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## Patton reaches milestone; leads Lady Indians past Apalachee

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**Winder** - The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team traveled to Apalachee High School in Barrow County last Tuesday to complete the second of two games against Class AAAAA teams from that county in a tip off tournament.

They followed the lead of junior Stephanie Patton in taking a 54-29 victory, which wasn't, as in their first two wins, as competitive as the final score might indicate. The victory gives the Lady Indians a 3-0 record at the time of the Thanksgiving break.

Patton poured in 22 first half points, including the 1,000th of her career as the Lady Indians exploded away from just a 17-13 lead after one quarter to hold advantages of 36-14 at intermission and 47-16 after three quarters in coasting to the win.

The home standing Lady Wildcats sank five field goals in the first quarter while never leading but remaining in striking distance, trailing by just one point on two occasions, including by just an 8-7 score midway through the quarter. After that, they sank just three free throws in the two middle quarters and didn't connect for their sixth field goal until the 4:10 mark of the fourth quarter.

Patton used drives to the basket via either layups or pull-up jumpers for five deuces and 10 points in the first quarter with her teammates adding 7-for-8 free throw shooting, including 4-for-4 by Kellsie Cowart, in



Stephanie Patton reached her 1,000th point in the win over Apalachee. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

accounting for the 17-13 lead.

Patton then sank two treys by the 5:25 mark of the second quarter in reaching the coveted 1,000 point milestone and she added three more deuces by intermission in accumulating the aforementioned 22 points and leading the way to the 36-14 score.

Patton got her final basket of the quarter when she took the ball coast to coast for a lay up at the buzzer in extending just a 15-13 Towns lead.

The scoring pace slowed down for the Lady Indians in the last half with a trey and two free throws by Patton in the third quarter and identical produc-

tion by Bailey Sutton for five points in the fourth highlighting second half action for the Lady Indians.

The Lady Indians extended the halftime lead to 41-14 by the two-minute mark of the third quarter and followed a pair of Lady Wildcat free throws with six additional points on a trey by Patton and a three-point play by Madison Johnson for the 47-16 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was reduced from 8 to 6 minutes by the mercy rule applied when one team leads another by 30 or more points with the Lady Indians getting their biggest



Kellsie Cowart goes up strong for two points during the first half at Apalachee. Cowart finished with a team-high six rebounds. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

lead of 49-16 on an early Patton basket.

The Lady Cats reduced the final margin to 54-29 as they broke the long field goal drought by including two treys and two deuces in a 13-5 finish.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians for the game were Patton with 29 points, Sutton with 9, and Johnson with 5.

Unofficial leaders in other statistical categories included Misty Lindemuth with 2 assists; Cowart, Lindemuth, and Sutton with 6 rebounds each; and Karlie Albach and Patton with 4 steals each and Jocelyn Byers, Johnson, Lindemuth, and Sutton with 3 each.



The Lady Indians trap a Lady Wildcat. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Lady Indians' J.V. opens season with a romp over Woody Gap's Varsity

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**Suches** - The Lady Indians' JV got their season off in fine style when they traveled to Suches last Monday to face off against the Woody Gap Varsity.

They broke out to a 14-0 lead after one quarter and led 21-7 at the half and 36-7 after three quarters in taking a 46-21 victory.

Sophomore Brooke Smith led the scoring with six points in the first quarter and freshman Emory Patton totaled five the first half when seven different Lady Indians entered the scoring column. Freshman Madison Landress then led the way in the third quarter with five points and freshman McKenzie Carroll totaled five the last half as seven Lady Indians again entered the scoring column.

A well balanced scoring attack for the game, with eight of eleven Lady Indians dressed for the game entering the scoring column, was led by Carroll, Landress, and Patton with 7 points each while Smith and freshman Madison Stroud scored 6 each



The Lady Indians JV squad goes after a loose ball at Woody Gap. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

and Freshman Kristen Henson added 5. Seven Lady Indians were credited with at least one assist by your reporter with leaders being Landress with 4, Henson with 3, and Patton with 2.

All Lady Indians saw significant playing time with those

not mentioned previously being Junior Taylor McCarter, sophomore Savannah Dyer, and freshmen Kirsten Ledford, Cadence Nichols, and Sierra Oakes. Dyer and Smith are seeing some double duty with the Lady Indian Varsity and Junior Varsity.

## Indians JV gets big win in season opener over Woody Gap varsity

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**Suches** - The Towns County Indians' JV team got it's season underway in most impressive style last Monday in Suches against the Woody Gap Falcons Varsity, coming away with a 56-31 victory.

While getting a victory is always rewarding, the win took on added significance when considering that the Falcons had taken an earlier victory over the Class AAAA Lumpkin County JV's.

Of added importance was the fact that all thirteen Indians dressed for the game saw significant amounts of action with nine of the thirteen entering the scoring column and three others contributing at least one assist.

The game was quite a battle for the first five minutes of a seven minute quarter as the Falcons held leads of 1-0 and 5-4 before the Indians struck for a 10-1 run between the 2:56 and 1:17 marks for a 14-6 lead which became 16-10 by quarter's end. Five different Indians put points on the scoreboard during the quarter with freshman Will Devries with six points and sophomore Jake Pyrlik with four leading the way. Devries got the Indians a 6-5 lead they would not relinquish on a field goal with 2:56 on the clock.



Indians JV battle in the paint at Woody Gap. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

nated the second quarter with seven players putting points on the scoreboard as they outscored the Falcons by a 20-2 margin in taking a 36-12 lead at intermission. Freshman Darringer Barrett, Devries, and sophomore Curtis Swanson took the scoring lead for the quarter with four points each for the Indians.

The two teams played on virtually even terms the last half as the Indians held a 9-7 scoring advantage in the third quarter and the Falcons a 12-11 margin in the fourth. Six different Indians entered the scoring column the last half with highlights including a trey by Darringer Barrett in the third quarter and

freshman Colton Shook including a trey among nine points in the fourth.

A balanced scoring attack for the game was led by Colton Shook with 11 points, Devries with 10, Darringer Barrett with 9, and freshman Adam Barrett and Pyrlik with 6 each. Ten different Indians were credited with at least one assist on your reporter's unofficial tally with leaders being freshman Kobe Denton with 3 and Freshmen Major Moss and Jackson Taylor with 2 each. Other Indians seeing action but not listed above were sophomores Kevin Reardon and Isaiah Shook and freshmen Brady Moss and Andrew Rogers.

## King of the Mountain to be crowned this weekend

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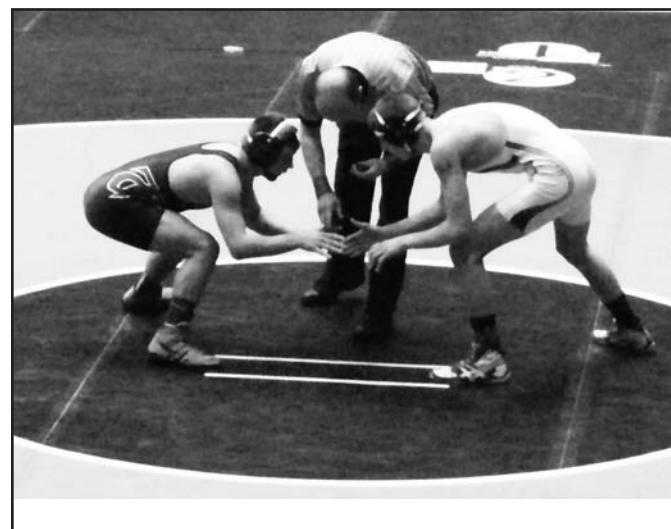
The 2013 King of the Mountain Tournament is on deck and Towns County and many other local schools are gearing up for the challenge.

The Indians placed 9th last year with 110 points and Vonya Baldwin picked up silver in the 132-pound division with a 3-1 record. Baldwin fell to Dawson County's Cory Jenkins in the finals. However, Baldwin knocked off White County's Caleb Cooper in the Semi-Finals

Austin Stephens came in sixth place in the 160-pound weight class with a 3-3 record. Stephens defeated Riverside's Alex Baker and Madison County's Zack Kerns and Cherokee NC's Levi Swearingin.

In the 182-pound division, Kyle Davis finished in fifth place with a 3-2 record. Davis knocked off Social Circle's Levi Manns in the consolation bracket. He would also defeat Madison County's Randy Whitley, and Union County's Michael Bailey to reach the final match of the bracket.

Banks County left with the first place hardware with 10 wrestlers placing inside the Top 3. North Hall, Dawson County,



Vonya Baldwin (left) rode a wave of momentum off his third place finish at King of the Mountain all the way to State. Photo/Joe Collins

Pickens County, and Cherokee, NC rounded out the Top 5.

This year the Indians will feature a mix of youth and experience with 11 freshmen along with Baldwin (138 pounds), Stephens (160 pounds), Kyle Davis (182 pounds), John Davis (220 pounds), Tyler Davis (132 pounds), and Aaron Collier (126 pounds).

At 106 pounds is sophomore Thomas Mitchell, 113 pounds is freshman Peyton Smith, and at 120 pounds is freshman Cody Wiggins. Freshman Trent Whidden will

wrestle at 126, freshman Owen Bouchard at 138, sophomore Keanu Nguyen and freshman Russell Cox at 145.

At 152 pounds is another freshman is Logan Quinton, along with sophomore Jonathan Watson and freshman Gavin Langelier. Freshmen Nic Shook and Cody Williams will wrestle at 160. Another freshman, Daulton Rogers is at 170 pounds, sophomore Andrew Watson and freshman Kendall Barnard at 195 pounds.

Action begins this Friday at 5 p.m. in Hiawassee.

### TOWNS CO. WRESTLING

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Leave
11/15	Franklin Co.	Carnesville	5:30/2:45
11/19	Asheville School	Asheville	5:00/2:00
11/23	UC Panther Classic	Blairstown	TBA
12/3	White Co. / N. Hall	Cleveland	5:00/3:30
12/6-12/7	King of the Mountains	Home	TBA
12/13	Union Co., Franklin, Rabun, Hayesville, Hart Co.	Home	4:30
12/14	Rumble on the Ridge	Blue Ridge	TBA
12/19-12/21	Disney Duals	Orlando, FL	TBA
1/3-1/4	Area Duals	Holy Innocents	TBA
1/9	Hart Co./	Hartwell	5:00/2:30
1/10***	Rabun Co.	Home	5:00/3:45
1/11-1/12	State Duals	Macon	TBA
1/15	Rabun Co.	Clayton	5:00/3:30
1/17	Rabun Gap	Home	6:30
1/18	Union Co.	Home	TBA
1/21	Robbinsville	Robbinsville	TBA
1/24	Hayesville	Home	6:00
1/25	N.E. GA Championships	Toccoa	TBA
1/31-2/1	Area	Commerce	TBA
2/8	Sectionals	Mt. Vernon	TBA
2/14-2/15	State Tournament	Macon	TBA

\*\*\* Tentative based on Qualification for the State Duals