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TCMS Indians strike gold at KOM

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Owen Bouchard was gold on Saturday and Kyle Davis, Russell Cox and Jared Shook claimed silver in the annual King of the Mountain middle school wrestling tournament on Saturday at Towns County.



Blood Streams down Kyle Davis' nose during the King of the Mountain 157 pound title match on Saturday Photo by James Reese

Chayton McClure took bronze at 79 pounds. The Towns County Indians finished sixth in a 10-team field during the annual middle school wrestling tournament, which packed the wrestling gym with fans and family members from throughout the region.



The Indians Jared Shook squares off with Spencer McCoy of Far West during the King of the Mountain Junior on Saturday Photo by James Reese

Lumpkin and White counties and Riverview Middle School, finished 1-2-3 in the tourney. Dawson County, which yielded a champion in the 86-pound category, Justin Evans, finished fifth.

"It was a really strong field out there today," Indians' Head Coach Jeff Stowers said. "If some matches had turned out a little differently, we could have easily finished third. Hey, I'm satisfied with the effort. The guys wrestled their hearts out here today."

Bouchard, who drew a first round bye in 94 B, defeated B. Estes of Pickens County, Cory Garrison of White County, and Ben Smith of Fannin County to claim his KOM gold medal.

"I was nervous," Bouchard said. "It wasn't easy. I just tried my best each match and came out on top. It's an honor to be King of the Mountain champion."

Davis went through Jordan Hannah of Dawson County, Dakota Spivey of Lumpkin County and Andy Cantrell of White County en route to his KOM championship showdown with Gavin Brown of Riverview Middle School.

Davis had the upper hand in the first fall, leading 5-2 after the first two minutes. In the second fall, Davis suffered a cut on the nose that halted his momentum. Brown seemingly took control of the match from that moment on.

"I don't know, I cut my nose earlier in the week and I guess it got opened up on the mat," Davis said. "I beat this guy last week, but I guess I

just ran out of gas today. I just couldn't do anything with him today."

Cox made it through Cody Lamb of Far West, Hunter Norton of White County and V. Haughwout, of Pickens County, but lost to Conner Herriot of Lumpkin County in the title match and finished with KOM silver in the 94-pound weight class.

Shook defeated Nicklas Chapat of Lumpkin County, Brendan Capps of Robbinsville and Sean Freeman of White County. He squared off with Spencer McCoy of Far West in the title match and lost by pin in the first fall to take KOM silver.

The Indians also laid claim to a bronze medal with McClure's third place finish.

Aaron Collier finished fourth in the 94-pound wrestle backs; Keanu Nguyen finished fourth at 94-pound B; David Garrett finished fifth at 72 pounds; Jonathon Owenby finished fifth at 108 pounds;



KOM Champion Owen Bouchard celebrates his gold on Saturday Photo by James Reese

Kyle Miller finished fifth at 115 pounds.

Indians Assistant Wrestling Coach Jason McClure will load up the TCMS grapplers on Dec. 4 for an unscheduled entry into the first Junior Amicalola Classic in Dawsonville. T(Nov24,Sp6)jac

Varsity Indians hit the mats; wipe out Yellow Jackets



Josh Barnes makes easy work of Hayesville's heavyweight during Wrestling action on Friday Photo by James Reese

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The Towns County Indians broke out the white singlets and dominated the Hayesville Yellow Jackets in the season-opening wrestling debut for its varsity wrestlers.

The Indians picked up five pins, four forfeits and one decision en route to a 57-18 victory over the Yellow Jackets in Duals action at the Towns County Wrestling Gym.

"It was a good way to start off," Indians' Head Wrestling Coach Jeff Stowers said. "We got a couple of JV matches in to start it off, then the varsity came out and took care of business."

"Overall, we wrestled pretty well, we've got some young kids in the lower weight classes. The bottom of our lineup is all freshmen," Coach Stowers said. "The middle of our lineup is the heart of our lineup. Once we get to 135 pounds, it's a veteran group from there on out. That's where we really start picking up."

The night marked the first varsity win for freshman Jackson Noblet at 152 pounds. It also marked the first win of the season for Zach Stroud, Vonya Baldwin, Austin Stephens, Austin Campbell, Jake Cole, Tyler Hoffman, Jack Hodges, Wesley Bloodworth and Josh Barnes.

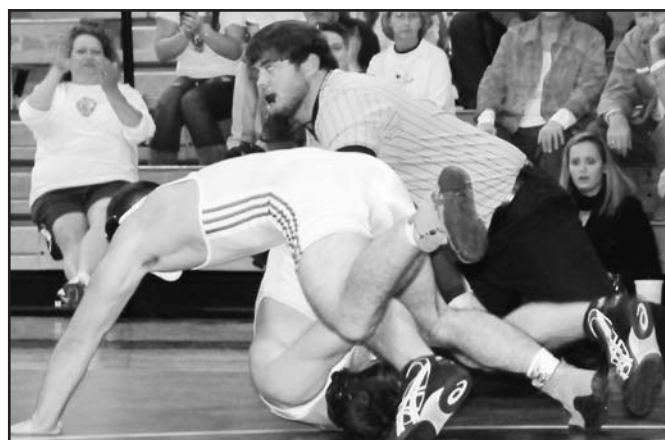
"We had some young kids that came out with the deer in the headlights look, but that's to be expected until they get some experience under their belts," Stowers said.

Hoffman claimed victory at 160 pounds with a 15-second, first round pin.

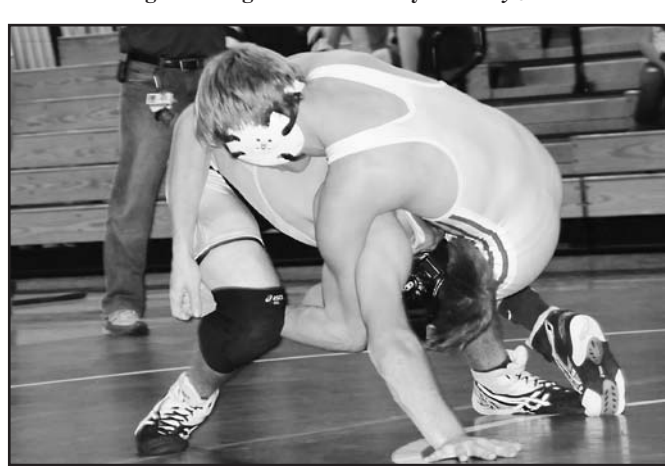
"Tyler is in mid-season form," Stowers said. "He wrestled all summer and he's ready to go; he's in high gear."

The Indians forfeited at 103 pounds. Junior Tim Collier missed Friday's action to be at his brother's military graduation.

Harrison Hobbs at 119



The Indians Tyler Hoffman pinned his Yellow Jacket opponent in 15 seconds during wrestling action on Friday Photo by James Reese



The Indians Zach Stroud spread his victory out over three falls on Friday during varsity wrestling action Photo by James Reese

pounds and Cody Smedley at 171 pounds, suffered their first defeats of the season during the Duals match.

Stroud earned a 12-4 decision in his match at 145 pounds. Afterward, he looked tired and exhausted.

"Wrestling shape is a little different than football shape," Stroud said. "I'm still trying to get into wrestling shape. In football, you run a play and you've got 35 seconds before the next play is run. In wrestling, you're on the mats for six minutes solid with just a brief breather in between the three rounds."

"There is a big difference between wrestling shape and football shape," he said.

The Indians Junior Var-

ty, featuring Cory Ellis, Payton Chambers, Bradley Smith, Paydon Shook and Claudia McConnell also fared well at against the Yellow Jackets.

Earlier, the Indians' Middle School grapplers defeated Hayesville's middle school team 47-35.

"The middle school wrestled really well, it was a good way to start the night," Coach Stowers said. "Kyle Davis got a big win. We had some sixth graders that looked really good. We had some young kids that struggled, but that's to be expected."

The Varsity Indians are back on the mats at 5 p.m. on Nov. 30 at home in a duals match with Dawson and Lumpkin counties. T(Nov24,Sp5)jac

Youthful Indian Jv's impressive in loss at Dawson County



The Indians Junior Varsity boys held their own against Class AA Dawson County on Saturday Photo by Lowell Nicholson

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Dawsonville - Learning only of the final score of the Towns County Indian JV's season opening game at Dawson County last Friday would leave readers with an incomplete story. An ultra-youthful and inexperienced Indian team returned home following a 58-39 loss to a clearly older and more experienced Class AA team in Dawsonville, but was very impressive in their effort and success when considering the circumstances of the game.

The Indians, like the Lady Indians, feature just one player with any experience at the JV level in the person of Sophomore Austin Wood who only began playing basketball as a freshman on last year's JV team. Sophomore Luke Parker did not play basketball last year while all other members of this year's team, six freshmen and two eighth graders, played at the middle school level last year. The freshmen members of the team are Brett Barrett, Steve Bennett, Garrett Bradshaw, Slade Davenport, Aaron Dodson, and Stetson Hedden. Eighth graders on the squad are Grant Arencibia and Dallas Manus.

An early field goal by Hedden and a trey by Arencibia had the Indians within 7-5 of the Tigers at the 3:40 mark of the first quarter but a 12-0 finish had the Tigers ahead 19-5 by quarter's end. Back to back field goals by Manus and a pair of treys by Arencibia then had the Indians within 25-15 by the

third quarter as the Indians trailed by just 34-22 but Manus left the game a short time later with a sprained ankle and the Tigers pulled away for a 45-22 lead at quarter's end. Six different Indians put points on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter with Wood leading with five as the Indians outscored the Tigers 17-13 in the stanza as Dawson completed the 58-39 victory.

Nine of 10 Indians playing in the game got on the scoreboard with Arencibia sinking five treys for the game, including at least one in each quarter, for a team leading 15 points for the game. Other scoring leaders were Wood with 5 points and the trio of Davenport, Dodson, and Manus with 4 each. Arencibia, Bradshaw, and Manus tied for the lead in assists with 2 each according to your reporter's unofficial tally. T(Nov24,Sp4)jac

CB&T supports TC High School football



Amy Breedlove of Community Bank & Trust presents Towns County High School Football Team with a check for \$770. Towns County Football Team received this money from Friday, October 22, 2010's Football game. Community Bank & Trust sponsored the game and Towns County High School won \$110 for every touchdown that was scored in honor of Community Bank & Trust's 110 years of Service Celebration. Community Bank & Trust would like to thank Towns County Schools for allowing them to sponsor the game and to help out the school. T(Nov24,F6)SH

Indian Youth Wrestling registration

It's that time again. The Towns County Indian Youth Wrestling will be starting its season on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. We will be having sign ups at 5:30, and the first practice at 6. Ages for this range from ages 4-14. If your child wants to come give it a try before you commit, show up in t-shirt and shorts. Sign-ups and practices will be held

in the new wrestling facility, behind the middle school gym, on Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7:30. The cost for registration is \$60 per child, which includes a mandatory USA Wrestling membership card, as well as team shirts and singlet.

For more information, feel free to contact Jason Hoffman @ 706-897-2076 or email @ Jason@hoffmanlp.com.

Youthful Lady Indian Jv's breeze past Dawson County

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Dawsonville- There was much to like about the Towns County Lady Indian JV's performance at Class AA Dawson County last Friday. They dominated from start to finish in taking a 59-41 victory which wasn't really as close as the final score might indicate against what appeared to be a significantly older and more experienced Dawson County team.

Like the Indians, the Lady Indians feature just one player with prior JV experience in top rebounder Emily Anderson, the only sophomore on the squad. The other members of the team, six freshmen and one eighth grader, played at the middle school level last year. The freshmen members of the team are Destiney Blythe, Eryn Cochran, Kelsie Cowart, McKenzie Moss, Bailey Sutton, and Elizabeth Turner with eighth grader Stephanie Patton completing the squad. Cochran is seeing double duty with the JV's and varsity as the season begins while Cowart made her debut for the Lady Indians after transferring to TCHS from Hayesville.

Patton made the most of her promotion as an eighth grader to JV action by scoring eight points in the first quarter and five in the second in leading the Lady Indians to a 14-6 lead after one quarter and a 34-24 advantage by intermission. Cowart got in on the action in a big way with eight points in the second quarter.

Turner led the Lady Indians in the third quarter with five points on a deuce and a trey as they led 50-31 by quar-



The fastbreak was working for the Lady Indians Junior Varsity Girls on Saturday in Dawson County Photo by Lowell Nicholson



The Lady Indians Junior Varsity girls fight for a rebound against Dawson County on Saturday Photo by Lowell Nicholson

ter's end and Patton added a trey and a deuce for five points in the fourth quarter as the Lady Indians closed out the 59-41 victory. The Lady Indians actually held a bulging 57-33 lead by the 4:10 mark of the fourth quarter before the Lady Tigers closed the gap a bit with an 8-2 finish.

Seven of eight Lady Indians playing in the game en-

tered the scoring column with Patton including three treys in a team leading 21 point performance while Turner included a pair of treys in her 8 point effort and Sutton followed with 5 points. Leading in assists were Sutton with 5, Cochran with 4 in just two quarters of playing time, and Patton with 2. T(Nov24,Sp5)jac