

Towns County Sports

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XC: Williams' 5th-place finish headlines Towns County's State meet



Both Towns County cross country teams competed in Carrollton at the Class A (D2) state meet on Saturday. Senior Connor Williams came in fifth, leading the Indian men to a 13th-place overall finish. Williams clocked in at 18:16; John Durham was 83rd at 22:33; Gabriel Calhoun was 106th at 23:35; Jordan Lopez was 110th at 23:41; Emory Hardin was 113th at 23:46; Will Walls came in 128th at 25:05. In the girls' race, senior Kya Smith crossed the line 29th to pace the 16th place Towns County girls. Smith finished in 26:31. Other runners included Ansleigh Hardin in 97th at 32:25; Jamie McCarter placed 105th at 34:49; Mary Durham was 108th at 35:33; Katelyn Walls was 112th at 37:03; Lilly Cannon placed 113th at 37:44. Photos by Todd Forrest

Basketball: Indians, Lady Indians open season Thursday vs. Union

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The game of basketball dates back to the 1800s. It is the only sport uniquely American, even though today it is played around the world.

The game was included in the 1936 Olympic Games which started the rise of its popularity. But it really became what it is today when players like Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan energized the world with their bombastic talents.

The Towns County Indians are being coached by Brian Hunnicutt, Michael Anderson and Cade Yarber, and the coaches are excited about the possibilities.

"The loss of six seniors from last year's team left a huge void in game experience but we've got a hard-working bunch that are a pleasure to coach. This year's team does not have the physical presence of the last few Towns County teams, but they are blessed with versatility and athleticism," said Hunnicutt.

"We have many players who can play multiple roles in our offense and defense. Our biggest strengths are our athleticism and ability to score the ball in a variety of ways. The areas of growth which we will have to focus on are our physicality in the paint and just gaining in-game varsity experience."

"We are looking forward to finding out what this team can do. We are very green, but I feel like this group could develop into a really special team. We will rely heavily on our two seniors Connor Williams and John Durham, and five juniors: Dustin Barrett, Cruz Kitchens, Mason Pierson, Jonas Rouse, and Dayleen Sosebee."

"We are also excited about our freshmen group. They have a lot of potential and could really be something special. They are going to learn in the heat of battle, but we are confident they will grow and develop throughout the season."

"This program has had tremendous success in recent years," Hunnicutt continued. "The boys know that there is a standard to uphold, and they

have been working hard to meet those standards. I couldn't be prouder of them. We are going to have to be patient with this group and realize that we are learning on the fly."

"Our schedule is the toughest it has been since I have been here. We face several top 10 teams in our non-region schedule. And we have a very tough region that features Warren County, the number 2 ranked team in the state. Our goals are to grow and develop and hopefully start hitting our stride in the Battle of the States Christmas Tournament and into Region play in January and February. We look forward to the season and appreciate all of the community support. I encourage our community to come out and support these young men."

The Lady Indians are under the direction of first-year coach Alan Rogers and are led by four contributors from a year ago: Kaleigh Beaver, Scotlyn Fain, Ansleigh Hardin and Jamie McCarter.

Towns County finished 2023-24 at 17-11 and advanced to the State playoffs.



Towns County faced Hiwassee Dam, NC in a scrimmage ahead of Thursday's opener vs. Union County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Towns County men open thier 2024-25 campaign at home vs. No. 9 Union County on Thursday, Nov. 14. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Date	Opponent	Place	JVG/JVB	JV Time	VARSITY Time
November					
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	Tallulah Falls	Tallulah 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
December					
Dec. 3rd	Tallulah 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	BATTLE OF THE STATES				
Dec. 28th	BATTLE OF THE STATES				
Dec. 30th	BATTLE OF THE STATES				
January					
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 REC NIGHT	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	Mandatory Region Open Date				
Jan. 28th	Copper Basin (Girls Only)	Copper Basin	None		6:00 PM
Jan. 31st	Taliaferro County	Taliaferro County			6:00 PM
February					
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	Mandatory Region Open Date				

Friday's season opener vs. Union County has been rescheduled for Thursday the 14th at 5:30 p.m.