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Wrestling: Indians look ahead to King of the Mountain Dec. 6-7

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After dropping two matches last week to Union and White counties, Indian grapplers are looking to bounce back in the upcoming annual Towns County King of the Mountain Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7.

Towns County traveled to Union County on Tuesday, Nov. 19, for a match against the archrival Panthers.

"We wrestled out of our minds," Indians Head Coach Jeff Stowers said. "We wrestled fantastic, even kids that lost wrestled great. We wrestled really well."

The Indians lost to the Panthers 42-30 in a hard-fought match, though juniors Alisa Moss, Garrett Oakes, Austin Edrington and Matthew Ledford all defeated their opponents in Union County.

Stowers has established Towns as one of the top single-A wrestling programs in the state with several championship appearances, and the success of the program has sparked the interest of young athletes who joined the team this year.



Towns County junior Matthew Ledford had an impressive week, winning his matches vs Union and White. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Most of the wrestlers are grappling for the first time, and Stowers said they continue to improve and get better each day.

Everyone is doing well, Stowers said, adding that one of the things young wrestlers learning the sport for the first

time struggle with most is consistency, which is something the student-athletes will keep working on through the season.

"It's great that we have so many young kids who are eager to learn and get on the mat," Stowers said.

The White County Warriors traveled to Towns County for the one and only Indians home match of the year on Friday, Nov. 22.

Brother and sister Oakes and Moss both pinned their opponents in the first round, while

Ledford grappled three rounds, resulting in a victory on Friday. The AAAA Warriors defeated Towns County 41-24.

"We had a chance to beat White County, but we just didn't wrestle well on Friday," Stowers said. "Nobody wrestled great

Friday. Even the kids that won didn't wrestle well.

"Right now, we are streaky, just like young kids usually are. We've got to get more consistent."

With the middle school wrestling program returning after a five-year hiatus, Stowers said it will help greatly with developing the younger kids.

Now that three regular season matches are in the books the Indians are preparing for the annual King of the Mountain Tournament next week.

Twenty-six schools from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina are expected to compete in this year's tournament.

After an Eighth Place finish in last year's King of the Mountain Tournament, the Indians are looking to wrestle their way to the Top Spot to take the title from last year's champ West Oak High School out of South Carolina.

The 2019 King of the Mountain Wrestling Tournament is a two-day event starting on Friday, Dec. 6, and ending on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center at Foster Park in Young Harris.

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4-H Horse Club visits County Mounties Training Arena



4-H Horse Club at training arena

The Towns County, GA 4-H Horse Club visited the County Mounties training arena in Hayesville, NC on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

One of the 4-H requirements at different levels is to visit a horse facility, help with the arrangements, interview a horse professional and watch a training demonstration.

The visit to the County Mounties facility fit their needs perfectly. County Mounties is

a 501(c)3 non-profit service horse organization with members throughout the southeastern United States.

Lawrence Beal, Director, of Hayesville gave the training demonstration. Gail Curry and Denna Brand, 4-H Club Co-Leaders, both of Hayesville, arranged the event and provided food for the 35 plus children and parents.

Gail Curry says she was thrilled at how the visit

opened up the children's horizons to proper ground work and some other avenues for using and enjoying their horses. Also, the parents reaction to the information was positive.

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The Towns-Union Special Olympics, held earlier this month, are always a treat for competitors, volunteers and everyone in attendance. The spring event will be held later in the school year. Photos/Todd Forrest