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Indians win region matchup against Riverside Military Academy

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GAINESVILLE – The Towns County Indians brought their A game at Maginnis Field on Friday, Sept. 15, beating their Riverside Military Academy counterparts 35-21.

Wearing their white jerseys, the Boys in Blue drew first blood, as junior quarterback Trent Bradshaw rifled a 28-yard touchdown pass to senior Zach Davenport two minutes into the game.

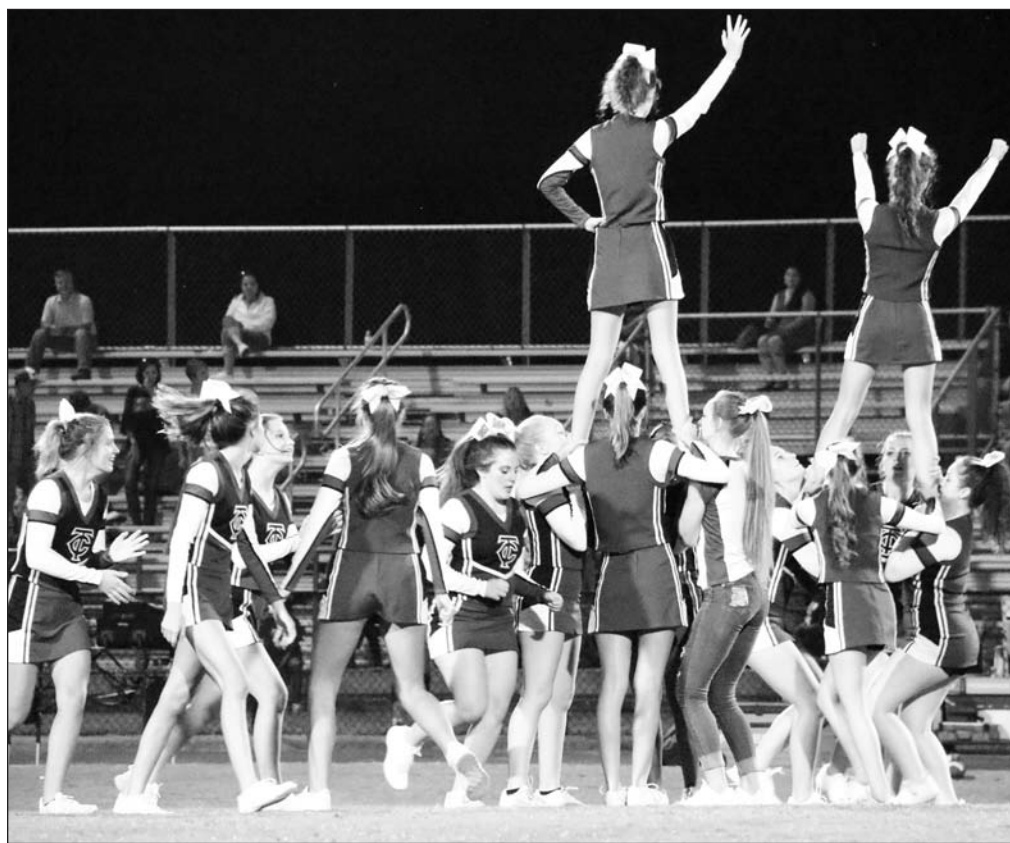
And just like that, the Indians' offense came to life.

Davenport went on to score another touchdown in the first quarter, followed by a touchdown in each of the remaining quarters of the game, totaling 231 rushing yards, five touchdowns and a remarkable night.

Rounding out the offense, Bradshaw connected with fellow junior Will Travis for a 2-point conversion at the end of the first quarter, and junior Wesly Calhoun added 3 points with three point-after-kicks.

Cole Ledford opened the game with a 42-yard kickoff return, and though the senior ended up leaving early with an injury, Ledford was doing well and expected to recover following the game.

Senior Logan Cowart led the team in solo tackles, clobbering his Eagle opponents six times, including three quarterback sacks, though Harold Cox



The TCHS Cheer squad made the trip to Gainesville to support the Indians (left); Zach Davenport had a big night at RMA (right). Photos/Lowell Nicholson and Shawn Jarrard

and Zach Davenport followed close behind Cowart in defense with five solo tackles apiece.

All told, the Indians put up 347 yards of total offense for their second-best offensive showing of the season, behind their 38-21 victory over Hayesville to start the year.

And though the penalty count was a little lopsided – the Indians' 12 to Riverside's six – Towns County had a heck of a night in Gainesville.

"We played great on both

sides, but we've got to eliminate penalties," said Indians Head Coach John Cornett. "I don't know how we do that. I mean, half of them – I really don't understand some of the calls, but I guess that's just the name of the game."

Continued Cornett: "Zach had a great night, and I think Trent did a great job reading the option. Our wide receivers did a good job blocking, and our line did some good things tonight."

"It's a young group. We'll have at least four of them coming back next year, and they did a good job tonight. Everybody stepped up, it was good."

Of course, Coach Cornett was as proud of his Indians as ever, of the effort and intensity that they continue to bring to the gridiron.

"I think our boys realize how good we can be," said Coach Cornett. "I think they feel like we should have had



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60 points tonight." Backing up the football players were the Towns County Raider Marching Band.

At halftime, the cheerleading squad performed a new routine to a mix by Thunder Productions, and everyone loved the stunts they were able to pull off on the synthetic track around Maginnis Field.

Looking ahead to Friday, Sept. 22, the 2-2 Indians will play their first home game in

a month against Athens Academy at 7:30 p.m.

"They could be the best team in the region," said Coach Cornett. "It'll come down to them and Prince. I think they're a good team. We're going to have to play our absolute best. No mistakes."

The Marching Band would like to thank Jacky Jones Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Hayesville for its continuing sponsorship of the team truck pulling the band equipment.

Softball: Lady Indians advance to 7-7 season record, 5-3 in Region 8-A play

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The Towns County Lady Indians defeated region rival Hebron Christian Academy at Lowell Nicholson Field on Thursday, Sept. 14.

Beating Hebron put the Lady Indians within three wins of their 10-win season goal, which would set them up to have the winningest softball season in recent memory and perhaps school history.

The Lady Indians have now defeated Hebron twice this season, and were only a few tenths of a point out from potential playoff eligibility as of press time Monday.

"The game started off rocky, as we let them score two runs in the first inning," said Lady Indians Head Coach Brandon Rowland. "We answered back scoring one run that inning as well, off a walk by Sophia shook and an RBI groundout by Kennedy Henson."

"We would later score one in the third, two in the fourth ... and four more runs in the sixth."



The Lady Indians have evened their record at 7-7 on the year. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Coach Rowland lauded several clutch plays, including a throwdown by Zandra Churchill on a player trying to steal second, a home plate rundown by Lea Neumyer for a score, and excellent pitching by Henson, all of which added up to a Hebron shut-

down after the first inning of the game.

The Lady Indians played region rivals Athens Christian at home on Monday, Sept. 18, and away on Tuesday, Sept. 19, though game results were not available at press time.

Senior Night is Thursday, Sept. 21, in a home game against Prince Avenue that starts at 4:45 p.m., and Coach Rowland would love to see some major community support for his soon-to-graduate players.

Indian Mites swat Yellow Jackets 32-26 in four overtimes



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HAYESVILLE – In the best attended game of the season so far, the Towns County Mites defeated their Yellow-jacket rivals on enemy turf, 32-26, on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The game was a hard-fought victory for the Indians that went into four overtimes, a first for Towns County Youth Football Director Jimmy Smith said.

"It was a whole team effort – they just tore it up," said Director Smith. "In my whole 21 years of being youth football director, I've never seen

four overtimes in youth football. I've seen two overtimes, but not four."

Director Smith and all the Mite coaches were proud of their players that Saturday, especially since the Indians were the underdogs going into the game, and they gave many kudos to the team and several individuals.

Owen Nolan, No. 7, rushed for 77 yards, had 40 receiving yards and scored two receiving touchdowns.

Braden Plott, No. 6, rushed for 50 yards and scored a touchdown.

Cruz Kitchens, No. 5, rushed for 79 yards and two touchdowns, plus he scored a 2-point conversion.

Austin Cornett, No. 34, rushed for 33 yards and had one interception.

The defense proved to be a team effort, though a few players really stood out that day.

Jacob Nicholson, No. 14, led the defense and played a rough and tumble nose guard, forcing four fumbles with excellent timing on the snap.

Lane Haney, No. 56, and Tyler Wachacha, No. 88, both gave excellent defensive performances.

"I'm so excited about that game," said Smith, whose Mites are now 1-3 on the season. "The kids and my coaches, I can't say enough about them. Everybody did an awe-

some job."

The Indian Termites played hard, too, on Saturday, though they lost to Hayesville 32-12, bringing their record to 0-3 on the season.

Aiden Reynolds, No. 2, stood out against the Yellowjackets with two rushing touchdowns, and Director Smith is proud of his young team and equally thankful for his coaches.

Unfortunately, Smith was unable to recruit enough players this season for Midget and Pee Wee teams, but that won't stop the Boys in Blue from playing their hearts out in the Smoky Mountain Conference.

Smith said he's hopeful that the whole community will turn out in a show of support during this Saturday's home game against the Robbinsville Black Knights, and he thanked the parents for their support, as well as Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw for his support.

The Robbinsville game is on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center at Foster Park, with a kickoff time of 9:30 a.m.

Along with the Robbinsville game, the Indians have games remaining against Swain County, Murphy, Franklin and Cherokee.

PASSING STATS

| | Cmp | Att | Yds | Cmp% | TD | Int |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|-----|
| #4 Trent Bradshaw | 3 | 7 | 68 | 42.9% | 2 | 0 |

RUSHING STATS

| | Att | Yds | Avg | TD |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------|----|
| #20 Zach Davenport | 19 | 231 | 12.2 | 4 |
| #5 Harold Cox | 3 | 52 | 17.3 | 0 |
| #12 Cole Ledford | 3 | 11 | 3.7 | 0 |
| #4 Trent Bradshaw | 6 | 11 | 1.8 | 0 |
| #22 Andy Chambers | 7 | 8 | 1.1 | 0 |

RECEIVING STATS

| | Rec | Yds | Avg | TD |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| #20 Zach Davenport | 2 | 62 | 31 | 2 |
| #6 Will Travis | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 |

DEFENSIVE STATS

| | Tkl | Solo | Ast | Sac | TFL | Int |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| #44 Logan Cowart | 6 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| #5 Harold Cox | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| #20 Zach Davenport | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #78 Jake Parker | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 |
| #42 Wesely Chalhoun | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #32 Hunter Frisk | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #22 Andy Chambers | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #53 Luke Woody | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #50 Dalton Key | 1.5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #4 Trent Bradshaw | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| #24 Nick Bradely | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #6 Will Travis | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #63 Jamison Bogus | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 |
| #54 Jeremy Mayes | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Youth basketball registration

Registration for the 2017-2018 basketball season will begin September 1st and will run until October 8th. We will offer 12u, 10u, and 8u for both boys & girls. Be sure to create an account and register your child online to secure a spot in our program for this Winter on our website townscountyrec.com. If you have any questions about creating an account check out the "Online Registration" under "Quick Links" on the home page or give us a call at (706) 896-2600.

After you finish creating an account, be sure to download the SI Play app to your

mobile device to get practice and game reminders, see rosters, schedules, standings, and also have the ability to communicate with other parents straight from the app.

Parents who are interested in coaching will need to check out the "Want to Coach" tab and follow the instructions there.

These applications will need to be received by the Recreation Department by October 2nd so that we can have coaches selected and ready once registration ends. Background checks will be mandatory for all coaches selected.