

# Towns County Sports

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## Football: Indians wrap up 2024 in low-scoring loss to Southeast Whitfield

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Towns County was defeated by Southeast Whitfield County in the final game of the season last Friday, Oct 25th by a final score of 7-3. Nonetheless, it was a great defensive game.

Towns converted 13 first downs compared to Southeast with only 10, but Towns County was outgained in rushing yards, 154 to 131 yards. In passing yardage Towns compiled 107 yards to Southeast's 12, but the Indians couldn't capitalize in the red zone. Towns had 6 penalties for 57 yards and Southeast had 5 for 45 yards.

Still, there were some good individual highlights. Peyton McGaha completed 14 out of 25 for 107 yards. Alex Baert had 20 carries for 106 yards and Dustin Barrett had 12 carries for 48 yards. Grayson Youngblood made 6 catches for 36 yards.

Defensively, Morgan Walker made 10 tackles, Baert made 8 tackles and 3 were for a loss. Jacob Nicholson made 6 tackles and Wyatt Woody made 7 tackles and 1 was for a loss. Caden Coggins made the only score with a field goal from 24 yards and Reed Adams had a touchback kickoff.

The final season leaders had some excellent statistics. McGaha completed 74 of 126 passes for 768 yards, scored 3 touchdowns with 2 interceptions. Barrett had 162 carries for 962 yards rushing and scored 12 touchdowns. Baert



Towns County football seniors were recognized during last week's Senior Night festivities. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

had 42 carries for 266 yards and a touchdown.

Barrett hauled in 35 catches for 271 yards. Youngblood had 15 catches for 136 yards and 1 touchdown. Walker

had 12 catches for 161 yards and a touchdown. Adams had 6 catches for 85 yards and a touchdown. Tucker Engert had 5 catches for 85 yards and a touchdown.

Walker made 89 tackles, followed by Barrett with 50, Nicholson with 47, Woody with 44, Baert with 43 and Daylen Sosebee with 37.

The boys were pretty impressive with tackles for a loss too. Baert had 16, Nicholson made 13, Henderson had 7, Seth Hurley and Sosebee each recorded 6.

How about sacks? Nicholson had 4.5, Sosebee notched 2.5, Baert made 2, Hurley and Alex Henderson each made 1.5. Let's talk interceptions.

Barrett made 4, Engert made 3, River Chauncey, Youngblood and Sosebee each added 1. Coggins made 2 out of 3 field goals and Adams made 1 for 6 with a long of 48 yards.

The Indians had a winning season at 5-4 overall. For the first time since 2008 the Indians had 5 wins for the third time in program history (2007 and 2017).

The players matured as a team with every game. While there was disappointment in the final score on Friday, there

was no disappointment in their effort all season.

Coming off a winless season in 2023, Towns County saw a plus-5 jump in the win column. The jump marked the largest one-year increase since the 2008 squad finished 7-3 following an 0-10 campaign in 2007.

It was an incredible journey. The boys battled like warriors in every game and gave the whole town something to cheer about. Way to go Indians!



Towns County cheer squad seniors. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Towns County vs. Southeast Whitfield. Photos by Lowell Nicholson

## TCHS Basketball Schedule: Scrimmage Nov. 8; host Union County in opener Nov. 15

Date	Opponent	Place	JVG/JVB	JV Time	VARSITY TIME
<b>November</b>					
Nov. 8th	Scrimmage at Hiwassee Dam	Hiwassee Dam	None		6:00
TBD	Highlands NC	Highland NC	JVB	4:30	6:00
Nov. 15th	Union County	Towns County	Both	4:00	7:00
Nov. 16th	Tallahah Falls	Tallahah Falls	Both	2:00	5:00
Nov. 19th	Rabun County	Rabun County	JVB	4:30	6:00
Nov. 22nd	Union County	Union County	Both	4:00	7:00
<b>December</b>					
Dec. 3rd	Tallahah Falls	Towns County	JVB	4:30	6:00
Dec. 6th	Hayesville	Towns County	Both	4:00	7:00
Dec. 7th	Warren County	Towns County	Both	3:00?	6:00?
Dec. 10th	Rabun County	Towns County	JVG	4:30	6:00
Dec. 13th	Greene County	Greene County	Both	4:00	7:00
Dec. 14th	Lake Oconee Academy	Towns County	Both	3:00	6:00
Dec. 20th	Lincoln County	Lincoln County	JV Girls	4:30	6:00
Dec. 21st	Hayesville	Hayesville	Both	4:00	6:30
Dec. 27th	<b>BATTLE OF THE STATES</b>				
Dec. 28th	<b>BATTLE OF THE STATES</b>				
Dec. 30th	<b>BATTLE OF THE STATES</b>				
<b>January</b>					
Jan. 10th	Washington-Wilkes	Washington-Wilkes	Both	4:00	7:00
Jan. 11th	Copper Basin(G)/Taliaferro County (B)	Towns County	None		3:30 VG/5:00 VB
Jan. 17th	Greene County <b>REC NIGHT</b>	Towns County	Both	4:00	7:00
Jan. 18th	Lake Oconee Academy	Lake Oconee	Both	3:00	6:00
Jan. 21st	Highlands NC	Towns County	JVB	4:30	6:00
Jan. 24th	Warren County	Warren County	Both	4:00?	7:00?
Jan. 25th	<b>Mandatory Region Open Date</b>				
Jan. 28th	Copper Basin (Girls Only)	Copper Basin	None		6:00 PM
Jan. 31st	Taliaferro County	Taliaferro County			6:00 PM
<b>February</b>					
Feb. 1st	Lincoln County (Senior Night)	Towns County	None		5:00 PM
Feb. 7th	Washington-Wilkes	Towns County	JV Boys	4:30	6:00 PM
Feb. 8th	<b>Mandatory Region Open Date</b>				

Towns County's early November game at Highlands, NC has been rescheduled, resulting in a Nov. 15 season opener vs. Union County in Hiwassee. The Indians and Lady Indians will face all three of their mountain neighbors, Hayesville, NC, Rabun County and Union County, ahead of the Battle of the States Christmas Tournament.