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Indians, Lady Indians split pair of games with Highlands, NC

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The Towns County Indians and Lady Indians basketball teams experienced their first home action of the season as they took on the Highlands, North Carolina, Eagles the week of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

Playing first was the girls' team, which from the tipoff fought a constant back and forth battle. The Eagles gained the first possession of the game, but the Lady Indians quickly stole the ball back, and Sarah Shook was first to hit the scoreboard with a 3-pointer sink.

The Lady Indians' intensity continued throughout the first quarter, giving the girls a 13-6 lead after some free throws by Shook and points by Tabitha Barnes.

In the second quarter, the girls kept jockeying for position to gain more points, including by Halie Arrowood for a free throw to hit the halftime with a leading score of 17-14.

The third quarter saw new scorers for the team in Laura Mauldin and Kaleigh Beaver, though the back-and-forth nature of the match resulted in Highlands entering the fourth quarter with a 30-28 lead.

It was an incredibly close game, however, it ended in defeat for the girls 46-38.



Indians senior Collin Crowder (10) dishes out an assist to Tanner Cunningham (4) during a fast break in last week's win over Highlands, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

"Overall, our defense was good," Girls Coach Shea Taylor said. "Offensively, we missed too many easy shots and forced a lot of shots. We need to improve on our press and generate more points from it."

Next up was the boys' contest, and the Indians' Collin Crowder received the tipoff and instantly gained the first points of the game followed by a Tanner Cunningham 3-pointer.

Other players contributed points as well, including Zane Floyd, Kyle Oakes and Connor Chastain for a commanding first quarter lead of 17-2.

The boys worked like a well-oiled machine, maintaining their momentum throughout the entirety of the game as home players continued to get switches from the ball and score for a 34-9 lead at halftime.

Many other switches

and reversals occurred over the duration of the game, but control of the ball seemed to always remain with the Indians, who ended the third quarter 52-15.

The hard work from both teams certainly showed, but by the end of the fourth quarter, the Indians had earned a decisive 56-28 victory.

Boys Coach Brian Hunnicutt showed his happiness and admiration for his

team by noting, first and foremost, the "excellent defensive game" played by the Indians.

"Our first two games, we did not put our transition game together with our defense and rebounding," he said. "We did a great job of that this week."

"I am very proud of our team's intensity and focus. We still need to sharpen our half-court offense, but I am proud of the progress that the

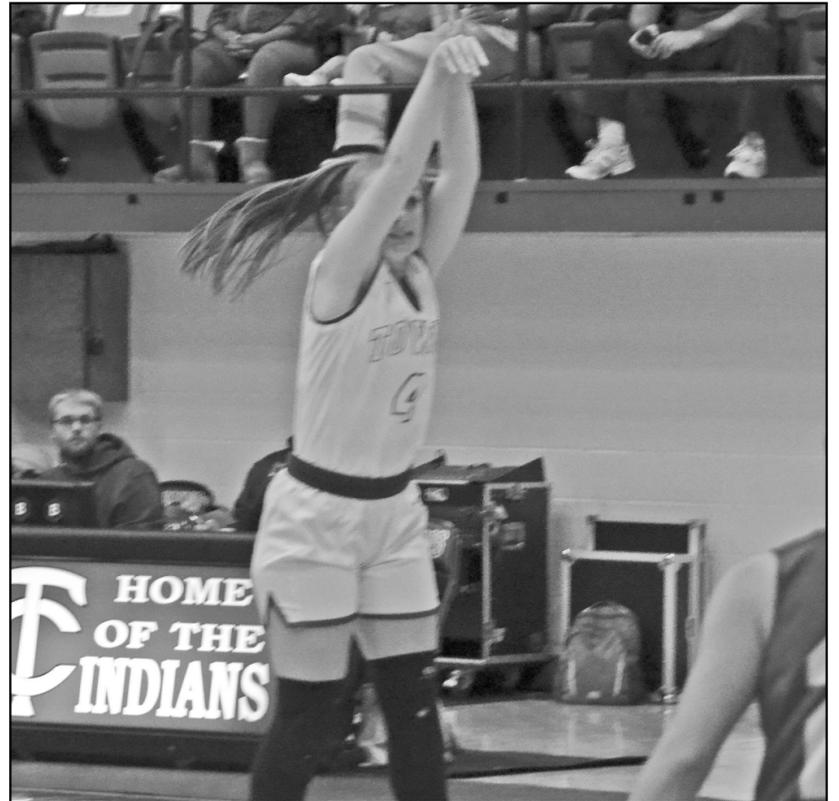
boys have made."

So far, the Indians are 2-1 on the season and the Lady Indians are sitting at 1-2. After press time, Towns County High hosted Rabun Gap Nacoochee School at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30. The teams will travel to Tallulah Falls School on Dec. 7 for a pair of games starting at 6 p.m.

For complete scheduling information, check out www.townscountyathletics.com.



Freshman Kaleigh Beaver at the foul line during the second half. The Lady Indians and Highlands, NC were locked in a see-saw battle for much of the third quarter. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Junior Sarah Shook launches a jumper during the first half vs. Highlands, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Zane Floyd (22) skies for an offensive board in the first half vs. Highlands, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Local Racing Report: Tri-County

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Brasstown, NC - On Nov. 6, Tri-County held its last scheduled race of the season. Additionally, there was an infield ceremony for two concession stand workers with a combined 33 years of service - a big thank you to Pat and Kathy.

FWD: No.13 Josh Deese took home the win. No.3 Josh Falforn was second. K3 James Krause was third. No.24 James Queen was fourth. No. 18 Bobby Raper was fifth.

Crate: No. 7 Jason Deal took the checkered flag again. No. 12D Drew Deaver took home second place. No. 9 Brian Kinnersly finished third. No.11



Preston Crisp was fourth. No. 6 Mark Wilbanks was fifth.

Pony: No. 4 Marty King went to the winner's circle again this week. No.11 Jamie Cross was second. No. 18x Lucus Beavers was third.

Street Stock: No. 7 Lynn Burchfield took home the win.

No.21 Troy Turner placed second. No.44 Chuck Sims was third. No. 01 Jacob Lynch was fourth. No. 69 Jim Weller was fifth.

Modified Street: No. 03 Dante Curtis took home the win. No. 25 Jacob Hamby was second. No. 27 Mike Davidson was third. No. 56 Colton Berrong was fourth. No.81 John Howard was fifth.

Last Chance Race: This race was for cars that didn't make the main event, which was fastest 16 cars. No.14 Mark Ledford took home the win. No.37 Ethan Fleming was second. No.50 Jerry Bire was third. No. 42 Johnny Gulizia was fourth. No.3 Floyd Self was fifth.

Thank you for your support of your local track and drivers. Hope to see you next year.