov. 14 in Evans.

This season marks the sixth time that Young Harris has earned the PBC's top-seed. In their five previous conference tournament appearances as the No. 1 seed, the Mountain Lions departed as champions on four occasions.



Mark McKeever. Photo/YHC

"We've had good players, but this year we have a lot of seniority, we have 12 players that will graduate in either December or May, and oftentimes that's a recipe for success," YHC head coach Mark McKeever said.

Young Harris is coming off an abbreviated spring season after COVID-19 postponed its regular fall schedule. In the spring, the Mountain Lions finished second in a conference-only slate that saw the injury bug take a bite out of McKeever's club.

"We had a lot of unanswered questions coming in after last season, but I think it still served a purpose - the younger guys gained some experience

and the older guys were able to get stronger and [develop] some leadership," he said. "And when you combine leadership with talent, good things happen."

By earning a fifth PBC tournament title this weekend, YHC would host the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Super Regionals on Nov. 18-19.

The Division II National Championship will be settled on Dec. 11 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Mountain Lions field an international roster with 30 players from outside the U.S. Although, the Young Harris roster still features a heavy north Georgia presence that includes Towns County's Peyton Barrett, along with teammates from Cumming, Dalton, Lawrenceville, Marietta, Tucker and Watkinsville.

"We appreciate all the local support that we can get - the more, the better," McKeever said, in the event Young Harris hosts a Super Regional. "I encourage everyone to come out and support the guys. We have a lot of guys that could have a career professionally and we're thankful to anyone that comes out. We will truly appreciate that extra voice."

### Towns County Basketball Schedule 2021-22

Date	Opponent	Place	JVG/JVB	JV Time	VARSITY Time
<b>November</b>					
Thur 11	Stephens County (scrimmage)	Away	none	n/a	6:00pm
Tue 16	Hiwassee Dam, NC	Away	JV Boys	5:00pm	6:30pm
Fri 19	Highlands, NC	Away	none	n/a	6:00pm
Tue 23	Hiwassee Dam, NC	Home	JV Boys	5:30pm	7:00pm
Tue 30	Rabun Gap	Home	none	n/a	6:00pm
<b>December</b>					
Tue 7	Tallulah Falls	Away	JV Girls	4:30pm	6:00pm
Thur 9	Summit Charter	Home	JV Only	6:30pm	n/a
Fri 10	Union County	Away	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm
Fri 17	Union County	Home	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm
Sat 18	Social Circle	Away	JV Boys	3:30pm	5:00pm
Tue 21	Banks County	Away	Both JV	2:30pm	5:30pm
Tue 28	Battle of the States	Towns	none	n/a	7:00pm
Wed 29	Battle of the States	Towns	none	n/a	TBA
Thu 30	Battle of the States	Towns	none	n/a	TBA
<b>January</b>					
Fri 7	Washington-Wilkes	Away	Both JV	4:30pm	7:00pm
Sat 8	Highlands, NC	Home	noe	n/a	6:00pm
Tue 11	Commerce	Home	JV Girls	4:30pm	6:00pm
Fri 14	Lake Oconee Academy	Away	none	n/a	6:00pm
Tue 18	Summit Charter	Away	JV Only	6:30pm	n/a
Tue 28	<b>MANDATORY OPEN REGION DATE</b>				
Fri 21	Greene County	Home	none	n/a	6:00pm
Sat 22	Lincoln County	Away	Both JV	2:00pm	5:00pm
Tue 25	Social Circle	Home	JV Boys	3:30pm	5:00pm
Fri 28	Washington-Wilkes	Home	none	n/a	7:00pm
Sat 29	Tallulah Falls (Senior Night)	Home	Both JV	2:00pm	5:00pm
<b>February</b>					
Tue 1	Commerce	Away	JV Boys	4:30pm	6:00pm
Fri 4	Lake Oconee Academy	Home	none	n/a	6:00pm
Sat 5	Greene County	Away	none	n/a	5:00pm
Fri 11	Lincoln County	Home	none	n/a	6:00pm
Sat 12	<b>MANDATORY OPEN REGION DATE</b>				
Mon 14	Region Tournament @ Commerce	Commerce			TBA
Tue 15	Region Tournament @ Commerce	Commerce			TBA
Thur 17	Region Tournament @ Commerce	Commerce			TBA
Fri 18	Region Tournament @ Commerce	Commerce			TBA
<b>Women's Head Coach: Shea Taylor</b>			<b>Men's Head Coach: Brian Hunnicutt</b>		
<b>Women's Assistant Coach: Chase Phillips</b>			<b>Men's Assistant Coach: Alan Rogers</b>		
<b>Women's Assistant Coach: Sheena Kendall</b>			<b>Men's Assistant Coach: Michael Anderson</b>		
<b>Athletic Director: Jim Melton</b>			<b>Principal: Roy Perren</b>		