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Towns County Indians versus Robbinsville Black Knights

By Charles Duncan

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Towns County Indians Head Coach Kyle Langford has nothing but good things to say about the Robbinsville Black Knights' football team.

"They're one of the best, if not the best team we've seen on film all year," Langford said on Monday as the Indians prepared for Friday night's home matchup with the Black Knights.

Last year, the Indians played the Black Knights about as good as it gets before faltering in the second half to lose 54-28. The Indians' Chase Ellis knocked the wind out of the Black Knights' sails early with an 84-yard touchdown pass on the first play from scrimmage.

The Indians would go on to give Robbinsville one of its toughest challenges of the season.

In 2009, the Black



Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Coach Kyle Langford, his team and his coaching staff are ready for an invasion of Black Knights from Robbinsville. Langford said the Knights are the best team his Indians will see all year.

Knights are fast, real fast in the backfield and they enter Week 9 with a 6-2 record.

Langford sums up Robbinsville with one statement: "the Black Knights are the Black Knights."

"They're good," he said. "In my opinion they're the best team we've played all

year. They're well coached, they're physical and they're fast. They're great athletes.

"I've been very impressed with the film on them and I think they're a very good ball team," Langford said. "They've got speed everywhere and brother, they're going to hit you when they get

to you."

Langford said that the Indians are excited about the opportunity to play the Black Knights.

"We've got to get prepared and take care of business," he said. "The guys are looking forward to this one."

TCMS Lady Indians place 3 runners in the Top 25



Coach Jenny Ledford's middle school Cross Country runners stood out at the state championships in Bleckley County over the weekend. Three runners placed in the Top 25, each earning a medal.

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The Towns County Middle School Lady Indians placed three runners in the Top 25 on a great day for racing in Cochran.

Bleckley County played host to the Georgia Middle School Championships and Ansley Vardeman, Taylor Vardeman and Caitlin Sheffield all medaled for the Lady Indians.

Ansley Vardeman finished 10th in the Individual State Middle School State Championships, followed by Taylor Vardeman in 13th and by Caitlin Sheffield, who finished 23rd. The top 25 runners medal in the state championship event.

Towns County Cross Country Coach Jeannie Ledford was proud of her girls for their showing at the state meet.

"Unfortunately we had two girls out; that couldn't be helped and we were unable to

compete in the team competition," Coach Ledford said. "Ansley, Taylor and Caitlin did an incredible job in this meet. I couldn't be more proud."

Coach Ledford and her Cross Country Indians must now focus on the High School Region Championship Meet at Athens Christian on Thursday.

"They must be among the top four schools to advance on to the state meet on Nov. 7th in Carrollton," Coach Ledford said. "It's in anybody's hands right now. Thursday, we will see if they make it on to state."

Ledford is battling to get her squad healthy for competition.

"The girls have had a lot of injuries," she said. "Our top guy, Walker Gus is sick. They have really struggled to keep each other motivated. Yet, no matter how sick they are, they're out here ready to go. They will not back down."

The Towns County Indians wrestling team is back at it again

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The grapplers have hit the mats in preparation of the 2009-2010 wrestling season.

Head Coach Jeff Stowers expects both the middle school and high school squads to be tough at tournament time.

"We're real excited about getting everyone on the mats," he said. "Fall sports are winding down, winter sports are cranking up. It's going to be wrestling season before you know it. We're looking forward to a new season and looking forward to getting after some folks."

At the middle school level, Jackson Noblet, Vonya Baldwin and Matt Johnson return to lead an impressive squad of wrestlers, Stowers said.

"The middle school is going to be really good, but our numbers are down," Stowers said. "We've got a great eighth

grade class, but we don't have many sixth and seventh graders. We've got three or four sixth graders and three or four seventh graders.

"We're going to have about 20 wrestlers and that's about five fewer than we usually have," he said. "We're going to have a pretty good tournament team. I'm real excited about the middle school season."

Gilmer County, Creekview, Lumpkin County and White County offer the stiffest tests for the middle school wrestlers.

"Wrestling has really taken over in Gilmer County," he said. "They've got a phenomenal USA wrestling program and they just keep getting better every year."

At the high school level, Stowers figures to have one of his strongest groups ever.

"That's assuming that everyone comes out," he said.

"We've got one of the strongest freshmen classes ever with Tyler Hoffman and Joseph Foster leading that group. We lost a solid group of seniors led by Ben Hogsed and Josh Stroud."

"We've lost some leadership, but from a physical standpoint, we've got a strong group coming back. We've got Timmy Collier back and he finished fourth in the state. Max Updike and Mat Hogsed are back."

"We've got real high hopes for the high school team and the middle school team is going to be real good," Stowers said. "We're going to be in the mix regardless of who we're wrestling."

Stowers also expects a lot



Coach Jeff Stowers, seen here at the Class A state championships, is expecting another big year from his grapplers on the mats. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

from the Junior Varsity wrestling squad.

"A lot of our eighth grade kids are going to be wrestling on the JV team," he said. "We're going to hold them out of some middle school matches so we can make sure we've got them available for some JV matches late in the season."

Martin, Lyness lead YHC's Ladies to 1-0 win

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Lauren Martin scored within the first five minutes of the match and Young Harris College's defense shut down

Georgia Perimeter College's high-powered attack as the Mountain Lions defeated GPC 1-0 in a NJCAA Region XVII match in Clarkston last week.

The Tuesday victory

clinched the No. 1 seed in the Northern sub-Region and a first-round bye in the regional tournament for Young Harris.

"Lauren Martin had a very good day for us, and so

did Kelley Lyness, who was defending one of the leading goal scorers in the region," said YHC head coach Kathy Brown.

Indeed, Georgia Perimeter's Taiwo Adeshigben leads the region in scoring, and entered Tuesday's match as the nation's fourth leading scorer with 78 total points (35 goals, eight assists). As a team, GPC had outscored its opponents 63-17 entering the contest.

But Lyness and the Young Harris defense held Georgia Perimeter in check to claim the victory and improve to 7-6 overall and 6-2 in region play.

The Mountain Lions are scheduled to return to action on Thursday at 3 p.m. against Gordon College at the YHC Soccer Field. Admission is free.

No. 2 Georgia Perimeter sneaks by No. 8 YHC in men's soccer

Georgia Perimeter College's Cheikh Mbaye scored the lone goal of the match in the first half to lead No. 2 GPC to a 1-0 victory over No. 8 Young Harris College in a NJCAA Region XVII match in Young Harris, last week.

Mbaye took control of the ball just inside midfield and sent a 35-yard blast over YHC goalkeeper Wezley Barnard's head, scoring what turned out to be the match-winning-goal in the 30th minute.

Despite allowing the goal, Barnard played a solid match. He racked up seven saves and made several other plays in which he intercepted crossing attempts or kept the opposition from getting an opportunity to shoot.

The match was a showdown between two of the nation's top teams. GPC spent the past few weeks ranked No. 1 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's poll, but dropped to No. 2 this week after suffering a loss at Darton on Saturday. Young Harris was ranked No. 8 this week for the second consecutive polling period.

Community Bank & Trust Classic Tri-County Golf

By Tsali Bentley

The Tri-County Junior Golf Association continued their Mountain Falls Junior Tour by playing the 2009 Community Bank & Trust Classic. The 2009 Community Bank and Trust Classic was played at Brasstown Valley Resort on the gorgeous Thursday afternoon. Melinda Pickelsimer with the bank welcomed the 46 junior players to the tournament and wished them well in their play. The Tri-County Junior Golf Association thanks Melinda and the bank for sponsoring the junior tournament and thanks Steve Phelps, PGA Golf Professional at Brasstown Valley Resort for allowing the junior tournament to be played at his golf course. All the players had a great time.

The girls 9 and under age division winners were: Ally Horinek from Union County just edging out Megan Rowe also from Union County. Both girls tied over four holes with Ally winning on a score card play-off. Following Ally and Megan were Elli Martin from Cherokee County coming in third and Kennedi Henson from



Girls 10 through 12 age division winners: Jordan Ledford, Stephanie Patton, Camryn Carter, Emory Patton, Amber Williams with Steve Gonyea



Girls 9 and under age winners: Elli Martin, Megan Rowe, Ally Horinek.

las McConnell from Towns County. Congratulations to these young men on their accomplishments.



Group shot: 46 junior golfers with Melinda Pickelsimer.

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Middle School Basketball 2009-2010

Boys & Girls

Opponent	Date	Time	Place
Tryouts/Practice Begins	Oct 26	TBA	
Fannin County	Nov 12	4:00	Home
Lumpkin County	Nov 19	4:15	Home
White County	Dec 1	4:15	Home
Rabun Gap	Dec 5	11:00am	Away
Lumpkin County	Dec 7	4:15	Away
Rabun County	Dec 10	4:15	Home
Lakeview Academy	Dec 14	4:00	Away
Copper Basin	Dec 17	4:15	Home
Union County	Jan 4	4:15	Home
Fannin County	Jan 7	4:00	Away
White County	Jan 11	4:15	Away
Union County	Jan 14	4:15	Away
Lakeview Academy	Jan 16	11:00am	Home
Rabun Gap	Jan 18	4:00	Home
Rabun County	Jan 22	4:15	Away
Copper Basin	Jan 28	4:30	Away

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Varsity Basketball 2009-2010

Boys & Girls

Opponent	Date	Time	Place	JV
Towns Tip-Off	Nov 23	7:00	Home	
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Union County	Dec 4	4:00	Home	B & G
Tallulah Falls	Dec 8	6:00	Home	
Rabun County	Dec 11	4:00	Away	B & G
Union County	Dec 12	3:00	Away	B & G
Prince Avenue	Dec 18	4:00	Away	B & G
Athens Christian	Dec 19	3:00	Home	B & G
Battle of the State	Dec 28	7:00	Home	
Battle of the States	Dec 29	TBA	Home	
Battle of the States	Dec 30	TBA	Home	
Athens Academy	Jan 8	5:30	Away	B
Hebron Christian	Jan 12	4:15	Home	G
Lakeview Academy	Jan 15	4:00	Away	B & G
Social Circle	Jan 16	4:30	Away	G
Commerce	Jan 19	4:30	Away	B
Tallulah Falls	Jan 22	7:00	Away	
Hayesville, NC	Jan 23	4:30	Away	B & G
Athens Christian	Jan 26	4:30	Away	G
Prince Avenue	Jan 29	4:00	Home	B & G
Athens Academy	Feb 2	6:00	Home	
Hebron Christian	Feb 5	4:00	Away	B & G
Lakeview Academy	Feb 6	3:00	Home	B & G
Commerce	Feb 9	4:30	Home	G
Social Circle	Feb 12	5:30	Home	G
Region Play-in Game	Feb 15	TBA	#8 Boys Seed	
Region 1st Round	Feb 16	TBA	Athens Academy	
Region 2nd Round	Feb 17	TBA	Athens Academy	
Region Semi-Finals	Feb 19	TBA	Towns County	
Region Finals	Feb 20	TBA	Towns County	