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Lady Indian JV's pull off huge comeback to get second victory

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The Towns County Lady Indian JV's were in action just one time last week but made it a memorable event for themselves by charging from eighteen points behind and taking an eleven point victory over Pinecrest Academy from Cumming.

A similar comeback against Union County one week earlier came just a bit short of victory for the Lady Indians but they would not be denied on this afternoon of their second win of the season and a break even 2-2 record.

The first 10 minutes of the game were a real struggle for the Lady Indians as they managed just two free throws by Emory Patton in falling to a 20-2 deficit. Two free throws by Savannah Dyer at the 4:02 mark of the second quarter triggered a modest 11-7 run for a 27-13 deficit at intermission but no real hint of what was to follow. Patton scored six points and Dyer five during the scoring run for the Lady Indians.

The Lady Indians stunned the Lady Paladins with a 20-4 advantage during the third quarter, however, with scoring leaders being Dyer with 6 points, Kristen Henson with five, and Madison Landress with four for a 33-31 lead entering the fourth quarter. Henson got the Lady Indians what turned out to be the only tie score in the game of 31-31 on a free throw with eight seconds on the clock and came up with a loose ball and an eight foot field goal with three seconds left to get them ahead, for good as it turned out, as they extended the 33-31 lead for a 47-36 victory with Patton taking the scoring lead with six points in the fourth quarter.

Scoring leaders for the game were Patton with 16 points, Dyer with 11 in just two quarters of playing time, Landress with 7, and Henson with 5 while Brooke Smith led in assists with 4 and Madison Stroud added 3.

Lady Indians' JV in action during a recent game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Indian JV's fall to Riverside Military and Pinecrest Academy

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It was another tough week for the Towns County Indian JV's last week as they fell to defeat at the hands of Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville on Tuesday and at home to Pinecrest Academy of Cumming on Saturday.

The Indians continued to play a bit short handed due to freshmen Will Devries and Major Moss held out of JV action for full time varsity duty and other freshmen being limited to two and three quarters to remain eligible for action in the varsity games within five total quarters allowed. The situation became more difficult with the loss of Devries to injury in last Saturday's varsity game with more restrictive use of other freshmen on JV's likely for potential varsity play when both teams are in action the same day.

At Riverside, the Indians took a 2-0 lead on an Adam Barrett basket less than a minute into the first quarter and were within 5-3 on a Kobe Denton free throw at 4:45 with neither team scoring after that until the Eagles sank a long trey as time expired for an 8-3 lead after one quarter. The Eagles used that trey as a springboard to a 15-3 advantage during the second quarter when they once again ended the stanza with a long trey, this time with three seconds on the clock.

The two teams played on virtually even terms the last half with the Eagles holding an 11-9 advantage in the third quarter for a 34-15 lead and the two teams battling to an 11-11 standoff in the fourth for a 45-36 final score. Highlights for the Indians the last half included five points, with a trey included, for Darringer Barrett in the third and treys by Brady Moss and Colton Shook in the fourth.

Scoring leaders for the Indians for the game were Darringer Barrett with 5 points and the trio of Moss, Jake Pyrlik, and Jackson Taylor with 4 each while Darringer Barrett also led in assists with 2.

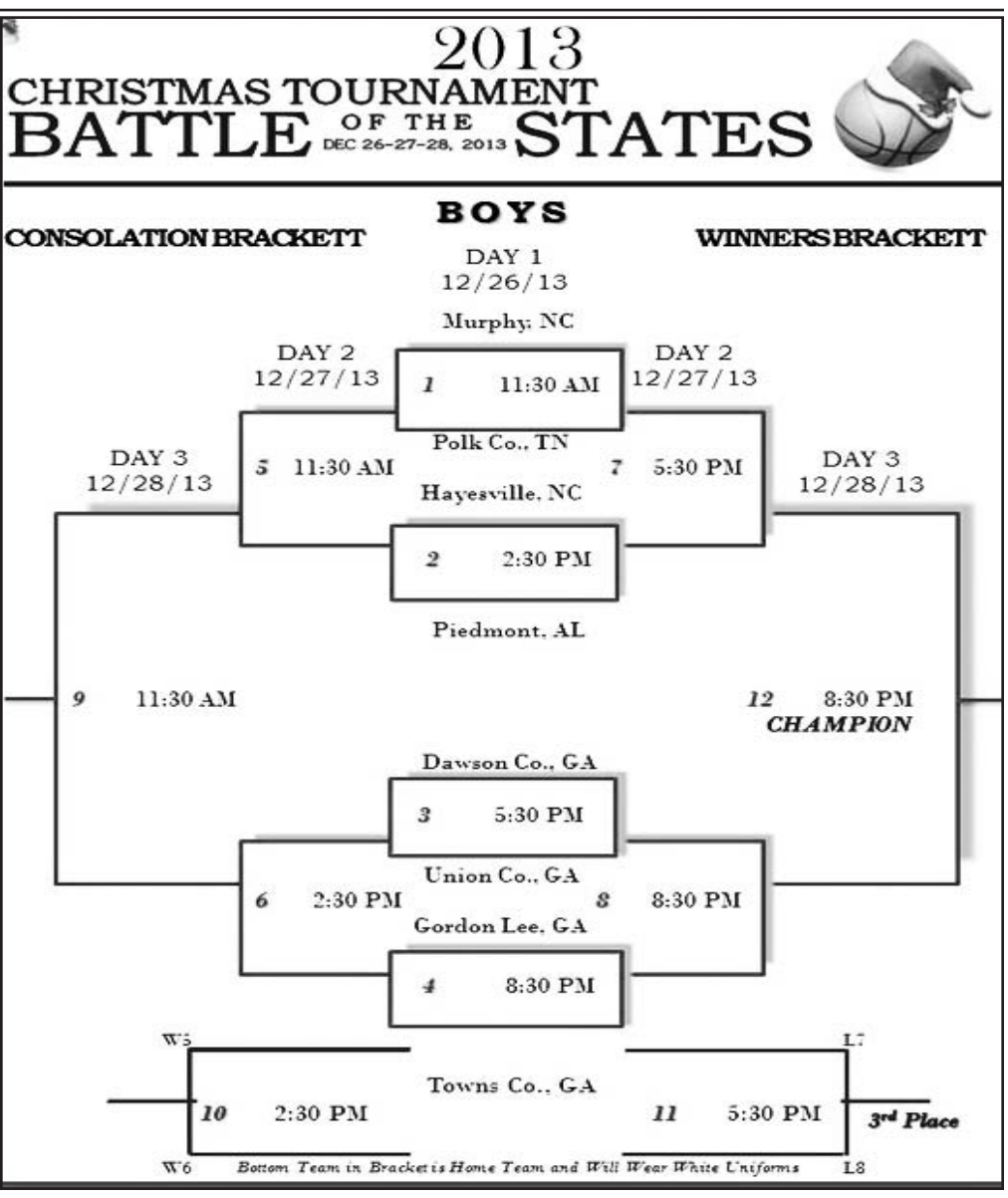
In the Pinecrest Academy game, Jackson Taylor got the Indians a 2-0 lead just fifty seconds into the game but the Paladins struck for a 14-0 run before an Adam Barrett putback with 33 seconds left had the Indians trailing 14-4 after one quarter. The second quarter turned out to be pretty much a free throw shooting contest with the Indians including a single deuce among eleven points and the Paladins a trey and a deuce among their 10 points.

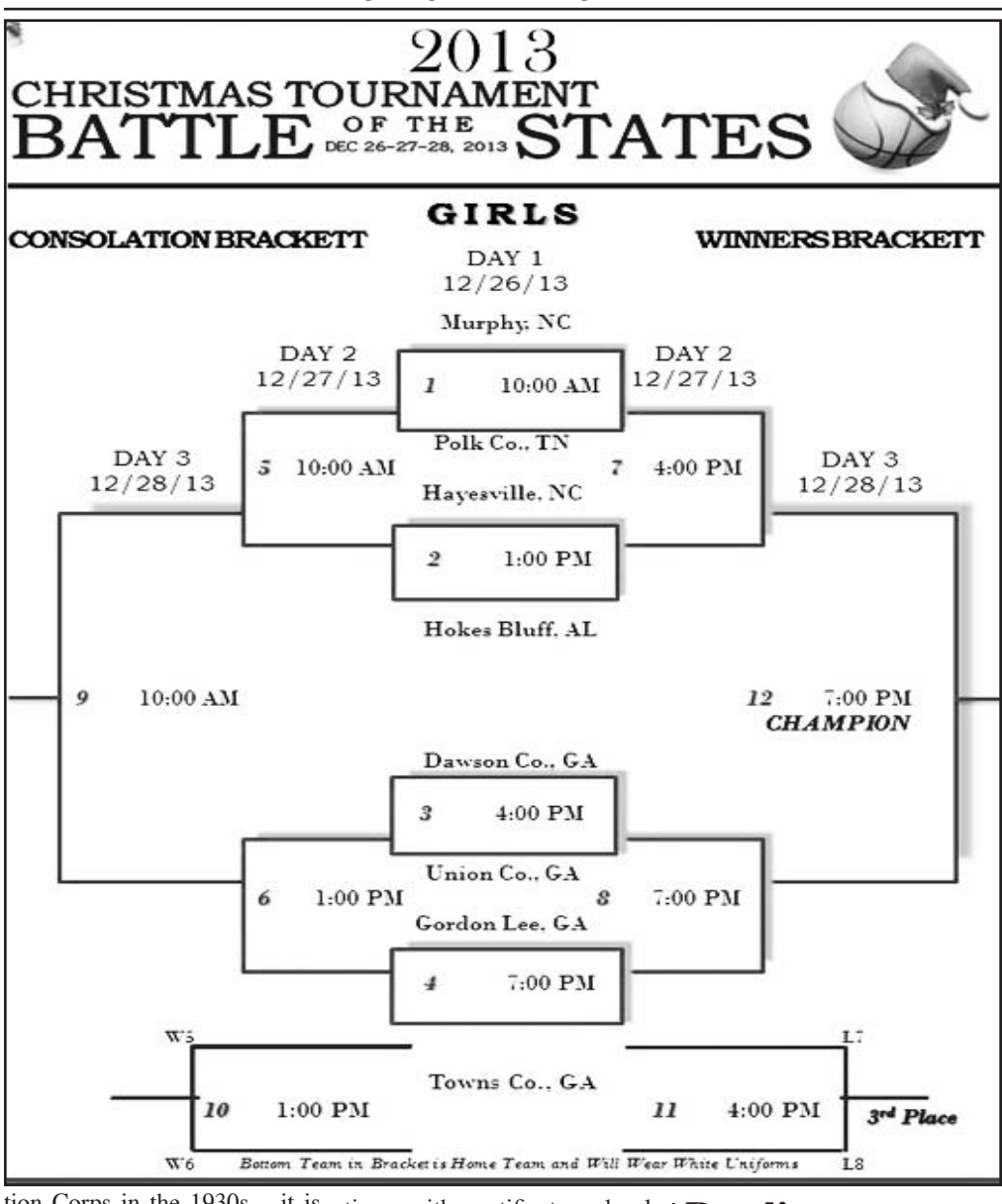
The Indians sank nine of seventeen free throws during the quarter while the Paladins went five for eleven at the charity stripe. Barrett and Kobe Denton took the scoring lead with four points each as they played in just two quarters of the JV game.

Darringer Barrett carried most of the scoring load the last half with four points in the third quarter and three in the fourth as the Paladins led 37-24 after three quarters and took a 48-27 victory.

Darringer Barrett and Adam Barrett took the scoring lead for the game with 9 and 6 points respectively while Brady Moss and Colton Shook combined for the only two assists tallied by your reporter.

Adam Barrett during a game with Union. Photo/Lowell Nicholson





Three local businesses designated as AT Supporters

Mountain Crossings: L-R: Grady Garner, Lamar Paris (Union County Sole Commissioner), Jason Clemmons, Dayton Miller, Georganna Morton, Logan Seamon, Janet Hartman, Valencia Morris – USFS.

Bikes and Hikes: L-R: Dayton Miller, Janet Hartman, Randy Denniston, Grady Garner, Valencia Morris – USFS.

Sunrise Grocery L-R: Janet Hartman, Grady Garner, Jason Clemmons, Valencia Morris – USFS.

On December 4, 2013, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and the Blairsville-Union County Appalachian Trail (A.T.) Community Advisory Committee celebrated and recognized three locally owned Union County businesses for their support of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The ATC, through the A.T. Community Program™, seeks to highlight businesses and other organizations that provide support to members of the hiking community by recognizing them as "A.T. Community Supporters". "We are especially proud of the fact that these Union County businesses represent the first A.T. Community Supporters recognized by the ATC through this exciting new program" said Janet Hartman, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee. The three businesses that received the designation are Sunrise Grocery, owned by Jason Clemmons; Blairsville Bikes & Hikes, owned by Randy Denniston; and Mountain Crossings at Walasi-Yi, owned by Georganna (George) Morton and Logan Seamon.

The three businesses each received a letter of recognition from the ATC, a framed certificate, and a special door decal. More importantly, the businesses get free publicity through the ATC website and publications with prominent hot-links to their business websites. The A.T. Supporters provide special services for hikers, information, advice, and in some cases, discounts on goods or services. For example, historic Sunrise Grocery offers information about the A.T. and other local trails, information about trail maintaining and hiking clubs, and trail maps, as well as groceries, fresh produce, and an assortment of unique gifts and clothing items. Blairsville Bikes & Hikes sells ATC branded products, backpacking and hiking gear, supplies, maps, books, bikes, information and friendly advice about local hiking and biking opportunities, and a 10% discount for ATC members and members of local hiking clubs. Mountain Crossings is a full service hiking and backpacking outfitter with a wide variety of quality products to meet the needs of all hikers, from the casual day hiker to the serious A.T. backpacker. Mountain Crossings is located in the beautiful Walasi-Yi Center, built of local stone by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s – it is the only place on the entire A.T. where the trail passes through a building! They offer friendly advice, pack "shake downs" to help lighten pack loads, internet access, meals, hot showers, beds in a recently renovated hiker hostel, and a 10% discount to ATC members and members of local hiking clubs on hiking gear, food, clothing, books, and gift products.

Blairsville and Union County became an official Appalachian Trail Community™ in March 2011. The Appalachian Trail Community™ designation is a program of the ATC, the nonprofit organization responsible for management and protection of the estimated 2,180-mile Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The program recognizes communities for their part in promoting awareness of the Appalachian Trail as an important local and national asset. Organizations and businesses that help build public awareness about the significant resources and economic opportunities the A.T. brings to A.T. Communities, help leverage and strengthen ATC's ability to protect it.

"The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is excited about the new A.T. Supporter initiative. We are strengthening relationships with those giving back to the Trail, and thanking those businesses and organizations with certificates, decals and media attention," states Julie Judkins, ATC Community Program Manager.

Designation as an Appalachian Trail Community™ and participation in the program is aimed to: engage community residents, trail visitors, and stewards. Thank communities for their decades of service to hikers. Act as a catalyst for sustainable economic development. Aid municipalities and regional areas with conservation planning initiatives. Promote the Trail as a community resource and asset.

The ATC was founded in 1925 by volunteers and federal officials working to build a continuous footpath along the Appalachian Mountains. The A.T. is a unit of the National Park System, stretching from Georgia to Maine, at approximately 2,180 miles in length. It is the longest hiking-only footpath in the world. Volunteers typically donate more than 220,000 hours of their time doing trail-related work each year, and between 2 and 3 million visitors walk a portion of the A.T. each year.

To find out more about Blairsville or the Blairsville – Union County A.T. Community, visit: www.appalachiantrail.org/what-we-do/community-engagement/appalachian-trail-communities/blairsville---union-county-ga. N(Dec18,M1)SH

Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies: Shae Roberts 232, 211, 191 Series 634; Amber Gilbert 228.

Monday Night Mens: Bob Brown 202, Ranny Jones 203, 233, Richard Tanner 202, 210, Mike Davis 257, Dave Davis 203, 247, 220 Series 670, Jim McCreary 202, 223, 235 Series 660, Gary Brown 215, Ken Sampson 200, Taz Matezschk 222, BJ Gilbert 247, 234, 180 Series 661, Russ Southcott 248, John Stevens 193, 246, 222 Series 661, Ryan Deaton 226, 240, 223, Series 689, Bill Smith 202, Ron Wingate 211, Larry Canaan 221, DeJay DeJoseph 203, 235, Austin Hedden 212, 212, Joe Teague 240, 215, 196, Series 651, Derrick Rice 192, 227, 200 Series 619.

Young @ Heart: Helen Mack 193, Max Puett 211, Ron Weppelman 205.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Ray Everett 235, 300, 226 Series 761, Russ Southcott 205, 259, Ken Clark 228, 200, Daniel Brown 202, Jeb Plott 226, 269, 216 Series 711, Curtis Corn 244, Bill Smith 227, Mike Davis 214, Larry Cannan 245, Bob Landis 205, Denise Baldwin 221, Zach Moore 238, Tim Moore 205, 236, 224, Dewey Allen 205, 200, Tony Lynch 255, Sarah Chumbley 204, Johnathan Everett 234, Michael Whitehead 203, Taz Matezschk 234, 200, 204. N(Dec18,Z4)CA