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Indians fall to red hot shooting at Hebron, rebound for close win over Tallulah

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There was a unique combination of quite admirable success and a very potent last half scoring run by one of their opponents in a split decision for the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team last week.

They traveled to Dacula on Tuesday where the Hebron Christian Lions were like a runaway train on their Senior Night in breaking open a close game the last half in taking a 73-43 victory but the Indians returned home for their own Senior Night on Friday and took a hard fought 58-55 victory over Tallulah Falls.

The two games completed regular season play for the Indians as they finished with an overall 9-16 record, including 7-6 overall in Region 8-A and 5-3 in Sub-Region 8-A North.

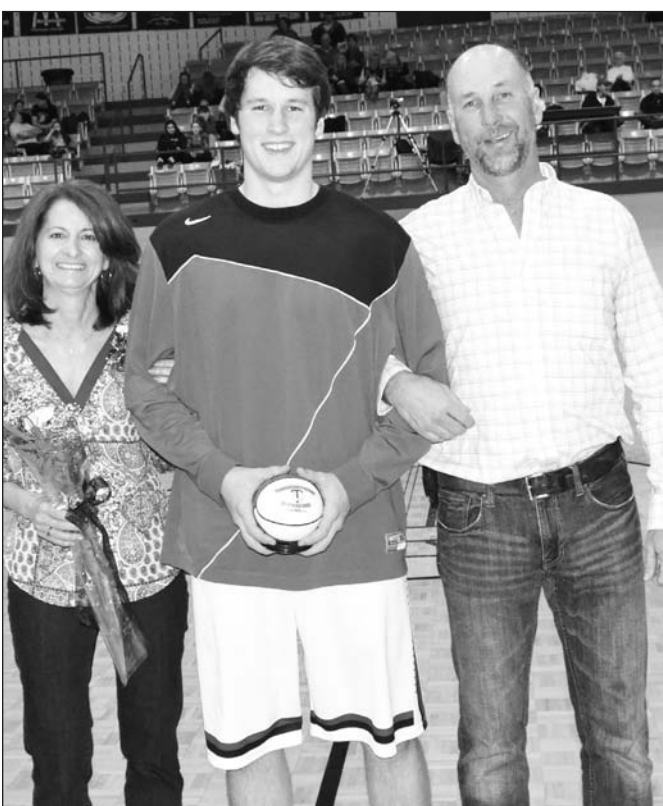
They finished fifth among ten teams overall in the region and in third place behind Hebron Christian and Lakeview Academy in the sub-region.

Hebron would resume the hot shooting of the last half on Tuesday against the Indians three nights later when they took their second win against Lakeview Academy, this time in Gainesville, by building a 45-30 lead past the mid point of the third quarter and holding on for a 65-60 win.

The wins against the Indians and Lakeview gave Hebron a seven game winning streak, all within the region, following their only sub-region loss, a 76-71 decision to the Indians in Hiwassee on January 16.

Hebron took the top seed position in Sub-Region 8A North with a 7-1 record, dropping Lakeview Academy to second with a 6-2 record, just ahead of the Indians.

At press time, the Indians are scheduled to face



Senior Boone Moss with family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Providence Christian Academy of Lilburn, the second place team from the south sub-region, at 8:30 pm this Wednesday with additional tournament information provided in a separate article.

**Indians 43
Hebron Christian 73**

Dacula - The first half of the Indians game at Hebron Christian was a real battle with the Indians rebounding from an early 7-2 deficit to within 15-13 on a trey by Zach Davenport at the 2:32 mark and to within 17-16 after one quarter on a field goal by Dallas Manus at 34 seconds.

Boone Moss led the way for the Indians in first quarter action with seven points from his inside position and he added nine more in the second quarter as Hebron took just a 31-27 lead to the dressing room at intermission.

The Indians were under a handicap by intermission, however, as two disputable foul calls on Moss, especially

when considering the amount of contact allowed on field goal attempts without fouls being called, the final three minutes of the half sent him to the bench with three fouls.

The Lions quickly took advantage of Moss' absence for awhile in using several steals and red hot shooting, with four treys included, in a 27-6 third quarter run in building a 58-33 lead entering the fourth quarter in taking the 73-43 victory.

Boone Moss led the scoring for the Indians for the game with 18 points with other leaders being Davenport with 9 and Manus with 5 while Major Moss led in assists with 6 and was followed by Manus with 4.

SCORING: B. Moss 18, Davenport 9, Manus 5, A. Barrett 4, M. Moss 4, DeVries 3

**Indians 58
Tallulah Falls 55**

The Indians had benefited by one of the top Tallulah Falls players, Michael Van



Senior Dallas Manus and family. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Hooser, being charged with four fouls in the first quarter at Tallulah Falls when the Indians led 47-25 at intermission and coasted to an 83-62 victory.

He stayed out of foul trouble last Friday, however, and played a primary role in the Tallulah Indians leading for most of the first half and keeping the outcome of the game in doubt until the closing seconds in a 58-55 TCHS victory.

The Indians took an early 2-0 lead on a basket by Boone Moss and got ties of 6-6 and 8-8 on a trey by freshman Zach Davenport and a deuce by senior Dallas Manus but Tallulah rallied for a 19-10 lead after one quarter.

The Indians would dominate the second quarter, however, with senior Boone Moss scoring eight points and Manus adding five, including a trey during the final minute of play in giving the Indians a 24-23 lead at intermission.

The Indians continued their fine work in the

third quarter with sophomore Adam Barrett contributing four points in a 5-0 start for a 29-23 lead and sophomore Major Moss taking the team on his shoulders the rest of the quarter.

He included three treys, an old fashioned three point play, and two additional free throws in scoring 14 straight Indian points as they led 45-38 entering the fourth quarter.

Boone Moss opened the fourth quarter with two field goals for a 49-38 Towns lead with 6:52 on the clock but the Indians would endure a long scoring drought after that with Tallulah using two treys and three for four free throw shooting in an 11-0 run for a 49-49 tie with just 1:41 remaining.

The Indians responded with six straight points for a 55-49 lead on a free throw by Major Moss at 1:28, a putback basket and free throw by Adam Barrett, and two free throws by Boone Moss by the 37.3 mark. Tallulah would not go quietly, however, as they



Manus soars for a basket during Towns' win over Tallulah Falls

sank three of five free throw attempts by the seventeen seconds mark and were knocking on the door with just a 55-53 deficit.

But Major Moss sank two clutch free throws at 8.7 seconds in giving the Indians a two possession lead of 57-53 and a Tallulah field goal at two seconds was too little too late with Davenport sinking a free throw with one tenth of a second left in giving the Indians their final margin of victory of 58-55.

Scoring leaders for the game for the Indians were Major Moss with 18 points, Boone Moss with 17, Adam Barrett with 9, and Manus with 7 while Manus led in assists with 4 and was followed by Davenport and Will de Vries with 2 each. Van Hooser certainly made his presence known for Tallulah in this game with a 25 point performance.

SCORING: M. Moss 18, B. Moss 17, A. Barrett 9, Manus 7, Davenport 4, DeVries 3

Lady Indians overwhelmed at Hebron, overwhelm Tallulah

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A season of startlingly different results and margins of victory than what might have been expected based on prior games continued last week for the Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team.

They fell to a surprisingly large deficit in a 60-27 loss on Senior Night at Hebron Christian Academy in Dacula on Tuesday but rebounded to claim a surprisingly easy 66-25 victory themselves over Tallulah Falls on TCHS Senior Night on Friday.

The winning team in each game was not a great surprise since the Lady Indians had taken just a 41-39 win on their home court over Hebron on January 16 and had to extend just a 36-34 lead after three quarters for a 59-48 win at Tallulah Falls on January 20 so competitive games were expected in both games last week.

But it goes beyond the close Lady Indian wins over Hebron and Tallulah in creating a puzzle as to especially the margins of victory in last week's games.

For example, Tallulah Falls defeated Hebron by a 52-49 score at Tallulah on January 23, leaving the expectation of close games for the Lady Indians against both teams and the large margin of the Hebron win over the Lady Indians' and the Lady Indians' one sided win over Tallulah even more striking.

And finally, the Lady Indians' win over the the Region 8-A second place team Commerce and their loss by just four points at first place Lakeview Academy had made the closeness of the two earlier wins over Hebron and Tallulah, the fourth and fifth place teams in Sub-Region 8-A North, less likely but real.

At any rate, the Lady Indians completed their regular season with the split decision for the week and finished with a 9-16 overall record, including 6-7 overall in Region 8A and 4-4 in Sub-Region 8A North.

They finished in sixth place among ten teams in the region and in third place in the sub-region behind Lakeview Academy and Commerce and



The Lady Indians seniors have survived four years of Melton and are ready to take on the real world. Left to right: Madison Johnson, Karlie Albach, and Misty Lindemuth. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

are scheduled at this writing to face George Walton Academy, the second place team from the south sub-region, in a first round game at Prince Avenue Christian School on Wednesday of this week at 7 pm.

Additional tournament information is included in a separate article.

**Lady Indians 27
Hebron Christian 60**

Dacula - The Lady Indians actually got off to a good start in the game at Hebron Christian on Tuesday, following the lead of Misty Lindemuth's eight straight Lady Indian points in building a 10-7 lead after one quarter.

In viewing the far greater amount of contact by the Lady Lions on Lady Indian field goal attempts without foul penalties than appeared to be typical in prior games during the quarter, however, your reporter mentioned to a friend an expectation that it would be hard for the Lady Indians to score many points after that early success.

Unfortunately, that proved to be the case with the Lady Lions going on a 17-2 run during the second quarter for a 24-12 lead at intermission.

The Lady Lions then extended their lead to 37-21 by the end of the third quarter and finished off the 60-27 victory.

When a lot of contact is allowed early in a game, the of-

ficials often wind up calling as many or more fouls than if they had assumed better control of the game from the start and that was the case in this game with the Lady Indians being sent to the foul line for 29 attempts during the game.

Unfortunately, they had uncommon difficulty at the foul line in this game, sinking just seven of the 29 attempts while failing to sink a single trey in the game compared to seven treys and 5-for-5 free throw shooting by the Lady Lions who must be given credit for playing extremely well on their senior night.

There would be a striking reversal in the game against Tallulah Falls just three nights later as will be detailed in the following portion of this week's report.

Seven different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard in the Hebron game with leaders being Lindemuth with 8, Kirsten Ledford with 7, and Madison Landress with 4.

Five different Lady Indians contributed at least one assist with Lindemuth also leading in this category with 2.

SCORING: Lindemuth 8, Ledford 7, Landress 4, Albach 2, Byers 2, Henson 2, Johnson 2

**Lady Indians 66
Tallulah Falls 25**

What a difference three days can make in the fortunes of

a basketball team and never was such a difference more evident than in the Lady Indians' performance on senior night in the Towns County Gym on Friday.

The Lady Indians would strike for 10 deuces and 11 treys while sinking 13-of 16 free throw attempts in leading 25-2, 41-13, and 56-20 at the quarter breaks in taking the 66-25 decision.

Jocelyn Byers included two treys among nine points with Misty Lindemuth including four for four free throw shooting among eight points and Karlie Albach sinking two treys for six in leading the first quarter Lady Indian onslaught.

Savannah Dyer with four points led six Lady Indians entering the scoring column in the second quarter while Albach sank two treys for six points and Byers a trey and a deuce for five in the third and Lindemuth included two treys and completed an 8-for-8 night at the foul line in the fourth quarter with two charity tosses for eight points.

For the game, the Lady Indians were led in scoring by Lindemuth with 18 points, Byers with 17, Albach with 15, and Dyer with 6 while Lindemuth also led in assists with 5 and was followed by Madison Landress with 4, Albach with 3, and Byers with 2.

SCORING: Lindemuth 18, Byers 17, Albach 15, Dyer 6, Johnson 4, Landress 4, Stroud 2

Lady Indians JV wrap-up

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NOTE: The following article was not published the week following the Lady Indian JV's final game against Commerce on January 23 due to space limitations but it is being provided this week as a bit of a wrap up for their season:

The Towns County Lady Indian JV's Basketball Team ended their abbreviated season with a 60-16 home court thumping of Commerce last Friday.

It is quite a jump from middle school to JV basketball competition but the significance of that task becomes more formidable when six of nine members of the team are still in middle school but that has been the situation for this year's Towns County Lady Indian JV's.

Further, one of three sophomores, Kirsten Ledford, has generally played just two quarters and sometimes one in each game to be available for the later game of the day.

At any rate, an unusual shortage of players at the high school level, but especially with no ninth graders participating, brought about a situation of the six eighth graders joining the three sophomores for a limited JV schedule this year. The results have been most impressive, in your reporter's view, as the Lady Indians won

three games in six attempts.

They were also very impressive in the losses when considering the extreme youth of the team compared to the likely composition of their opponents' teams with mostly, if not all, being high school players and their being quite competitive in games against Class AAAA White County and Class AAA Banks county.

The Lady Indians took a 7-0 lead after one quarter and never looked back in leading 25-7 at intermission and 44-12 after three quarters in taking the 60-16 victory over Commerce.

Top individual scoring totals by quarter included seven points by sophomore Kirsten Ledford and four each by eighth graders Kristen Byers and Maddie Thomas in the second, six in each of the third and fourth quarters by Thomas, five by Byers in the third, four each by eighth graders Kenzie Denton and Lea Neumyer in the third, and six by sophomore Cadence Nichols in the fourth.

All eight Lady Indians seeing action in the game entered the scoring column with Thomas scoring 19 points, Byers 11, Ledford 9, Neumyer and Nichols 6 each, Denton 4, eighth grader Lexi Ledford 3, and sophomore Makenzie Carroll 2. Eighth grader Erica Spano missed the game due to sustaining a concussion in the game against Lakeview Academy.



Lady Indians JV in action earlier this year. Photo/Lowell Nicholson