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## Indians roll past Commerce for tenth win in last week's only game

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An altered schedule for last week for the Town County Indians Varsity Basketball Team proved to be of no hindrance as the Indians continued an outstanding season by dominating Commerce on Thursday in a rousing 85-59 home court decision over the Tigers.

The Commerce game was moved up from Friday to Thursday due to impending bad weather which did occur as expected and the scheduled game at Athens Academy for Saturday night was postponed to a later date.

The Indians improved their overall record to 10-4 with the victory over Commerce, including 3-1 in Region 8A. The Tigers saw their overall record fall to 2-10, including 0-4 in the region, with the loss.

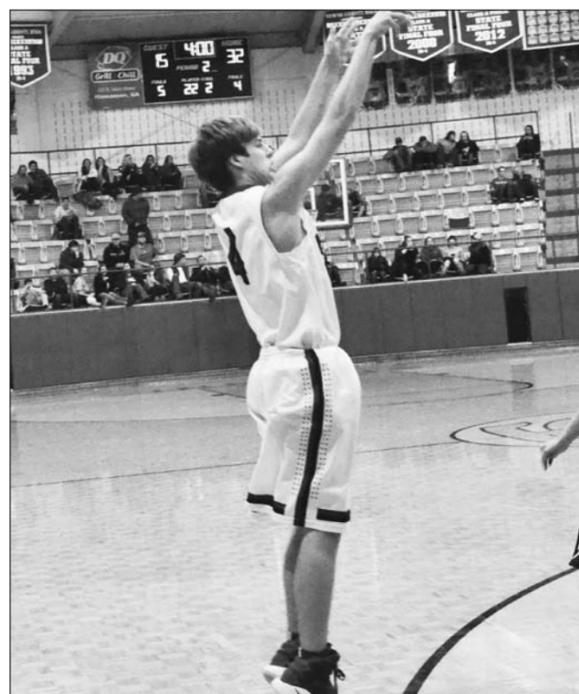
The Tigers gave the Indians quite a battle for the first three and a half minutes of the game when there were three ties and five lead changes by the 4:31 mark with senior Major Moss getting the Indians a tie and two leads during the run and junior Logan Cowart getting them a tie and an 11-9 lead on a three point play at the 4:31 mark they would never relinquish.

The Indians used Cowart's three point play as a springboard for an extended 24-4 run for a 32-13 lead by the 5:22 mark of the second quarter and they followed a 9-3 Tiger run for a 35-22 score at 6:27 with a 13-3 run for a 48-25 advantage at intermission.

The first half scoring explosion for the Indians was led by senior Will De Vries with sixteen points, Cowart with twelve, Moss with 10, and junior Zach Davenport with 8.

The two teams would play on pretty much even terms the last half with seven different Indians putting points on the scoreboard in the third quarter and five entering the scoring column in the fourth with the Indians leading 69-45 after three quarters on the way to an 85-59 victory.

Scoring leaders by quar-



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ter the last half included De Vries with six points and sophomore Will Travis with four, including a dunk, in the third quarter and juniors Bradley Benson and Cole Ledford who each included a trey and two for two free throw shooting for

five points each in the fourth. De Vries included three treys among his team leading 25 points for the game and he was followed in scoring by Cowart with 14 points, Moss with 13, Davenport with 11, Ledford with 7, Benson with

5, junior Evan Berrong and Travis with 4 each, and senior Colton Shook with 2.

Davenport took the lead in assists with 9 and was followed by Moss with 8, De Vries with 4, and Benson and Travis with 1 each while Dav-

enport and De Vries tied for the lead in rebounds with 7 each and were followed by Cowart and Moss with 6 each, Berrong and Travis with 2 each, and the quartet of Benson, sophomores Caleb Clark and Brett Denton, and Ledford with 1 each.

Senior Adam Barrett continues to be out of action due to a severe ankle injury and sophomore Trent Bradshaw missed this game due to illness. Tristan Boyer led the Tigers with 23 points.

## Lady Indians get second win against Commerce, Athens Academy game postponed

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team continued an upswing in their fortunes last Thursday when they took their second win in just nine days, this time over the Commerce Lady Tigers in a home court game changed from Friday to Thursday due to impending bad weather.

Their scheduled game at Athens Academy for Saturday night was postponed until a later date due to the bad weather which arrived as expected.

The Lady Indians improved their record to 2-11 overall, including 1-2 in Region 8A, while the Lady Tigers saw their record fall to 2-12, including 1-3 in region play.

The first thirteen minutes of the game were quite a battle with two early lead changes and four ties before the Lady Indians broke away from an 11-11 standoff for a 21-13 lead at intermission and then led but not without a third quarter challenge from the Lady Tigers for the remainder of the game in taking a 49-32 victory.

The Lady Indians got six different leads by the 3:02 mark of the second quarter.

Sophomore Taylor Cornett got the first, a 2-0 advantage on the first of two first quarter field goals and sophomore Erika Spano the second at 3-2 on a free throw.

And senior Kirsten Ledford twice sank two free throws for leads and junior Madison McClure twice sank field goals for leads with the last coming at that 3:02 mark for a 13-11 advantage the Lady Indians would not relinquish.

McClure's second field goal for the 13-11 lead was followed by a trey by Spano, a three point play by McClure, and a drive for two points by Cornett by the sixteen seconds mark for a 21-11 Lady Indian lead.

The Lady Tigers had forced a 7-7 tie with a trey as the first quarter ended and they sank a put back basket at the halftime buzzer getting them within 21-13 at intermission.

The Lady Tigers opened the third quarter with an 11-4 scoring spurt for just a 25-24 deficit at the 4:03 mark with two baskets by McClure providing the Lady



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Indian points during the Commerce game. But the Lady Indians struck for an 8-2 finish on two free throws by McClure, steals and back to back field goals by Spano and Cornett and another basket by Cornett for a 33-26 Towns lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Lady Tigers would not get closer than 36-28 in fourth quarter action with McClure with ten points and Ledford with six providing all of the Lady Indian scoring in the quarter as they pulled away for a 49-32 victory.

McClure and Ledford completed perfect nights at the foul line

in the quarter as McClure wound up nine for nine and Ledford six for six for the game.

McClure took the scoring lead for the Lady Indians for the game with 23 points and was followed by Ledford with 10, Cornett with 8, Spano with 6 and senior Kristen Henson with 2 while McClure led in assists with 2 and was followed by freshman Sophia Shook with 1 according to your reporter's tally.

The Lady Tigers were led in scoring by junior Marae Caruth with 9 points and sophomore Shatoya Johnson with 8.

## January meetings to discuss hunting regulations

Hunters and other interested persons are encouraged to attend any of eight upcoming public meetings regarding the development of proposed hunting regulations for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 hunting seasons.

These meetings, sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division, are one opportunity for the public to provide input for consideration in the development of proposed hunting regulations.

"Science provides the foundation for development of hunting regulations. Additionally, public input is also important and valuable.

It is our goal to maintain simple, easy-to-follow hunting regulations that are biologically appropriate while encouraging hunting participation, and maximizing management flexibility and opportunity," said John Bowers, chief of the Game Management Section.

All meetings will be-

gin at 7 p.m.

January 11: Augusta Tech College (216 Hwy. 24 South, Waynesboro, GA 30830).

Middle Georgia State University - Dillard Hall (1100 Second Street, SE, Cochran, GA 31014).

January 12, 2017: Lion's Club Barn (1729 South Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30540).

Banks County High School (1486 Historic Homer Hwy., Homer, GA 30547).

Any participant at a meeting may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, either orally or in writing.

Statements should be concise to permit everyone an opportunity to speak. Participants must register upon arrival and notify the registering official of their intent to give a statement.

Those unable to attend a meeting may submit input in one of the follow-

ing methods (input must be received by Friday, Jan. 20, 2017).

Statements may be electronically submitted at: www.georgiawildlife.com/Hunting/Regulations/SubmitComments.

Written statements should be mailed to: GA DNR/Wildlife Resources Division/Game Management Section; Attn: Tina Brunjes; 2070 U.S. Highway 278, S.E.; Social Circle, Georgia 30025.

Call 770-918-6404. These meeting sites are accessible to people with physical disabilities. To request sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids, contact Tina Brunjes at (770) 918-6404.

Hunting regulation proposals will be available in early-April and will be considered by the Board of Natural Resources on May 31, 2017.

For more information, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/Hunting/Meetings.