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Indians defeat Aquinas 56-41, host Tallulah Falls ahead of BOTS

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Last Friday, Dec. 16, the Towns County boys' basketball team defeated Aquinas by a score of 56-41, moving to 4-0 in Region 8-A and 7-2 overall. The game followed a long bus ride to Augusta, and gave the Indians an opportunity to show off their expertise on the court.

Primarily due to their stifling defense, by the end of the first quarter Towns County held a 10-point lead. The scoring gap continued to grow into the second quarter, with the Indians holding a 28-11 advantage at halftime.

Aquinas played hard during the third quarter, and scored 7-straight points in an attempt to retaliate. Towns County, however, refused to let Aquinas get closer than 10 points, and finished the game with a 15-point margin of victory.

Leading in scoring was Gage Rogers, with 16 points and 5 rebounds.

Other key contributors included Zane Floyd with 15 points and 12 rebounds, Tanner Cunningham with 13 points and 10 rebounds and Connor Chastain with 8 points and 6 rebounds.

"(We) grabbed the early lead and never relinquished it throughout the game," commented Coach Brian Hunnicutt, who was proud of the boys' dedication at Friday night's match.

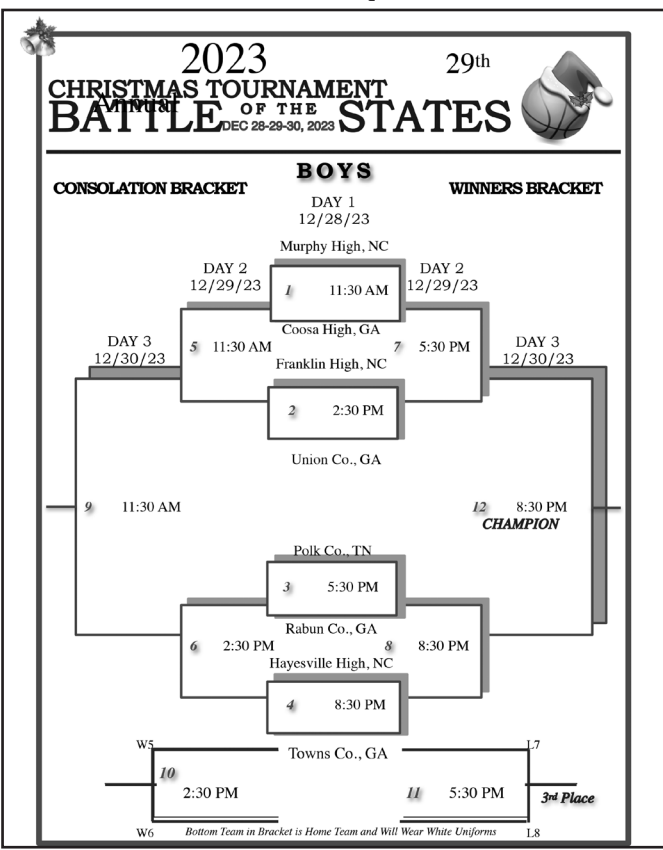
Hunnicutt expects the team to continue playing with purpose and dedication as they move into a home game against Tallulah Falls on Dec. 19, then the Battle of the States Christmas tournament on Dec. 28-30.



Coach Hunnicutt and the Indians at Aquinas. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Zane Floyd (22) and the Indians protect a double-digit lead during the fourth quarter of Friday night's win at Aquinas. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



No. 6 Lady Indians get back on track at Aquinas following loss

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The girls basketball team hit the road twice last week, first suffering a 53-25 loss to Commerce on Tuesday, then traveling to Augusta for an astounding 40-27 win against Aquinas on Friday.

After losing by 28 points Tuesday night, Dec. 12, the Indians were determined to come back stronger on Friday, Dec. 12 when they faced region opponent Aquinas for the first time this season.

"We were hit with some bad calls early and were in foul trouble the entire night," shared coach Shea Taylor, "(but) the girls battled through adversity and found a way to get out of there with another region win."

Scotlyn Fain led the team in scoring Friday night with 18 total points, two assists and two steals. Kaleigh Beaver also played a great game, scoring a double-double 11 points alongside 10 rebounds and one block.

Following close behind, Laura Mauldin contributed 7 points, 10 rebounds and 2 steals, while Ansleigh Hardin added 2 points, 4 steals, 3 assists and one block.

Mary Lee Durham also contributed 2 points with an additional 7 rebounds, while Jamie McCarter rebounded hard throughout the entire game and came away with 9 boards.

With their combined efforts and skill, the girls were able to pull off a 40-27 region win despite losing some players to injuries.

"Right now we are



Sophomore Scotlyn Fain led the way with 18 points at Aquinas to pace the shorthanded Lady Indians. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

banged up and are dealing with injuries, but the ones playing are giving it everything they have," said Taylor. "I hope we can get some of our players healthy over the break as we

move into the new year and the heart of the region schedule. We have to keep working and getting better every day."

Following the Aquinas game, the team jumped right

back into their vigorous practice routine on Monday, Dec. 18 in preparation for their match against Tallulah Falls on Tuesday, Dec. 19.



Coach Taylor and the Lady Indians. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

