

# Towns County Sports

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## Football: Indians host Senior Night during final home game

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On Friday, Oct. 28, the Towns County Indians Football Team finished its last home game of the season in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium, playing against Washington-Wilkes High School for a tough 29-6 loss, with senior Seth Gillis scoring the lone touchdown on Senior Night.

"I thought we fought tooth and nail," Head Coach Jason Roquemore said. "It was one of those nights that just a couple of plays really made a big difference, and we are not quite there yet, but the way that our kids fight for one another and continue to play with relentless effort and try to do the things that we are coaching them to do is such a pleasure, and I am just so proud to be their head coach."

The team officially recognized its senior members before the game: Dawson Barrett, A.J. Edwards, Seth Gillis, Grant Ingram, Jon Dockery, Chance Schmeltz, Kemp Walker, and Zion Calhoun, who is also a senior Cross Country runner.

Other seniors honored on the field that evening were Cheerleader Alana Stowers, Band Member A.J. Neal and Cross Country runners Ivan Chavero, Dren Green and Curtis Markham.

After the game, the football team lined up to let its seniors tunnel through for handshakes and pats on the back, and the departing players hugged Coach "Roq" to complete their emotional sendoff before walking off home field for the last time as Indians football players.

"The biggest thing about my seniors that are leaving," Coach Roquemore said, "is that, as a coach, you always want



Towns County's football seniors were recognized during last Friday's Senior Night festivities. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

great leadership and want those guys to be an extension of you.

"And for them to go out and actually do it on a day-to-day basis and show their teammates what it takes in order to get us in a position to play in a game like tonight just says a lot about who they are as men and what they've meant to our program.

"I can't say enough about how much they have raised the bar and the legacy they will leave not only in our program but in our community."

The Indians are gearing up for their last game of the regular season on Friday, Nov. 4, when they will take on Lincoln County High School in an away game that kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Go Indians!



TCHS senior cheerleader Alana Stowers. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



TCHS senior band member A.J. Neal. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Cross Country runners are headed to state tourney Friday in Carrollton

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Towns County Indian and Lady Indian Cross Country runners will travel to Carrollton on Friday to compete in the Georgia High School Association Class A Public State Championship after qualifying at the Oct. 27 Region Meet at Athens Academy.

Senior Curtis Markham returned in a respectable Third Place individual finish at the competition with a time of 19:28, and the boys placed third as a team to secure their spot in the big tourney.

Sophomore Connor Williams came in 14th place, senior Ivan Chavero was 18th and senior Zion Calhoun finished his day in 21st.

Junior Landon Sprinkles came in 23rd and senior Dren Green placed 25th.

The Boys Team consists will run at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Sophomore Kya Smith, the lone girl runner for Lady Indians Cross Country, will also compete at state after earning a strong Second Place finish at region.

Smith clocked in at 24:22, finishing 13 seconds back of first-place Jane Monachello of Lake Oconee Academy.

Smith will run at 11:15 a.m. on Friday.

Towns County High School Principal and Cross Country Coach Roy Perren is proud of his runners for the performances they have put in this season and looks forward to the State Meet. Go Indians!



The Towns County boys qualified for Friday's State Championship race in Carrollton.



Cross Country senior Ivan Chavero during Friday night's Senior Night celebration. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



State qualifier Kya Smith



Cross Country senior Dren Green during Friday night's Senior Night celebration. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Cross Country senior Curtis Markham during Friday night's Senior Night celebration. Photo/Lowell Nicholson