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Loss at Rabun Gap concludes first half of schedule; bye week welcomed

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The Towns County Indians fell to 0-5 last Friday night, losing to Rabun Gap (3-2), for the second straight season, 34-12.

The Indians will have two weeks to regroup as Towns County is off this Friday before the second half of the season begins on Oct. 4th.

On Friday, the Indians led early but trailed 14-7 after a quarter and were still in the mix at the break, down 21-7.

Rabun Gap would put things away in the third with 13 points, taking a 34-7 advantage. The Indians would add a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Indians' pass coverage was respectable, allowing 193 yards through the air, forcing an interception.

However, the run defense was suspect as Rabun Gap racked up 203 yards on the ground - 6.5 yards per carry. Although when you fumble five times like the Indians did, it forces a heavy burden upon your defense.

Regardless of the giveaways, Rabun Gap wasn't too eager to put the game out of reach. The home team was penalized 15 times for 129 yards.

Following this week's bye, Towns returns to action facing Copper Basin, Tenn. at home on Homecoming with another bye week awaiting on Oct. 11th.

With games at North Cobb on Oct. 18th and St. Francis on Oct. 25th, the Basin game will be one of the last opportunities to play in front of



Senior Evan Keyes (55) leads the way for freshman running back Kobe Denton. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Junior Zach Sewell carries the ball. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Freshman quarterback Russell Cox. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Cruz Shook (10), Kobe Denton (32), and Daulton Rogers (18) look for blocks to create running room for senior Vonya Baldwin (12). Photos by Lowell Nicholson.

the home crowd in 2013. The Indians final home game will be on Nov. 1st when they host Lakeview Academy on Senior Night. The season concludes with a trip to Hebron Christian on Nov. 11th. As for Copper Basin, the Cougars are also 0-5, having lost to Hayesville, NC 47-7, and Andrews, NC 33-20. The Cougars led 14-13 entering the fourth quarter but a 20-6 outburst by the Wildcats gave them the win. The week before, Andrews trailed Union County 13-6 in the fourth quarter but Union put the game away with 21 straight in the final six minutes.

Towns County picks off Hebron

By Mason Mitcham
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The Towns County softball team emerged victorious with a score of 7-3 from their game against Hebron Christian on Tuesday.

At bat first, the Hebron Christian Lions scored twice in the first inning. With the score 2-0 so early in the first, the game seemed to be off to a bad start for Towns County. The Lady Indians refused to be disheartened, however. Kristin Henson scored at the bottom of the first, followed by Morgan Bradley and Tori Morgan.

The score was 3-2, Towns, when Hebron Christian had to pull their starting pitcher because she physically hit too many Towns County athletes.

Tatiana Baldwin scored soon afterward, bringing the score to 4-2. Carly Gilfilian and Bailey Sutton scored runs off of a solid hit by Henson. When a flustered Hebron Christian started to make errors, Alyssa Pyle was able to score a run off of a missed catch. The score was 7-2 going into the second inning.

The game stalled during the second, third, and fourth innings. After their first furious barrage, Towns County was unable to score again. Hebron Christian certainly made spirited attempts at a comeback, but excellent defense by Towns, especially in the outfield, prevented them from scoring until the fifth.

During the top of the fifth, Hebron Christian hit a home run. Since no one was on base for the lions, however, they put only one more point on the board, bringing the score to 7-3. That was how the game ended.

Tori Morgan distinguished herself that game, coolly hitting and catching balls, making runs, and stealing bases. Coach Berrong added that overall, Towns



Towns County Lady Indians pounded out seven runs in their win over Hebron Christian Academy last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

County did better defensively than they had in previous games. "Our defense was better this week," she said. "We still have some things we need to work on in the outfield." Berrong also noted that pitcher Emily Ledford was working down on her pitching. "She's giving them lower strikes so we're not getting as many fly balls in the outfield. We're getting more ground balls. Of

Cross Country sets personal bests

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Murphy, NC - A total of 11 teams ran at the cross country meet at Murphy, NC on Wednesday, including Towns, Hayesville, Murphy, Cherokee, and Union County.

It was a day of improvements for the Towns County cross country team. Almost every runner PR'd, meaning that they ran for their best times this season. Coach Jeannie Ledford said she was extremely happy about the race.

"Today showed growth," she said.

Freshman Tyler Grimsley once again led the boys with a time of 19:47. He was closely followed by Marshall Ledford, a freshman, at 21:00. Cesar Bustamante came in at 21:29. Sophomore Thomas Mitchell came in at 21:35. Sophomore Austin Watson came in at 22:30. Sophomores Chaiz Davenport and Hank Chambers followed with respective times of 23:19 and 23:50.

"Every one of the boys PR'd," Ledford said. "Every single one of them. On the guys' side, we're continuing to show growth. Pulling toward each other, lessening those gaps between each other on the guys' side. We're still going to work getting those times down."

Especially notable were the performances by Ledford, who cut four minutes from his previous time, and Watson, who improved by five minutes.

For the girls, Senior Ansley Vardeman got eighth place and a personal record of 21:25. Sophomore Alley Settles and senior Taylor Vardeman were close behind with respective times of 25:34 and 25:37. Samantha Quijada, a sophomore, ran for 26:20. Alana Calhoun,



Coach Jeannie Ledford and her Towns County Cross Country squads. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

a junior, got a time of 27:03. Freshman Rosa-Jane Clinton came in at 27:48. Amanda Garrett, Emma-Kate Ledford, and Kenzi Jenkins, all freshmen, came in at 29:48, 30:01, and 29:09, respectively.

"It was fierce competition, as expected," Ledford said. "That's what I wanted for them."

The competition may be bringing out the runners' competitive natures. Quijada knocked five minutes and 27 seconds from her previous time. Calhoun lowered her time by 5 minutes and 25 seconds. Garret lowered her time by 6:59, Emma-Kate Ledford lowered hers by 6:12, Kenzi Jenkins lowered hers by 5:14,

and Rosa-Jane Clinton lowered hers by nearly eight minutes. These are all significant improvements from Coach Ledford's freshmen.

Ledford said, "I'm well-pleased." Coach Ledford said, "We're still shifting around with these freshmen. All these new ones really are stepping up. They're beginning to come in to their own." She credited the senior leadership for bringing out the best in the new runners. "They're really working together as a team effort, and that's their driving force right now. Literally, it's not about when they hurt. It's that they push harder for their family members."

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OCTOBER 3, 2013

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