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Indians Wrestling celebrates senior grapplers with special night

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On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the Towns County Indians Wrestling team held a special celebration honoring the upcoming graduating seniors for Senior Night.

The event saw each of the six seniors being called up individually while accompanied by family members, with each receiving a single rose and a gift bag.

Recognition went out to Alisa Moss in the 106-pound weight class, Konner Davis at 120 pounds, Hannah Wecer at

126 pounds, Kevin Gowen at 160 pounds, Lindsey Giles at 182 pounds and Team Manager Macy Brinson.

Congratulations to all of the Towns County High School Class of 2022 seniors.

Next wrestling matchups were scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18, in a Tri-Meet at Pickens County that occurred after press time. The Indians will also wrestle this Friday, Jan. 21, in another Tri-Meet at Rabun Gap.

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TCHS senior wrestler Kevin Gowen is not pictured.



TCHS senior Hannah Wecer with family and Coach Rowland



TCHS Senior Lindsey Giles with family and Coach Rowland



TCHS senior Macy Brinson with family and Coach Rowland



TCHS senior Konner Davis with family and Coach Rowland



TCHS Senior Alisa Moss with family and Coach Rowland

Basketball: Indians improve to 10-5; Lady Indians face tough losses

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Last week in Indians Basketball, the girls and boys played at home against Commerce High School on Tuesday, Jan. 11, and away at Lake Oconee Academy on Friday, Jan. 14.

The Lady Indians were up first, with Commerce gaining control from the tipoff to get a relatively quick 7-point lead before sophomore Emma Lallement scored the first 2 points of the game for Towns.

Senior Emily Vargas then scored 2 points shortly thereafter, and by the end of the first quarter, Commerce was in the lead with 17-4.

Lallement scored 2 points again alongside freshman Kaleigh Beaver, and then Vargas earned a successful free throw with a 3-pointer, with two free throws by freshman Natalie Barnes bringing the second quarter to an end at 30-15, Commerce still leading.

After the break, junior Tabitha Barnes scored a 3-pointer, sophomore Laura Mauldin had a successful free throw, and junior Morgan Pierson scored 2 points for a third quarter points total of 44-27.

Entering the last quarter, Vargas started off again with a free throw, but Commerce maintained control and stoppage, and by the end of the fourth quarter, Commerce had claimed the victory with 54-28 as the final.

"We had three total players missing from tonight's game," Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor said, "and we have just been banged up with injuries and sickness. So, tonight was about just doing the best we could with what we had, and overall, the girls played well with our short bench.

"We are hoping over the course of the next week or so that we are going to have ev-



Collin Crowder advances up the court. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Lady Indians battle under the basket. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

erybody back and healthy, and we are trying to continue making the progress that we have. Once we get healthy, I believe things are going to pick up for us."

Next in action was the boys team. Again, Commerce took control of the ball at tipoff and put up the first 7 points before sophomore Tanner Cunningham scored the first 2 points for the Indians.

Senior Kyle Oakes

then scored 2 and a successful free throw, sophomore Connor Chastain got back-to-back 2-point shots, and senior Collin Crowder earned two free throws to end the first quarter with a Commerce lead of 18-11.

Crowder scored the first 6 points in the second, and with help from other scorers mentioned previously, the second quarter ended at 38-21 in favor of Commerce at



Laura Mauldin shoots in the paint at LOA. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Kyle Oakes attempts a free throw. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

half-time.

Oakes began the second half with 2 points, followed up by Crowder with 2 points and a 3-pointer. Oakes made another 2 points, back to Crowder for 2, and then once again to Oakes with 2 points for some tag team assists that ended the third quarter with Commerce ahead 52-42.

Crowder kicked off the last quarter with two free throws alongside sophomore

Brian Hunnicutt said. "They came out ready to play, and they played hard and very well, and we did not.

"We did not practice well (yesterday), so this was a learning experience, and we just need to play our game. For a lot of our players, I think what we need to work on is learning how to handle the moment.

"It was a bad night, so now we just need to reset and refocus by moving on to the next game and play the way we know how to play."

In the Lake Oconee games, the ladies played first and ultimately lost 66-30.

"They are the No. 1 ranked team in the state for a reason," Coach Taylor said of their opponents. "They play all aspects of the game very well. We are just going to keep working hard every day, and there are still a lot of games left this season."

Towns County's boys then played against Oconee, winning by a dominant 52-11 final score. Senior Collin Crowder scored 24 points, sophomore Zane Floyd had 8, and sophomore Gage Rogers also had 8 points.

"The boys played great defensively, and we did a good job re-establishing our identity after the tough loss to Commerce," Coach Hunnicutt said. "The game stayed low scoring through the first half, but the defense held Lake Oconee to only 5 points in the first, and the defensive output would continue in the second half with only allowing 6 points.

"Overall, it was a great defensive performance by the whole team, and now it is time to turn our attention to the next step."

Currently, the Indians are sitting at a season record of 10-5 and 2-2 in the region.

Next week, the teams are home against Greene County on Friday, Jan. 21, and away at Lincoln County on Saturday, Jan. 22. For complete scheduling information, visit www.townscountyathletics.com.

"Credit goes to Commerce," Boys Head Coach