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Basketball: Indians accomplish goals despite scrimmage loss

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Tiger – In their first basketball scrimmage of the season, the Towns County Indians faced a challenging opponent at Rabun County last Tuesday, Nov. 7, ultimately falling short 80-59.

Despite the loss, the game served its purpose as a valuable test for the team, allowing Coach Brain Hunnicutt to assess their strengths and weaknesses.

The scrimmage started with a promising first quarter as Rabun led narrowly at 16-13. While this early competitiveness demonstrated the team's potential and determination on the court, Rabun still managed to extend their lead to 32-27 by halftime.

Rabun continued to capitalize on every opportunity thrown at them, dominating the third quarter with a score of 64-43 – a deficit that highlighted some defensive challenges the Indians will work to improve in the coming weeks.

Finally, the game wrapped up with Towns County taking a 80-59 loss. Despite the loss, several players were able to showcase their talent on the court. Senior Gage Rogers led the team with an impressive 14 points, followed by senior Connor Chastain with 9. Sophomores Jonas Rouse, Cruz Kitchens and Dustin Barrett each contributed an additional 7 points.

"It was a scrimmage, and we accomplished what we wanted to accomplish, which was to see our team in live



Head coach Brian Hunnicutt patrolls the Towns County sideline during last Tuesday's scrimmage contest at Rabun County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

action, get a lot of players playing time and see how they responded – to see our strengths and weaknesses," said Coach Hunnicutt. "For that, it was very successful.

"We were able to identify some things we did well and things we needed to work on. The practices following the scrimmage have been probably

the best practices we've had in a couple of years, so the scrimmage did wonders for that.

"Rabun is a quality opponent, so it was very beneficial to get to play somebody who exposed our weaknesses – and that's what we needed to see before the games get real. So in that aspect it was a very good start to the season," Hunnicutt

finished.

As the Indians look ahead to the upcoming games, they will use the lessons learned from the Rabun scrimmage as a foundation for improvement.

Their next contest will be at home vs. Taliaferro County on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The Indians host Highlands, NC on Nov. 15



Senior Gage Rogers led the Indians with 14 points at Rabun County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson.

Basketball: Rabun scrimmage serves as learning point for Lady Indians



Senior Breelan Sieveking attacks the basket at Rabun County last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Tiger - The Towns County Lady Indians lost a tough scrimmage against Rabun County on Tuesday, Nov. 7 with a final score of 59-25.

Although the final score didn't favor the Lady Indians, the game provided valuable insights for Coach Shea Taylor and his team as they embark on the 2023-24 season.

Rabun County presented a challenging test for Towns County, and despite the loss, Taylor was pleased with the

results.

"We have a lot to take away from this game," he said. "Rabun County has a very good team, and scrimmage games like this show where improvement is needed."

One of the key takeaways from the game was that the Lady Indians need to learn to



Senior Emma Lallement at the charity stripe during last Tuesday's scrimmage. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

handle pressure more effectively and reduce turnovers.

"Our offense stalled under the pressure of their defense, and we missed a ton of shots at the goal," Taylor commented. "We also need to make some defensive adjustments."

While there were some key points that the whole team

needs to work on in the coming weeks, several players did demonstrate excellence on the court, such as Breelan Sieveking who led the team in scoring with 11 points. Kaleigh Beaver, Jamie McCarter, and Emma Lallement each contributed 4 points as well.

Looking ahead, Coach

Taylor remains optimistic about the entire team's potential.

"These girls are working hard and will continue to get better every day," he said.

Their next game will be at home on Tuesday, Nov. 14 vs Copper Basin. The Lady Indians host Highlands, NC on Wednesday, Nov. 15