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## Lady Indians lose 3-1 in close game against Lady Blue Devils on Sept. 11

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The Lady Indians traveled to Elbert County on Wednesday, Sept. 11, to take on the Lady Blue Devils after a big win over Prince Avenue the week before.

Junior Kennedy Henson, the team's ace in the circle, has been pitching lights-out over the last month and improving every day, and Wednesday was no exception.

Henson held the Lady Blue Devils scoreless through the first three innings before giving up the game's first run in the bottom of the fourth.

The Lady Indians were also held scoreless for most of the game, until junior first baseman Abby Mauldin was able to get on base in the top of the seventh.

Down 3-0 in the top of the seventh, the Lady Indians continued to battle, and sophomore Alisa Moss drove in Mauldin to cut into the Lady Blue Devils' three-run lead.

First-year Head Coach Clay Livingston has continued to brag on the character of this group of ladies.

"They are always giving their best effort, and they continue to battle no matter what the score is," Livingston said.

Henson finished the day throwing the ball through six innings, only allowing two earned runs on four hits. She continued her command inside the circle, retiring seven Lady



L-R: Sophia Shook at the plate vs Prince Avenue. Kennedy Henson fires to the plate during the recent win over Prince Avenue. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

Blue Devil batters Wednesday.

The Lady Indians struggled to put the bat on the ball in Elbert County, with just two hits in the top of the seventh from Mauldin and Moss.

"We played well," Livingston said. "We had a big strike zone from the umpire Wednesday. Both pitchers took advantage of the strike zone. They were able to poke

a couple more through the infield than we were."

The Lady Indians are 5-7 overall and 3-4 in the region as they head into the back half of their regular season schedule.

After the loss to Elbert County, the Lady Indians were scheduled to play a home game at Lowell Nicholson Field against the Rabun County Lady Wildcats on Saturday, Sept. 14.



The game against the Lady Wildcats was originally scheduled to be played Aug. 14, but bad weather at the time forced a reschedule to Saturday, Sept. 14.

Due to a weather report indicating a high-percentage chance of rain this past Saturday, the game was canceled for the second time this year.

The Lady Indians played their last regular season home

game on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Lowell Nicholson Field after press time.

There, they took on the Lady Lions from Hebron Christian Academy at 5 p.m. for Senior Night.

The Lady Indians will be traveling on the road for their last three regular season games.

Thursday, Sept. 19, they will travel to Commerce to

face the Lady Tigers at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 23, they will be in Rabun County to take on the Lady Wildcats at 5:55 p.m.

For the last regular season game, the Lady Indians will head to Monroe to compete against George Walton Academy at 5 p.m. to try and knock off the top team in the region before the region tournament starts Oct. 1.

## Oakes bros. shine as playmakers, best friends on and off field

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The Boys in Blue had a bye week last week, and they will begin region play on Friday against the George Walton Academy Bulldogs at Frank McClure Memorial Stadium Sept. 20.

Currently, the Indians are 0-3, with losses to Hayesville, Gilmer County and Union County, but they are looking to get back on track Friday when they face the Bulldogs.

First-year Head Coach Jason Roquemore said the team spent the bye week reinforcing offensive and defensive fundamentals and getting healthy, and the Indians are excited to be welcoming Chris Boggus back to the field, who has been out with injury the last few weeks.

And even with a winless record, Roquemore feels his team is making progress every day.

"Our day to day gets better each week," Roquemore said. "I have been very pleased with the work and commitment our kids have shown this far."

Sophomore quarterback Kyle Oakes and his older brother Garrett Oakes are both full-time starters on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

"It's a really great experience to play with your best friend," Kyle said of his brother. "We have always played together, but now it's against tougher opponents. So, we've got to get stronger, and we will keep making plays together."

Through the first three games, Kyle and Garrett have been a huge part of the scoring plays on offense. Kyle has run for two touchdowns from the quarterback position, and Garrett has caught a pass from his brother for a touchdown.

"Both of them have been a pleasure to work with and coach, first and foremost," Roquemore said. "Both do a great job of coming to work every day and



The Oakes brothers' on-field chemistry is a result of their close friendship. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

trying to get better. It has been fun to watch them both grow within our schemes."

In his first year starting at the quarterback spot, Kyle has become the leader of the Indians offense and only continues to improve, Roquemore said.

Not only is Kyle a big part of the Indians' success on offense, but he has also proved to be a standout player on defense, with Kyle and Garrett both being among the team's leading tacklers thus far.

Junior Garrett Oakes has been able to show his speed and quickness at the wide receiver position, and the two brothers have developed more on-field chemistry than ever playing together this year.

Garrett's speed has been instrumental defensively, too, as he has a knack for the ball on defense and has made some big plays on that side of the ball.

"It's been pretty fun, and I'm glad I get to spend the last two years with my best friend

playing football," Garrett said. "It feels like it was just yesterday we were playing in our uncle's backyard, playing football and playing baseball and basketball. I never imagined us going this far together."

"We have a lot of confidence in each other when one of

us has the ball to make a play. I hope someday we can take it to the next level and continue to play together for years to come."

Roquemore said he, too, was excited for what the future holds for the two talented brothers, and he is thankful for the opportunity to coach them.

## VFW Auxiliary supports Pickleball



VFW Auxiliary President Mel White (r) presented a Sponsorship check to Director Larry Dietsch for the event October 4th-6th. (TSep18,F2)SH

## YHC basketball coaches to speak to Movers and Shakers

Please join us as we welcome YHC Basketball Coaches Jeremy Currier and Lindsey Huffman this Friday, September 20. They will be introduced by our friend, Mark Dotson, YHC VP for Advancement.

We welcome back Coach Currier to share his thoughts as he returns for his second year as YHC Men's Basketball Coach. Last year, as a new coach, he spoke about his plans as he stepped into a new program. This year he shares his reflections as a rookie coach, and his future plans for his improving team. Come hear his thoughts on this year's prospects.

Coach Huffman takes over the YHC Women's Team after a very successful run at Reinhardt University. How successful you ask? She took a sub-500 program, turned it into champions and was named AAC Coach of the Year in 2017. So let's all show at the Sundance Grill early this Friday to hear about this exciting

new coach and her plans for the future of YHC Women's Basketball.

Do you belong to a local organization or are you an elected official with information that affects our community? Then why not join us and fill us in on what's going on! Everyone is invited to come hear what our weekly guest speakers have to say, and we have always had a few minutes for impromptu speakers with pertinent information. Everyone is invited for conversation, information and breakfast with the Mountain Movers and Shakers. Our non-partisan group meets at 8 a.m. every Friday at The Sundance Grill, a great place to meet, and the food is really good and reasonably priced. So come join us. You are sure to find interesting speakers, championship caliber youth, and a fine group of friendly mountain folk!

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## Register now for Youth Basketball

Towns County Recreation Department Basketball Registration 8U (ages 6-8), 10U, and 12U age groups. Registration now through October 5th. Late Registration October 6 - 12th \$15 Late Fee. \$60 with multi-sibling discount! Register in person or online at townscountyrec.com 706-896-2600.

Towns County Recreation 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament Saturday, October 12th, 2019 10 a.m. tentative start time. Male and Female Divisions. Divisions: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, Adult Division. Register and pick up information in person at Towns County Recreation Department! \$100 Entry per



team/3 to 4 player roster (all must be in same age/gender division). Prizes will be awarded based on number of entries and other proceeds will help fund and create Towns County Recreation Department Scholarships.

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