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Indians run out of time against GMC



Billy Meier scrambles for yardage Friday night versus GMC

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Friday night the Towns County Indians headed South looking for their first win of the season. They almost succeeded.

The Indians faced off against the 2-1 Georgia Military Bulldogs. The Towns County faithful making the trip witnessed an instant Indian Classic.

The Tribe dropped a 22-15 thriller that went down to the wire and the final ticks of the clock.

Zach Stroud once again took the opening series of snaps at quarterback after the Georgia Military Bulldogs deferred the opening coin toss, electing to kick off to the Indians.

Unable to move the ball early on, the Indians punted to midfield where the Bulldogs offense took over. The Indians forced a fourth down situation in which the Bulldogs converted, keeping their drive alive. Later on in the Dogs' drive, the Indian defense tightened as they forced another fourth and short yardage situation. The Indians denied junior quarterback Ray Mosley and the Dogs on an incomplete pass.

Towns County Head Coach Kyle Langford went back to freshman quarterback Jackson Noblet the next series. He successfully moved the Indian offense, capping the drive to the 30-yard line on a 30-yard quarterback keeper.

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Zach Stroud hauls in one of the many passes thrown his way on Friday night aginst GMC

short lived as the Georgia Military defense forced a fourth and 10. Coach Langford decided to go for it deep in Bulldog territory. GMC senior Joseph McAllister picked off a Noblet pass deep in Bulldog territory and returned it to the 33-yard line. A Bulldog penalty pushed the starting line of scrimmage back to the 28-yard line.

Due to bad center to quarterback exchanges and an aggressive surge from senior defensive tackle Taylor Denton, Moseley was sacked back at his own 7-yard line.

Each team would flex its defensive muscle forcing each other to punt until 3:10 left in the first half Mosley threw one of the Bulldogs' three interceptions

With great field position at midfield, the Indians offense came to life. They managed and maintained a ball control possession but were faced with a fourth and short from the The momentum was Dogs' 15-yard line with less



Noah Calhoun breaks loose on a long gainer on Friday night in Milledgeville as the Indians seek the upset victory



Taylor Denton sacks Bulldogs quarterback Randy Moseley during Friday night action against GMC in Milledgeville

than 20 seconds remaining in drive. The first Indian possesthe half.

When Noah Calhoun lined up for the go ahead field goal, there was an apparent overanxious Bulldog player that the referees failed to acknowledge. When holder Stroud controlled a bad snap the kick was partially blocked. A moment of silence came over the stadium and McAllister scooped the ball for the Dogs with 7 seconds left and motored 95 yards for a game changing touchdown for GMC. McAllister received a dead ball foul, for an excessive celebration penalty that was assessed in the beginning of the second half.

The Towns County defense picked up where it left off in the first half stopping the Bulldogs' second half opening

sions lead to the same results. Quarterback Mosley was intercepted by Indians' defensive back Alan Turpin and returned 30 yards for an Indian touchdown. The Indians converted a two point conversion giving them an 8-7 lead at the 6:48 mark in the third quarter.

The Indians would maintain the lead, driving to the Bulldogs' 20-yard line to close the third quarter. Noblet extended the lead, hitting Billy Meier in stride for an 18-yard touchdown with 11:17 remaining, giving the Indians a 15-7 advantage late in the game.

The Bulldogs answered the call on a fourth and goal from the Indians 6-yard line. Sophomore running back Taylor Payne crossed the goal line making the score 15-14 Towns. the clock was mishandled and drove the Indians back to the



remaining in regulation. After forcing an Indian punt, junior Andreus Warthen took an end around reverse 35-

yard into Towns territory. The Indians defense stood strong forcing a 3rd and 20. Junior Blake Brown stepped in and hit McAllister for a 46yard scoring strike giving the Bulldogs a 22-15 lead with 2:11 remaining in the game. The Indians still had opportunities to tie or win the game. They successfully moved the ball and had the Georgia Military defense on the ropes. Noblet drove the Indians inside the Red Zone to the 16-yard line daytime start. with 39 seconds left. An intentional spike intended to stop

24 yard line with 20 ticks to go bringing up a 4th and 20 situation with 11 seconds to go. Noblet then lofted a pass to John Henry Hobbs who had a grasp but the Bulldog defender made a nice play and swatted the ball away. The Bulldogs took over on downs and took a knee, running out the clock.

The Indians didn't lose this one; they just ran out of time

Friday's matchup with North Cobb Christian in Kennesaw is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The daylight game is necessary because North Cobb Christian doesn't have any lights at its football field. Don't forget the

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TCMS duel North Georgia Falcons to a 14-14 tie



Ryan Green breaks loose on a a decisivie touchdown run



Indians defend the pass



Quarterback Joey Mitchell unloads a long pass for positive yardage

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The North Georgia Falcons came to town last Thursday evening expecting to notch a win against the Towns County Middle School Indians.

The Falcons, hailing from Canton, got more than they bargained for in their matchup with the Indians.

Towns took the opening kickoff from the Falcons at their own 38 yard line. Early on the Indians coughed up the ball giving the Falcons ball possession deep in Towns territory.

The Falcon quarterback returned the fumble favor by losing the ball at the 40-yard line. The Indians took advantage and quickly put a touchdown on the scoreboard and secured an early 6-0 lead at the 2:46 mark in the first quarter.

quarter, the Falcon quarterback swept in for a score after a long punt return to the Indians' 2-yard line. The two point conversion attempt appeared to have been stopped short of the goal line and fumbled, but the Line Judge decided otherwise giving the North Georgia Falcons an 8-6 lead with 1:39 remaining in the first half.

Towns County's Joey Mitchell intercepted an errant Falcons' pass 46 seconds before the half at the 22 yard line. However, the Indians failed to punch it into the end zone before the half came to a close.

The Falcons began the second half with the football but also were unable to manage anything from the opening second half drive. A stingy Indians' defense forced the Falcons to punt. The Indians drove to the Falcons 32 yard line but were turned back by a Falcon forced fumble. The Falcon quarterback once again scored a touchdown giving the team from Canton a 14-6 lead.

The Indians' Ryan Green promptly remedied that score, taking the ensuing kickoff back 70 yards to pay dirt and pulling Towns within two points. Indians' quarterback Mitchell converted the game tying 2-point conversion on a dive play up the middle.

The two teams battled down the stretch through the fourth quarter but when unable to manage a score before the end of regulation, the Indians-Falcon brawl would have to Later in the second end in a 14-14 tie.



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S.A.F.E. 9th annual Poker Run

Join us this year for our 9th annual Charity Poker Run, October 2, 2010, in honor of all the survivors of domestic violence and in memory of all the deaths caused from domestic violence in 2009-2010. This charitable event supports the programs and services of S.A.F.E. The ride kicks off from North Georgia Technical College in beautiful Blairsville, GA. Registration will be from 9:30-10:30 and the ride heads out at 11.

\$20 entry fee/\$15 extra rider. Extra Poker hand is \$10. Fun door prizes and raffles. \$10 for extra meal. Best Poker Hand wins grand prize.

We will end up after a beautiful ride at Brother's at Willow Ranch Restaurant in

Young Harris for a great meal that is included in your entry fee. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services provided by S.A.F.E. This event kicks off events during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To pre-register, contact Kathie Hollis at S.A.F.E. 706-379-1901 or email: mporter@ safeservices.org. Support in Abusive Fam-

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