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## Indians Basketball off to great start with close games, wins

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The 2022-23 Towns County High School Basketball season officially tipped off last week with several away games for the Indians and Lady Indians squads.

Action started on Tuesday, Nov. 15, when the boys traveled to Taliaferro County for a region win, 62-40.

"It is always good to get your first win on the road, especially when it is a region game," Boys Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt said. "(Junior) Zane Floyd led in scoring with 25 points. (Junior) Tanner Cunningham also added 12 points and 7 rebounds, and (sophomore) Julian Mosley also had 7 rebounds."

Then on Saturday, Nov. 19, the teams traveled to North Carolina's Hiwassee Dam High School, with the girls' game ending in an ever-so-close loss 73-71, which went all the way into double overtime.

"We lost a tough one last night, but the girls played hard and never gave up," Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor said. "We still have some things to clean up and improve on moving forward."

"We moved the ball well on offense and got good looks but settled for a lot of (3-pointers) and went cold in the second half. We missed some easy ones close to the goal and didn't take advantage of our free throws."

Leading scorers for the game were junior Brelan Sievek with 23 points, senior Sarah Shook with 19, senior Tabitha Barnes with 12 and junior Laura Mauldin with 8 points. For rebounds, sophomore Kaleigh Beaver had 16, Shook had 13, and Mauldin had 8.

The boys were next, coming up with an equally close loss to Hiwassee Dam on Saturday, losing by a single basket at 60-58.

"This is always a tough place to play, and Towns fell in a very tight game," Hunnicutt said. "The Indians fought hard in the contest but were overcome by tremendous outside shooting from Hiwassee Dam."

"Floyd was the leader in scoring again with 32 points. Cunningham continued to be



Towns County junior Zane Floyd scored 32 of the Indians' 58 points at Hiwassee Dam. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the second leading scorer with 9 points. We fought hard as a team in this game, and I am extremely proud of that from our kids.

"However, we made too many mistakes to win a close ball game. It was a loss that was tough to swallow, but at the end of the day, it was just a loss. The key from that game will be how we respond to it."

"I am proud of our kids' efforts, and I am anxious to see how we grow from this loss."

The boys played their

first home game after press time on Monday, Nov. 21, in another match against Taliaferro County. Junior Varsity and Varsity players saw away game action on Tuesday, Nov. 22, against cross-town rivals Union County High School, also after press time.

Varsity Girls will play their first home game on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. against Copper Basin out of Tennessee, with a JV girls game starting at 4 p.m. inside the Bill P. Kendall Gymnasium.



Lady Indians freshman Scotlyn Fain drives to the basket at Hiwassee Dam. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Sarah Shook scored 19 points at Hiwassee Dam last weekend. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Jonathan Dockrey soars for a layup at Hiwassee Dam. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Lady Indians and Hiwassee Dam battled into double overtime on Saturday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson