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Towns County men's soccer take down Union for first time ever

Ladies tie Union, shutout Rabun before Providence hands Lady Indians' first loss

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The Towns County Indians (1-4, 0-2) took a 1-0 lead over Union County last Tuesday night and made the lead stick in a historic victory over the rival Panthers.

The win is the Indians first over Union County since the soccer program took hold in the early 2000s. In fact, in the 11 prior meetings before last Tuesday, Union had outscored the Indians 69-5, including a pair of shutouts in 2013.

The Indians win came on the heels of one of Union's most successful seasons in team history. Last year the Panthers advanced the Class AA Sweet 16 after defeating Chattahoochee High School 10-0 in the first round of the Class AA State Tournament.

This year, Union battled injuries early and had started to come together, winning three-in-a-row, including a victory over 8-AA opponent Washington-Wilkes before the Indians handed them just their second shutout of the year.

The following day, the Indians traveled to Rabun County to face another Class AA Sweet 16 team, but fell just short of the Wildcats by a 2-1 score.



Both Towns County soccer teams faced a pair of Class AA Sweet 16 teams last week when they hosted Union Co. and traveled to Rabun Co.

On Friday, Towns faced its second Region foe of the season when they traveled to Gwinnett County to meet Providence. Unfortunately, the Indians dropped another tough one 2-0.

The Lady Indians, meanwhile, were looking to start a winning streak over the Lady Panthers but settled for a 2-2 tie

Towns got an early lead until Union's Maddy Morlock scored twice to put the Lady Panthers ahead in the second half.

Lady Indian senior Faith Robinson would make sure that her team wouldn't go down without a fight as she smashed the back of the net for the game-tying goal.

After going winless



against Union, Towns County knocked off the Lady Panthers 2-1 last March.

The win was one of the closest finishes of the series since a 4-3 loss in 2012, and a 3-2 loss in 2010 the closest in the rivalry's recent history.

Although, last week's 2-2 contest was not the first draw between the teams. Both teams battled to a scoreless

stalemate in 2011.

On Wednesday, the Lady Indians (4-1, 1-1) shutout Rabun County 3-0 to extend their winning streak to four games, matching their second longest streak in team history.

The Lady Indians would suffer their first loss of 2014 on Friday when they fell 1-0 to Providence Christian



Towns County soccer photos by Lowell Nicholson

Academy (3-3), who owns wins over Athens Academy, Mt. Paran Christian Academy, and Wesleyan.

This Friday, Towns County begins a four-game home stand opening with Hebron Christian Academy, whose boys are currently sporting a 6-2 record. Lakeview Academy comes calling on March 25th before Towns gets another crack at Providence on March 28th, this time at the friendly confines of Frank McClure Stadium.

Indians drop a pair to Union in final tune up before Region play

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Last week the Towns County Indians (1-5, 0-1) played Class AA's Union County (7-3) in a home-and-home series on Monday and Wednesday.

In the first game, played in Blairsville, the Panthers allowed an Indian run in the first before exploding for eight of their own in the bottom half of the first. Union would continue to build on its lead in each inning before the Panthers run-ruled Towns, 16-1 in four innings.

Will de Vries and Kobe Denton recorded the Indians' only two hits of the contest and Harrison Hobbs recorded an RBI.

Dillon Ingram, Major Moss, and Dale Forrester worked four innings total on the bump, allowing a total of 9 hits while the defense gave committed 3 errors.

On Wednesday, Towns hosted Union County and knew they would have their work cut out for them. The Panthers are coming off a season that saw them reach the Class AA Sweet 16 and are once again expected to reach the State Tournament out of Region 8-AA.

However, the Indians put Monday's loss out of their memories and almost served up an ice-cold dish of revenge.

Union jumped out to an early 5-0 lead but Towns put up three runs in the fifth and one in the sixth to make it a 6-4 game before running out of outs.

Hobbs and Adam Barrett kept the Panther bats in check and awarded their offenses a



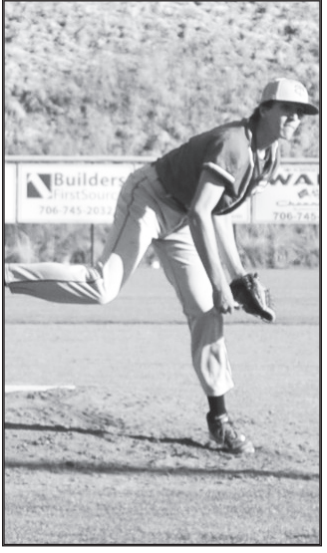
Will de Vries leads off the game with a double, and later scored in the first inning of the game at Union County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Jackson Noblet leads off first base after drawing a first inning walk at Union County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Dillon Ingram



Major Moss fighting chance. Hobbs struck out four in four innings while Barrett fanned five Panthers in three innings.



Dale Forrester delivers at Union County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Towns 1 - 16 UCHS Varsity Panthers												
Home Non-League Monday, March 10th, 2014												
	1	2	3	4	R	H	E					
TWNS	1	0	0	0	1	2	3					
UCHS	8	2	3	3	16	9	1					

Towns 6 - 4 UCHS Varsity Panthers												
Away Non-League Wednesday, March 12th, 2014												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E		
UCHS	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	6	11	2		
TWNS	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	6	2		

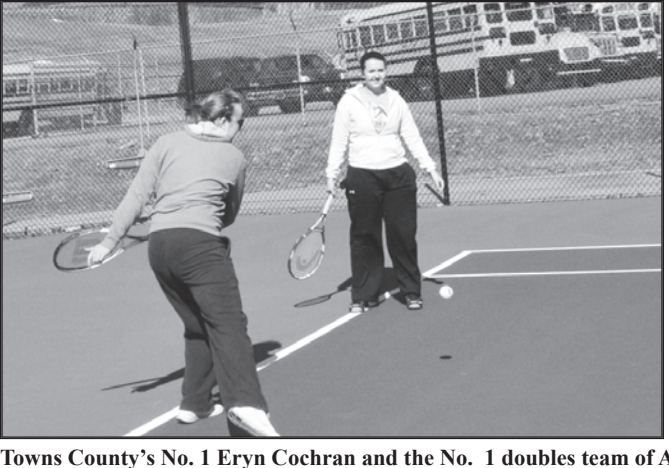
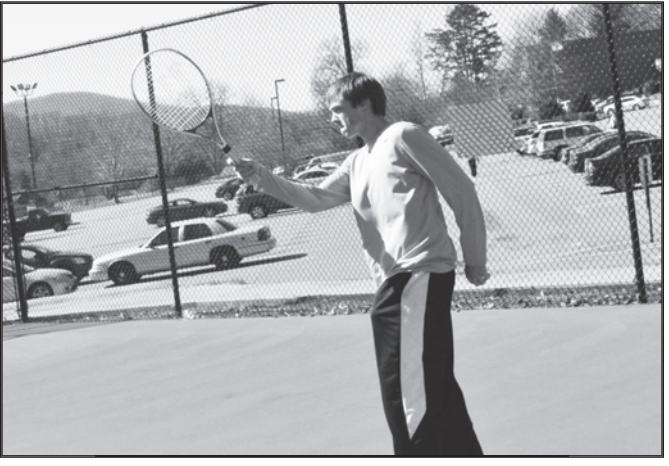
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BATTING												
Towns	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	TB					
De Vries	3	1	1	0	0	1	2					
C Shook	2	0	0	0	0	0	0					
H Hobbs	1	0	0	1	0	0	0					
J Noblet	0	0	0	0	2	0	0					
J Taylor	2	0	0	0	0	1	0					
V Baldwin	2	0	0	0	0	1	0					
G Langelier	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					
D Ingram	1	0	0	0	0	1	0					
M Moss	1	0	0	0	0	1	0					
K Denton	1	0	1	0	1	0	1					
Totals	14	1	2	1	3	5	3					
2B: De Vries SF: Hobbs												

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Away Non-League Wednesday, March 12th, 2014												
BATTING												
Union County	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	TB					
J Daniel	5	1	4	1	0	0	4					
H Hughes	4	0	0	0	1	1	0					
C Shook	2	2	2	0	2	0	2					
H Hobbs	3	1	1	0	1	0	1					
J Noblet	3	1	1	2	1	1	1					
D Forrester	1	0	0	0	1	1	0					
A Barrett	2	0	0	0	1	0	0					
L Rich	4	0	0	0	0	2	0					
G Nix	3	1	1	0	1	0	1					
T Odum	4	0	0	0	0	2	0					
C Barnett	2	0	1	0	2	1	1					
CR: A Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	6	11	3	6	9	11					
SB: Daniel, Everett CS: Everett												

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Away Non-League Wednesday, March 12th, 2014												
PITCHING												
Towns	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR					
D Ingram	1.0	5	10	8	5	0	1					
M Moss	2.0	3	6	4	4	1	1					
D Forrester	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	0					
Totals	3.2	9	16	12	9	2	2					
P-S: Ingram 52-23, Moss 54-26, Forrester 9-6												

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T Odum	3.0	4	3	3	2	5	0					
Totals	7.0	6	4	4	8	9	0					
HBP: Odum P-S: Nix 90-42, Odum 62-35												

Towns splits with Woody Gap on tennis courts



Towns County's No. 1 Eryn Cochran and the No. 1 doubles team of Allison Page and Carly Gilfilian, No 2 doubles Courtney Marshall and Kelsie Cowart were all victorious over Woody Gap on Thursday. The Woody Gap boys won each of its three matches, including one by forfeit. Towns County tennis photos by Lowell Nicholson

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C Shook	2	2	2	0	2	0	2					
H Hobbs	3	1	1	0	1	0	1					
J Noblet	3	1	1	2	1	1	1					
D Forrester	1	0	0	0	1	1	0					
A Barrett	2	0	0	0	1	0	0					
L Rich	4	0	0	0	0	2	0					
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Register now for T-Ball and Farm League at Rec Center

The Towns County Recreation Department will be holding registration for T-Ball and Farm League thru March 29th. Co-Ed T-Ball is for boys and girls ages 4 and 5. Co-Ed Farm League is for boys & girls ages 6, 7 and 8. The age control date will be prior to May 1st for boys and girls. Boys and girls ages 6 may play in either the T-Ball or the Farm League programs.

Cost for these programs will be \$35 per participant. All registration will be held at the new Recreation Department. Our hours of operation are: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. til 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.