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Strong second half leads Indians to victory

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The Towns County Indians had three players in double digits en route to a come from behind 59-42 preseason win over the Blue Ridge, NC Bobcats.

The Indians held small leads for most of the first quarter but found themselves at a 7-7 standoff by quarter's end. They then jumped out to a 12-7 advantage during the first minute of play of the second quarter but Blue Ridge struck for 8 straight points and a 15-12 lead with 4:28 on the clock.

The Indians used the 3-point shot to advantage the remainder of the quarter, however, as sophomore Aaron Dodson's second trey of the stanza got them a 15-15 tie at 4:08 and freshman Grant Arenecibia sank three treys between the 3:11 and 4:49 second marks. Arenecibia's shots gave the Indians an 18-17 lead, a 21-21 tie, and a 24-21 lead which became the score at intermission.

A trey and a deuce had Blue Ridge leading 26-24 a minute and a half into the third quarter but the Indians exploded for a 20-1 run between the 6:18 and 1:45 marks for a 44-27 lead which the Bobcats reduced slightly to 44-30 entering the fourth quarter. A Brandon Henderson basket got the Indians even at 26-26 and another by junior Ryan Tallent at 5:30 gave them a 28-26 lead they would never relinquish. Tallent included a pair of treys in leading the third quarter onslaught with 10 points.

The Indians took a pair of twenty one point fourth quarter leads at 53-32 and 55-34 before closing out the 59-42 win. Arenecibia struck for two additional treys in leading the fourth quarter action, finishing the game with five for eight accuracy from behind the 3-point line.

Scoring leaders for the game were Arenecibia with 15 points, Tallent with 12, Dodson with 10, freshman Dallas Manus with 7, and Rylan Albach and Henderson with 6 each. Seven different Indians contributed at least one assist with leaders being Albach with 4, Dakota Barrett and Manus with 3 each, and sophomore Brett Barrett and Tallent with 2 each according to your reporter's unofficial tally. Other Indians seeing action but not mentioned earlier were junior Austin Wood and sophomores Garrett Bradshaw and Stetson Hedden.

The Class A Indians open regular season play on the road



Brandon Henderson plants and readies for 2 points against Blue Ridge. Photo by James Reese



Dallas Manus gets ready to pass against Blue Ridge. Photo by James Reese



Austin Wood and Ryan Tallent fight for the rebound against Blue Ridge. Photo by James Reese

this weekend as they travel to Class AA Rabun County on Friday and to Class AA Dawson County on Saturday. The road

trip then continues with games at Highlands on Tuesday, Nov. 22, their only appearance of the week.

Lady Indians dominate from start to finish



Kellsie Cowart fights for the ball against Highlands. Photo by James Reese

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The Towns County Lady Indians had three players in double figures and nine total that put points on the board en route to a 70-20 preseason win over the Highlands Lady Highlanders.

The Lady Indians grabbed a quick 4-0 lead over Highlands and then snapped a 4-4 tie with 13 straight points and a 17-4 lead which became 19-7 after one quarter.

The onslaught continued for the Lady Indians who took a 39-11 lead to the dressing room at halftime and led 60-15 after three quarters on the way to a 70-20 victory.

Eight different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard by halftime with nine of ten dressed for the game entered the scorebook by game's end. Scoring was well balanced throughout the game with individual highlights including 7 points by Lindsay Patton in the first quarter and 9 by sophomore Eryn Cochran and 7 by Ali Bleckley in the third.

Cochran led the scoring parade for the game with 14 points with Bleckley finishing with 12, and Lindsay Patton with 11. Gabby Arenecibia followed with 9 points, freshman Stephanie Patton with 7 points, and sophomore Kellsie Cowart with 6 points.

Leading in assists, according to your reporter's unofficial tally, were Arenecibia with 5 and the quartet of Bleckley, Cowart, Lindsay Patton, and sophomore Bailey Sutton with 2 each.

Other Lady Indians seeing significant action in the game but not mentioned previously were juniors Emily Anderson and Dadrion Blythe and sophomore McKenzie Moss.

The Class A Lady Indians



Lindsay Patton fires away against Highlands. Photo by James Reese



Gabby Arenecibia fires a three pointer against Highlands. Photo by James Reese

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Tuesday, Nov. 22, their only appearance of the week.

The home crowd won't see the Lady Indians in the regular season until 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 when they face off with Rabun County again.

TCMS season starts slow in Union finishes week on upswing



Savannah Dyer and Jocelyn Byers wait for the rebound against Union. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

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Blairsville - The start of the 2011 Towns County Middle School started off slowly thanks in part to the Union County Middle School Panthers.

The Indians' boys and girls' teams dropped their road opener Monday to the Panthers.

The Towns County Middle School Lady Indians slipped back on track for their home opener against the Lumpkin County Lady Indians with a convincing 36-22 victory.

Jocelyn Byers and Brooke Smith led all scorers with 10 points each.

In an all around solid effort, Jessica Barker accounted for 9 of Lumpkin County's 22

points. The Towns Indians boys' squad showed promise in a spirited comeback but didn't fare quite as well, dropping their second game 50-39.

On Friday, both boys and girls teams traveled to Tallulah Falls and came away with wins against teams again bearing the same name.

The Towns County Lady Indians girls took the opener 40-15 as yet again Jocelyn Byers led all scorers contributing 10 points. Tallulah Falls' Aida Roberts led her Lady Indians chipping in 7 points.

Looking to follow the Lady Indians' lead the Towns County Indians' boys completed the nightcap sweep over Tallulah Falls with a score of 40-18



Major Moss Lays one in against Tallulah Falls. Photo by James Reese.



Kristen Henson Drives for the layup against Lumpkin. Photo by James Reese.

Garrett anxious to play for Mountain Lions



Corey Garrett
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Young Harris - Corey Garrett won't be eligible to suit up for the Young Harris College Mountain Lions until the Christmas Break, but the Blairsville native said he's looking forward to hitting the hardwood.

"This is my first year playing college ball," said Garrett, who starred for the Union County Panthers during his prep days. "I'm really excited; it's going to be a different experience just going from high school ball to a college atmosphere. It should be real fun - I'm excited."

Garrett was dressed in street clothes as the Mountain Lions triumphed 76-61 in their season opener at the Valley of Doom on Saturday against Bryan College.

"We play hard for Coach (Pete) Herrmann," Garrett said. "Offensively we've looked pretty good, if we just play defense the way we were coached to play defense, we should come out on top."

Garrett expects the Mountain Lions to be a versatile squad this season with several players experienced at the various positions on the hard-

wood.

The top three scorers - sophomore guards Frank Adams and Steven Viterbo, and sophomore forward Bryson Robertson - return from last season. Adams led the team with 21.7 points per contest and was third in rebounding at 6.2 boards off the glass.

Viterbo, who can play four different positions, led the Mountain Lions with 8.2 rebounds a game and 63 steals; he was second in scoring at 16.9 points per game. Robertson led Young Harris in blocked shots with 53, was second in rebounding with 7.4 boards per game and third in scoring, averaging 11.5 points per game.

"Steve (Viterbo) was our MVP last season," Mountain Lions' Head Coach Pete Herrmann said. "Frank (Adams) is a great driver and penetrator while Bryson (Robertson) was our most athletic player up front."

Robertson scored 25 points against Bryan to lead the Mountain Lions to a 76-61 victory.

Mountain Lions' sophomore guard Vince Martin, who was redshirted last season, also is expected to make an immediate impact for the Mountain Lions. He scored 16 points in the Mountain Lions' Homecoming win.

Garrett is expected to miss a total of 10 games before he becomes eligible to suit up for the Mountain Lions.

He says playing under Coach Herrmann is an exciting and educational experience.

"He knows all there is to know about basketball," Garrett said. "It's a huge learning experience. I love him to death. He's awesome, I'm thankful I have this opportunity to learn from (one of) the best."



Brooke Smith looks to pass against Tallulah Falls. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL SCORING

HIGHLANDS	BLUE RIDGE
Lady Indians (Grade)	Indians (Grade)
Eryn Cochran (10) 14	Grant Arenecibia (9) 15
Ali Bleckley (12) 11	Ryan Tallent (11) 12
Lindsay Patton (12) 12	Aaron Dodson (10) 10
Gabby Arenecibia (12) 9	Dallas Manus (9) 7
Stephanie Patton (9) 7	Rylan Albach (12) 6
Kellsie Cowart (10) 6	Brandon Henderson (12) 6
Emily Anderson (11) 4	Austin Wood (11) 2
Bailey Sutton (10) 4	Stetson Hedden (10) 1
McKenzie Moss (10) 3	

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