

# Towns County Sports

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## Junior Varsity football has returned to Towns County

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The first JV game in five years was played last week with the Indians hosting the Copper Basin Cougars at Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

Unfortunately, the Cougars came out on top 24-0. The TCHS football program has been unable to field a JV program for the last five years because of an insufficient number of players on the Indians' roster.

Last Thursday that drought came to an end when 13 players suited up for the first of six scheduled games on the 2012 schedule.

This says a lot about the students' growing enthusiasm for the sports programs at TCHS.

The Indians won the opening coin toss and elected to receive. They started their first drive from their own 30-yard line but unfortunately coughed up the ball on an inside trap and an alert Cougar fell on the ball for the turnover.

The Cougars scored on the very next play, but were unable to convert the two-point conversion due to a determined Indian defensive front.

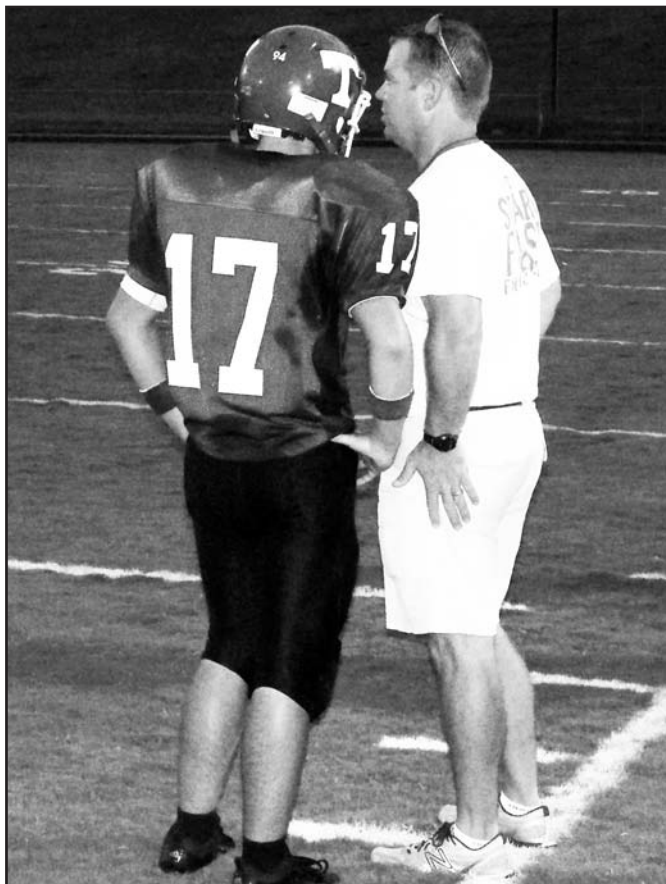
The next possession for the Indians was a mirror of the first series they coughed up the football again to Copper Basin.

The Cougars converted the turnover into points as they scored on a right side sweep, but again a solid Indian defensive front denied the two-point conversion and the score was 12-0 in favor of the Cougars.

The Indians were showing some promise as they mounted a solid drive going on their last possession of the half. The offense picked up a couple of first downs on the back of some really solid blocking by



Towns County hosted the Cougars in the first JV game in five years. Photo: Joe Collins



Dylan Roberts and Coach Jason McClure. Photo: Joe Collins

the Indians front line and some heads up offense. The Indians again experienced the turnover bug as they fumbled and the Cougars recovered. A 55-yard pass play later and the Cougars scored again. The Indians again denied the two-point conversion and the first half ended with Copper Basin leading 18-0. At the start of the second half, the Towns County coach-

ing staff began to realize that this JV team just needed some playing time and relinquished the game to a full speed game situation practice. The five years that TCHS has been inactive in the JV program brought to light the importance of playing together as a team.

Head Coach Kyle Langford explained the concept.

"We just weren't ready for the speed of an actual game," he said. "These guys practice hard all week and a real game is faster than practice. Basin has already played a couple of games and they are conditioned to the environment. It's hard to find the time to work as a unit during the week when we are preparing for Friday night."

The coaches at TCHS are excited that they finally have enough players to actually field a JV team. "Our goal was to let these guys get out on the field and have some fun playing football," Coach Langford said "They work just as hard as everyone else during the week and this arena gives the underclassman a chance to show us coaches what they can do in a game situation.

"The JV games are a plus for everybody," he said. "Next year when these guys move up then they will have something to draw from."

The Indians were unable to score during the second half while the Cougars added another touchdown for a final score of 24-0. However; the Indians won in another way by reestablishing the JV program at TCHS.

"It makes me feel good to see how many kids we have playing football at Towns County now," declared an optimistic Coach Langford.

TCHS Indian football is on the move. Students and fans should be proud of what is going on at TCHS, not only in football but all other athletics as well. Good luck Indians and keep up the hard work because people are noticing.

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game. The Panthers recovered an onside kick and ran out the clock.

Noblet and Bloodworth made some really big plays at crucial times during the game that aren't reflected in the stat sheets, but kept the Indians alive.

Bloodworth had 8 carries for 66 yards and Gibson completed 10 of 14 passes for 113 yards and one score.

Junior Vonya Baldwin

was solid on defense with four solo tackles and Shook finished the night with 3.5 tackles. Noblet had 3.5 tackles and recovered a fumble late in the game, which nearly resulted in an Indians' score.

The Indians travel to Fellowship Christian in Roswell on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Come out and support the Indians' football team, as they just keep getting better. Go Indians!



Team captains before kickoff. Union won the toss and deferred.



Cruz Shook brings down Union County's Robert Prunier. Photos by Joe Collins and Lowell Nicholson

## Towns County youth football completes Saturday sweep

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The North Georgia Youth Football League played its second weekend last Saturday and it was a big day for all involved. All three teams won their games and this "sweep" was the first in seven years for the Towns County division. Director Jimmy Smith was very happy with this success.

"We haven't won all three games on the same day in seven years and this is great. It shows how good coaching, involved parents and a lot of hard work from our athletes is making the sport of football better in Towns County," declared an optimistic Smith.

Saturday started out with the 8-year-old group. They took on the YFL team from White County and won with the score of 12-0. Defense was a big key for the Indians.

The Warriors of White County had a very good team. They had a big kid in the backfield and the Indians were able to contain him most of the day. Three different times the Warriors threatened to score inside the "red zone" and each time the pounding by the Indians defense caused fumbles which resulted in turnovers. The defense got tough when the tough got going and refused to lose this game.

The offense moved the ball on the ground really well and the front line blocking kept the Warriors defense in check. The first Touchdown of the game was actually a pass play



A Towns County back avoids Warrior defenders in last Saturday's action. Photo: Joe Collins

in the first quarter, which is rare in this division.

"We actually worked on that pass play a lot this week in practice and it paid off," said Head Coach Patrick Oakes.

The extra point attempt failed and the score was 6-0.

The game went back and forth until the Indians broke a right hand sweep for 45 yards to the Warriors 12-yard line with 1:32 left in the game. The following left hand sweep crossed the goal line and the Indians led 12-0. The extra point failed and the game soon ended with an Indian win.

The 5- and 6-year-old group played East Hall next and the excitement got started early when the Indians broke a long run around the right side for 70 yards and the first TD of the game.

The extra points attempt was no good and the score was 6-0 Indians. The Indians ground game was very solid

to move the ball well and put another TD on the board about half way through the first half but missed the extra point. The score was 12-0 Indians until the Warriors found a hole in the Indian defense and made a long run to score their first TD. Their extra point was good and the score moved to 12-7. Both teams were moving the ball well throughout the rest of the half with some exciting plays including an interception by the Indians. The first half ended with the Indians leading 24-14.

The second half saw the Indians move the ball on the ground extremely well but could only manage to cross the goal line once while containing the Warriors to a scoreless half. The Indians defense was very solid and every time the White County offense got on the move, and Indian stepped up to make a great defensive play.

Overall, the 9-year-old team played very solid. They moved the ball well because of some good blocking and solid running. The defense kept a larger and more formidable team from moving the ball consistently and came away with a win, 30-14. "The defense had to step up and get it done today and they did." White County is a really good team and our defense made the difference," proclaimed Head Coach Rodney Thomas.

The YFL is proving to be an excellent training ground for the younger kids in Towns County and the coaches are doing a wonderful job. If you are interested in traveling to the games next Saturday simply go to [ngyfa.org](http://ngyfa.org) for the schedule.



Towns County Indian Cheerleaders urge spectators to support their team. Photo: Joe Collins.

## TC Rec Department Info

### Attention Fitness Room Participants:

Listed are the operating hours and new participant orientation hours. Anyone using the equipment must go thru an orientation. The weekly schedule is as follows: Orientation Instructor is Gary Noe

### Hours of orientation:

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Hours of Operation:  
Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Please enjoy. Towns County Recreation Department.

lowing exercise classes each week at the Towns County Recreation Center.

YOGA CLASSES - We have 2 separate class times instructed by Pat Tomczyk.

EVENING CLASS- Each Monday from 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

MORNING CLASS Each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month.)

MORNING AEROBICS CLASSES - Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Our instructor is Donna McAuliffe.

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For these programs and any other information we can help you with, just call the Recreation Department at (706)-896-2600.

Come Exercise With Us The Recreation Department wants to remind everyone that we are offering the fol-

## TCHS Softball in action

The Towns County Lady Indian softball team dropped to 5-8 on the year following three losses last week.

On Monday, Aug. 27th the Indians fell to Class AAAA's Chestatee 5-0, despite Towns taking both of the team's previous two meetings.

On Wednesday, Towns would again face off against a school from a higher classification when they met the Lady Wildcats of Rabun County. Towns came within an eyelash of knocking off the Lady Cats but suffered a 7-6 defeat.

Finally on Thursday, Towns was able to play some-

one from Class A. Unfortunately, it was a Region 8-A game against the Commerce Lady Tigers, which they dropped 8-0.

The Lady Indians fell to Commerce earlier in the season 5-1.

This week the Lady Indians look to get back on track as they travel to Gwinnett County to face Providence Christian.

Towns will then be off the remainder of the week and will pick back up at home on Tuesday, Sept. 11th against Prince Avenue Christian.

Towns County now sits at 1-2 in Region 8-A play.

