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Indians fall 47-13 to Prince Avenue Christian, despite strong second half

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Towns County is a better team for having played the Wolverines last Friday night at home in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium.

Yes, the Boys in Blue came up short on the scoreboard, but they got some valuable experience playing against a tough team out of Athens, a team that has gone to the playoffs every year since 2010.

The Indians are looking determined this year, having charged straight out of the gates with a season opening victory against Hayesville that energized the team and fan base alike.

And with two straight losses since that win, Towns County will be looking for gridiron glory this Friday, meaning Riverside Military better spend some extra time in the film room.

The game against Prince Avenue Christian had its highlights, such as the last quarter rush for touchdowns, where the Indians came up with two in the last two minutes of the game, thanks to a smart inside kick and return from senior Major Moss that gave the Indians back the ball for a buzzer-beater final score.

Coming up with those two touchdowns were sophomore Trent Bradshaw and senior Kobe Denton, and Moss kicked one point after to bring their final score up to 13.

Coach Cornett said he was proud of his guys, the effort they put up against such a seasoned program as Prince Avenue Christian.

"They're a good team," said Cornett of the Wolverines. "That's where every program wishes to be. They have tradition, they were in the Final Four last year, and they go to every game believing they can win." The Wolverines had a



The Towns County football captains meet at midfield prior to the Prince Avenue Christian game for the coin toss.. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

punishing passing game that evening, and while they were able to enter the second half up 41-0, the Indians held them to a score of 6 after that, all while outscoring them by 7 points during that closing half.

According to Coach Cornett, he tried to communicate a particular message during the halftime in order to lift the guys up to the competitive level where they needed to be.

"The one thing that they learned at half is that it's easy to lose, and it takes a commitment to win," said Coach Cornett. "A commitment that a lot of people sometimes aren't able to give. But I think I'll find enough to give me that commitment."

As far as what the Indians will be working on this week, Coach Cornett said everything was on the table - kicking, of-

fense and defense.

Looking ahead to the Friday, Sept. 16, game, which is the last home game before the Indians hit the road again the following week, Towns County will be playing Riverside Military Academy, which is 1-2 on the season, just like the Indians.

"They'll have some athletes," said Coach Cornett. "I think that they're more on our level right now, and I think it'll be a good game. I think it'll be a much better game than this."

The JV squad keeps performing well, having beaten Riverside Military Academy the evening before, and the crowds for the varsity games have been consistently good all season.

Be sure to check in on the Indians at home against Riverside this Friday, Sept. 16, with a

kickoff time of 7:30 p.m.

Riverside, like Towns County, will enter with a 1-2 record so somebody will leave Frank McClure Stadium at .500, while the other side will leave scratching their heads at 1-3.

The Eagles and Indians already have two common opponents in Prince Avenue and George Walton.

RMA was shutout by Prince Avenue, 34-0 on opening night, while they fell 28-7 to George Walton Academy (who beat Towns 21-7).

Their win came over Providence by a score of 27-24.

The Eagles return 11 starters (six on offense, 5 on defense) from a 1-9 team that played in Region 8-AA.

However, they lost their starting quarterback, a talented

running back, and three key players from the defensive front-seven.

Being a private school, RMA was able to benefit from a late transfer that turned out to be their starting quarterback.

Sophomore Issac Teasley transferred from Gainesville High and has thrown two touchdowns while averaging 65 yards-a-game on the ground.

Stephen Aleandre and Justin Eagan are the featured backs in second year coach Kelly Davis' I-formation - Pro Style offensive attack.

Wide Receivers Charles Dimnwaobi and Lyle Lopez have been Teasley's favorite thus far, along with Antonio Copeland and Cameron Mulvehill.

The offensive line is young and will rely on fresh-

men. Defensively, the Eagles will lean heavily upon an athletic secondary led by Lopez and Khalid Duke.

Senior kicker Jose Marrafo has missed all three of his field goal attempts and is only 3-of-4 on PATs after RMA was shutout in two games.

Overall, Towns leads the all-time series 9-8 but the teams haven't met in 15 years.

Back in 2001, the Eagles ended an eight-game losing streak to the Indians with a 49-20 victory.

The teams first met in 1978 when Towns County was victorious 19-0. However, RMA would win the next six contests before Towns won eight-in-a-row.



Towns County sideline prepares for the opening kickoff Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Towns County cheerleaders are keeping the fans fired up. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Cross Country runners set personal bests at Riverside Military Academy

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Taylor Cornett placed seventh



Haylee Lovell gets a hug from Coach Ledford after finishing her first race of the season.



Marshall Ledford fully recovered from last season's injury.

ford, and Jasmine Miranda. Taylor Cornett received an award for finishing in the top 10 runners at 7th place.

The Indian's top five runners were Tyler Grimsley, Kaine Hoffman, Corbin Henderson, Blythe Smith, and Marshall Ledford.

On September 7, 2016 the Indian and Lady Indian Cross Country teams traveled to Riverside Military Academy for their second race of the season.

With the struggles of the heat continuing and with it only being the second race of the season, they both did exceptionally well, even with a few breaking their personal records.

The Lady Indians top five runners were Taylor Cornett, Taralee Arrowood, Hannah Whitehead, Emma Kate Led-

2016 Smokey Mountain Youth Football League Schedule									
Andrews	Cherokee	Franklin	Hayesville	Jackson Co.	Murphy	Robbinsville	Swain Co.	Towns Co.	
Regular Season Games & Crackerbowl Times:			Pee Wees Mites		11:00 AM	Termites Midgets		12:00 PM	
					1:30 PM			3:00 PM	
AUGUST 13th					SEPTEMBER 24th				
Andrews	at	Towns Co.	Towns Co.	at	Swain Co.	at	Murphy	at	Cherokee
Robbinsville	at	Murphy	Andrews	at	Murphy	at	Cherokee	at	Hayesville
Swain Co.	at	Cherokee	Franklin	at	Cherokee	at	Robbinsville	at	Hayesville
Franklin	at	Jackson Co.	Robbinsville	at	Jackson Co.	at	Andrews	at	Copper Basin
Copper Basin	at	Hayesville	Jackson Co.	at	Copper Basin	at	Franklin	at	Copper Basin
AUGUST 20th					OCTOBER 1st				
Towns Co.	at	Franklin	Murphy	at	Towns Co.	at	Towns Co.	at	Cherokee
Jackson Co.	at	Murphy	Swain Co.	at	Hayesville	at	Hayesville	at	Robbinsville
Robbinsville	at	Swain Co.	Hayesville	at	Robbinsville	at	Robbinsville	at	Hayesville
Hayesville	at	Andrews	Cherokee	at	Jackson Co.	at	Andrews	at	Swain Co.
Cherokee	at	Copper Basin	Copper Basin	at	Copper Basin	at	Franklin	at	Copper Basin
AUGUST 27th					OCTOBER 8th				
Swain Co.	at	Murphy	Towns Co.	at	Cherokee	at	Cherokee	at	Hayesville
Cherokee	at	Jackson Co.	Murphy	at	Hayesville	at	Robbinsville	at	Jackson Co.
Andrews	at	Robbinsville	Robbinsville	at	Franklin	at	Swain Co.	at	Swain Co.
Hayesville	at	Franklin	Franklin	at	Andrews	at	Copper Basin	at	Copper Basin
Copper Basin	at	Towns Co.	Andrews	at	Cherokee	at	Copper Basin	at	Copper Basin
SEPTEMBER 3rd					OCTOBER 13th				
Hayesville	at	Towns Co.	Towns Co.	at	Cherokee	at	Cherokee	at	Hayesville
Murphy	at	Cherokee	Jackson Co.	at	Swain Co.	at	Robbinsville	at	Jackson Co.
Jackson Co.	at	Swain Co.	Andrews	at	Franklin	at	Swain Co.	at	Swain Co.
Andrews	at	Franklin	Robbinsville	at	Copper Basin	at	Andrews	at	Copper Basin
Robbinsville	at	Copper Basin	Robbinsville	at	Swain Co.	at	Franklin	at	Copper Basin
SEPTEMBER 10th					OCTOBER 17th				
Towns Co.	at	Robbinsville	Jackson Co.	at	Towns Co.	at	Towns Co.	at	Cherokee
Hayesville	at	Jackson Co.	Hayesville	at	Andrews	at	Hayesville	at	Robbinsville
Cherokee	at	Andrews	Cherokee	at	Franklin	at	Robbinsville	at	Robbinsville
Murphy	at	Franklin	Murphy	at	Swain Co.	at	Swain Co.	at	Swain Co.
Copper Basin	at	Swain Co.	Copper Basin	at	Murphy	at	Murphy	at	Murphy
SEPTEMBER 17th					NOVEMBER 5th				
Jackson Co.	at	Towns Co.	WCU hosts SMOKEY MTN.	YOUTH FOOTBALL DAY					
Swain Co.	at	Andrews							
Cherokee	at	Hayesville							
Franklin	at	Robbinsville							
Copper Basin	at	Murphy							

Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies- Susan Ganitch 209, Nell Rice 192, Monita Rodgers 198. Monday Night Men - Mike Brandenburg 223, Keith Rhodes 223, 215, Greg Whittenberg 209, Taz Matetzschk 245, Jeb Plott 212, Joe Teague 213, 225, 221, Series 659, Derrick Rice 240, 200, Jim Kidder 214, 203, Richard Tanner 236, 217, Bart Rodgers 233, Doug Tanner 202, Stanley Tyler 213. Young @ Heart Seniors- Bart Rodgers 267, Bob Landis 266, Series 740, Stanley Tyler 257, Series 634, Monita Rodgers 199, Claudia Harrison 190, Nell Rice 187.

Major Pickleball Tournament coming to Towns County Complex

Georgia Mountain Pickleball and Towns County are hosting a major Pickleball tournament, the Georgia Mountain Pickleball Fall Classic, Sept. 16-18, 2016 at the Towns County Pickleball Complex (across the highway from the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds entrance).

About 320 players from as far away as Arizona are coming to compete and will feature some of the top players in the country including Gigi LeMaster, one of the top international

lady players in the world. The Women's Doubles are taking place Friday, the 16th starting at 8 AM. The Men play Saturday and the Mixed Doubles will be played Sunday.

Come and see what this game is all about and watch some world class Pickleball. Admission is free, just bring a comfortable chair and some sunscreen.

Fresh grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase so come out and make a day of it. NT(Sep14,29)