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Football: Indians edge Copper Basin 20-13 in preseason scrimmage

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Copperhill, TN - Football legend Vince Lombardi once said, "the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

That was certainly true for the Indians as they took on Copper Basin, Tennessee last Friday night in their first scrimmage.

Final score? Towns County 20, Copper Basin 13.

Football, a game that brutally tests the minds and bodies of even its strongest players, brings forth many lessons about the importance of perseverance, dedication and hard work.

Possibly the most critical lesson is about teamwork. When the guys come together as a team, great things can be achieved. The Indians worked well together as a team in the game and that portends great things for the coming season.

This year the team opted to play out of region due to the fact since it is such a young team, with only three seniors suiting up.

When asked how playing out of region affects the team, sixth year head coach Jason Roquemore said, "We knew coming into the season that we'd be young in some spots so that is one of the reasons for going out of region. This way matchups will be more apples to apples than previously."

"That being said, I still



Tucker Engert (10) goes in motion as Peyton McGaha awaits the snap. McGaha left the game in the first half with an injury. His status is unknown as of press time. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

feel very good about the work we put in this summer and the direction we're headed. The schedule that we have is going to be very competitive and I'm really looking forward to watching our kids play."

In the scrimmage, Towns completed 4 of 5 passes for a total of 40 yards. They had 20 carries for 210 yards and three touchdowns.

Freshman Alex Baert had 7 carries for 90 yards, including a 59-yard touchdown.

Freshman Tucker Engert caught 2 passes for 17 yards, had five carries for 81 yards and two touchdowns. Junior Quarterback Peyton McGaha completed 2 of 3 passes for 23 yards.

The offensive line only acquired two penalties throughout the game which is exceptional as everyone knows the penalties can literally make or break the game.

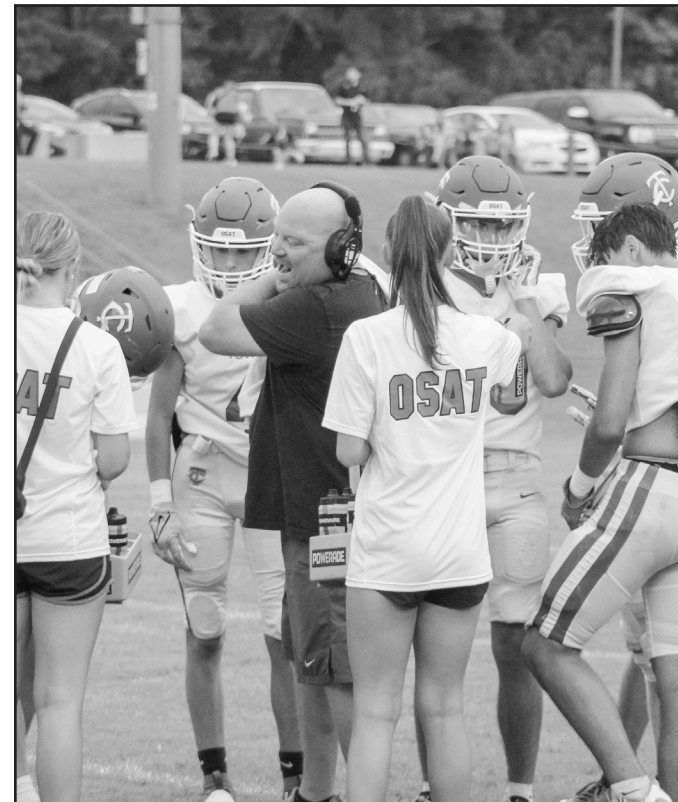
Defensively Junior Mo Walker had 7 tackles including

two tackles for a loss. Freshman Tucker Engert had two tackles and one interception. Junior Daylen Sosebee had two tackles and one sack.

"Overall, I thought last night went well. Both the offensive line and defensive line played well," said Roquemore, also known as Coach 'Roc'.

Coach Roc is working with a young team as there are 15 freshmen among the team's numbers.

"It's all about consis-



Head coach Jason Roquemore during a timeout at Copper Basin last Friday night. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

tenacy and confidence," he said. "We're working hard on that. And we're working on the fundamentals."

"As a coach you always think you know your strengths and your weaknesses. But until you get the kids on the grass competing you really can't firm that up. I feel coming out of the game our strength was on the line of scrimmage, both offensively and defensively. I feel really good about where we are in the process of becoming

a team.

"We had a couple of busts in the secondary that cost us. Offensively I thought we were physical and played hard. There will be several things we can correct off the tapes as we start preparations for Murray County."

The Indians will take the next two weeks to prepare for the season opener. It is scheduled for August 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Murray County. Tickets can be purchased at GoFan for \$10.

Lady Indians softball takes the field this week to open 2024 campaign

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The only thing better than softball is more softball.

When life throws you a curve ball, you gotta hit it out of the park. The TCHS Lady Indians know these truths to be self-evident, and are gearing up for another exciting season of softball. Coach Clay Livingston is back for his seventh year and hoping to lead his girls to postseason success.

"Last year we actually won a playoff game for the first time in school history so we're looking to do it again."

Towns County made progress last fall by winning a

postseason game after reaching the playoffs in 2022.

Key returners for the Lady Indians include Drew Livingston, Scotlyn Fain, Jaycie Cross, Alaina Murphy, Regan Rogers and Chloe Sutton.

Livingston and the Lady Indians will need to replace Laura Mauldin, Elizabeth Edwards, Hope Chastain and Zoe Phillips.

Washington-Wilkes headlines Region 8-A (D2) after going undefeated in region play and advancing to the State Elite Eight in 2023.

Lake Oconee Academy finished as region runner-up during a 14-13 campaign. Lincoln County is coming off a 17-7 season but slipped to third



Head coach Clay Livingston in 8-A with a 4-4 mark. Towns County secured the final playoff spot with a 2-6 record in region action and a 9-13 overall mark.

"I coached football for 23 years," said Livingston. "But I've got three girls who couldn't care less about football, so I started coaching softball and soccer. We typically have 15 or more players but we're starting this year off with only 11. That means we've got to stay healthy."

"We've got some pretty good players and I'm excited about them. We've been in the playoffs for the past two years. Before that, it had been 20 years since TCHS had been in the playoffs. We can't afford a single injury and if we stay healthy, we're going to have a pretty good season."

The first game was Monday Aug. 5th vs. Rabun County. "That is if we don't get rained out. It's a swamp down

there right now so I'm hoping for better weather," said Livingston.

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association Weekly Play



Debbie Estes, Martha Zimmer, Sandra Snyder, Holly Cox, Gail Cole, Nancy Harvill, Janean Yankowskas, Vicky Healy, Mary Mott, Pam Herrick, Linda Robinson and Linda Miles

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Assoc (CSLGA) held their weekly play on July 30th. It was a hot and humid day but finally rain free.

The game was a team game "Arizona Shuffle", where the combined score on each hole counts. Our 1st were 1st place the team of Janean Yankowskas, Linda Robinson and Debbie Estes, 2nd

place went to the team of Martha Zimmer, Holly Cox and Linda Miles, 3rd place went to the team of Nancy Harvill, Gail Cole and Sandra Snyder.

Our low putt ladies were Linda Robinson with 29 putts and Mary M with 31 putts. Our chip-in ladies were Linda Robinson on hole #14 and Nancy Harvill on hole #1. The only birdie scored was Mary

Mott on hole #6.

After golf we enjoyed pizza at Firehouse 17 for some fun, fellowship and conversation!

If you are interested in joining us and it's never too late, please contact Vicky Healy, vhealy55@gmail.com. We are a fun group of ladies who love to golf in our beautiful mountains! T(Aug7,F2)JH

2024 TCHS Softball Schedule		
August 5	Rabun Co	5:00
August 8	@Fannin Co	5:00
August 13	@Rabun Co	5:00
August 15	Gainesville	5:30
August 19	Fannin Co	5:00
August 22	@East Jackson	5:30
August 26	@Gainesville	5:30
August 28	@Pickens	6:00
September 3	Cedar Shoals	5:30
September 10	@WW	5:00
September 12	LOA	5:00
September 17	Lincoln Co	5:00
September 19	@LOA	5:00
September 24	WW	5:00
September 26	@Lincoln Co	5:00
October 1	Athens Christian	5:00
October 3	Pickens Co	5:00
October 7	@ Cedar Shoals	5:30

Veterans Golf League Play

The Veterans Golf League plays every Thursday at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. This week's winning team was led by Tim Bresnahan. Teammates contributing to the 10 shot under par victory were Frank Geddings, Mike Miller and Mel Halfon. Congratulations! T(Aug7,M1)JH