

# Towns County Sports

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## Indians unable to recover from 16-0 halftime deficit

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Ware Shoals, SC - Towns County Indians succumbed to the Ware Shoals Hornets by a score of 28-12. The teams played last Thursday, Sept. 12 in South Carolina.

The game was moved from the regularly scheduled Friday night game due to predicted inclement weather.

The Hornets raced out to a 16-0 halftime lead, scoring on their first two possessions of the game. Later, Ware Shoals took a 22-0 edge into the fourth quarter.

The Indians moved within 22-6 early in the fourth but Ware Shoals put the game away with a late rushing score.

Ware Shoals had 275 yards of offense while Towns County had 163 total yards.

In passing yards, Peyton McGaha completed 9 of 17 for 96 yards while Ware Shoals completed 2 of 4 for 21 yards.

While Towns beat the opponent with the passing game, the rushing yards were overwhelming. Ware Shoals had 38 carries for 254 yards while Towns had 29 carries for 67 yards. Towns recovered 3 fumbles.

McGaha also had a touchdown pass and an interception. Reed Adams had 4 catches for 44 yards and a TD. Morgan Walker had 3 catches for 46 yards and 10 tackles. Dustin Barrett had 23 carries for 70 yards and 1 touchdown. Seth Hurley had 8 tackles and a half a sack. Hensel Lobo-Marinez had 8 tackles.

"We tackled really well but we had some key penalties



Towns County quarterback Peyton McGaha behind the Indians offensive line during a recent Indians' road game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

that killed some drives," Coach Jason Roquemore said. "We got the ball inside their 30-yard line, but we were only able to come away with 12 points. We've got to clean some stuff up offensively and defensively and we've got to do a better job of finishing the tackles.

"But all in all, we continue to show some important things and we've got to continue to improve. That's the process

when you've got some young kids. It is going to take some time. But I thought we played really good, really hard.

"It was more of us beating ourselves rather than them beating us. Any time that happens you've got to correct those things and move forward. So now we're looking at this week and trying to get ready for the next one," said Coach Roquemore.

On the season overall, McGaha has 44 completions for 508 yards, 3 touchdowns, 1 interception and 5 sacks.

Rushing stats include Barrett with 456 yards and 9 touchdowns with a long of 66 yards. Alex Baert has 160 yards and 1 touchdown with a long of 24 yards. Barrett has 23 receptions for 205 yards with a long of 75 yards. He also has 18 punts for 693 yards and a long

of 52 yards. Adams has 8 kick returns for 165 yards with a long of 38 yards.

Remember boys, each game is a new chance for glory. One fumble or one interception does not win or lose the game. Despite wins and losses, playing the game is about being on a team, helping and encouraging one another and the experiences you share together. It's about unity.

And don't ever let a loss or your opponent get into your head. Hall of Fame Coach Shug Jordan once said, "Always remember, Goliath was a 40-point favorite over David." Shug led Auburn to more wins than any other Coach in the University's history.

The Indians host a 1-2 Butler (Augusta) squad on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

## Softball: Washington-Wilkes takes 10-2 win in region opener

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The Lady Indians took on Washington Wilkes last Thursday, Sept. 10th and did not fare well in the region opener.

The final score was 10-2. Still, the girls fought hard.

Scotlyn Fain batted 1 for 3. Jaycie Cross had 6 innings pitched, allowing 5 hits and 3 earned runs. Drew Livingston had 1 run scored. Alaina Murphy swatted 1 or 3 with 1 run scored.

"We travelled to Washington Wilkes and did not play very well. We had entirely too many errors and strike outs. I was proud of how we battled to keep it close through 5 and a half innings.

"Jaycie pitched well. She got us some key strike outs and ground balls to help us get out of some jams. But you can't keep putting yourself in those positions and not pay the price eventually.

"The good news is we hung with them and can definitely compete with them. We look forward to getting another chance at them on our field. Hopefully we can put more balls in play and make more routine plays in the field.

"You hate to start out region play like that, but there is still a lot of ball to be played. We will keep our heads up and keep working," said Coach Livingston.

The LOA game which was originally scheduled for Sept. 12th was moved to Oct. 9th at 5 p.m.

Remember ladies, your parents love to come out, watch you play and cheer you



Towns County Lady Indians softball during a coaches' visit to the pitcher's circle at a recent home contest. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

on whether you win or lose. Sports are about health and fitness, teamwork, confidence building and a zillion other

life skills. You're playing on a great team and that make you winners.

The next game is sched-

uled for Sept. 17 vs. Lincoln County at 5 p.m.

The Lady Indians continue region action on Thurs-

day, Sept. 19 with a trip to Lake Oconee Academy. First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. The Towns County-Washing-

ton-Wilkes rematch is Sept. 24 at Lowell Nicholson Field.

Tickets for all games may be purchased on GoFans.