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Indians swat Jackets, stun No. 2 Warren County to improve to 4-4

Lady Indians win two of three with victories over Hayesville and Warren Co.

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Towns County's boys went 3-0 for the week with victories over Tallulah Falls, rival Hayesville and second-ranked Warren County, running their win streak to four games.

On Tuesday the boys defeated Tallulah Falls in an overtime thriller. Towns won the game by a score of 76-72. The Indians lost by 2 points earlier in the season at Tallulah and were able to take revenge on their home court.

Tucker Engert led the Indians in scoring with 37 points, 3 assists and 3 steals. Dustin Barrett had 16 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Cruz Kitchens added 14 points, 7 rebounds and 1 steal. Jonas Rouse pitched in 7 points, 6 rebounds, and 6 assists. Mason Pierson added 3 points and 4 assists.

On Friday, Dec. 6, Towns County welcomed rival Hayesville, NC to Hiwassee for a much anticipated matchup. Towns jumped on Hayesville early and led by 20+ points for most of the game. The Indians were able to hold the Yellow Jackets at bay for the 2nd half and cruise to a 67-51 victory.

Kitchens led the Indians in scoring with 17 points and 5 rebounds. Barrett scored 15 points, made 9 rebounds, and had 2 steals. Engert had 13 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Connor Williams fought through an injury and 6 points before having to leave the game. Pierson added 4 points, and John Durham added 2 points.

On Saturday, Dec. 7th Towns hosted the number 2 ranked team and defending Region Champion and Final Four team from Warren County. This was the Indians first region game of the year.

The game was tightly contested the whole way, with each team trading baskets throughout the contest. Warren County was able to grab a



Indians coach Brian Hunnicutt with his players during the final moments of Towns County overtime win over Tallulah Falls. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

6 point lead in the 4th quarter, but the Indians fought back to tie the game with two free throws from Barrett with 3.5 seconds left.

Kitchens stole Warren's inbound pass and was subsequently fouled with 1 second to go in the game. Kitchens hit the game winning free throw to give the Indians the 62-61 victory.

Barrett and Rouse led the team in scoring with 16 points each, with both having monster games on the boards as well. Engert had 13 points with several key steals for the Indians late in the game. Kitchens had 11 points and

kept Warren's 6'7" center in check throughout the contest.

Durham hit a huge 3 pointer late in the game to keep the Indians in the contest. Sam Sarafin added 2 points and played well throughout the game. Pierson added 1 point and played great defense on Warren's guards.

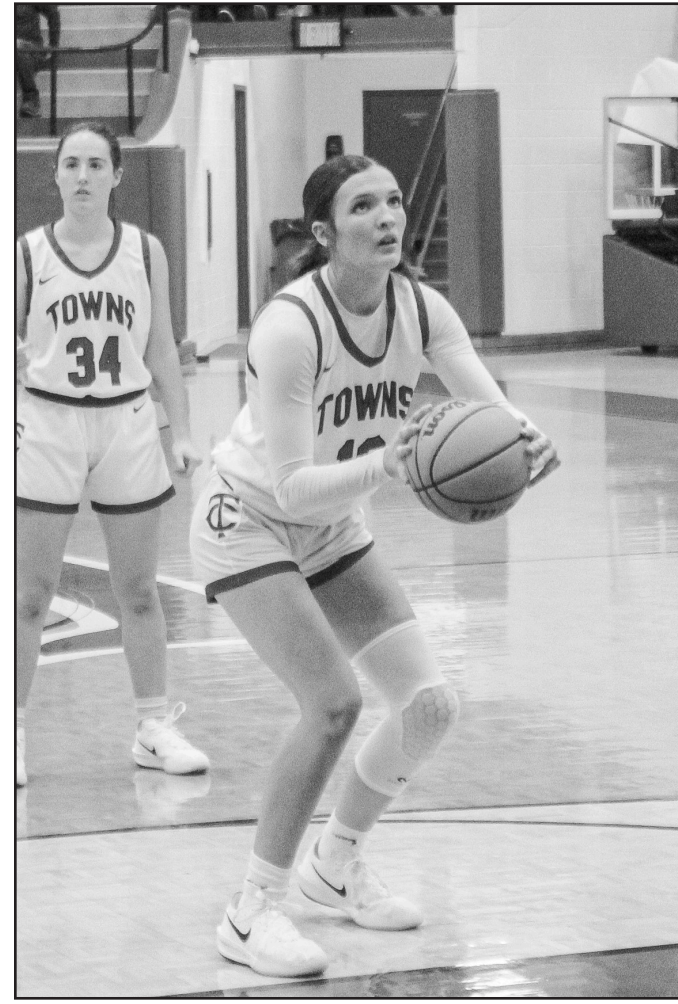
"This was a big week for us. I am so proud of the boys," said Coach Hunnicutt. "They started the week with a hard fought overtime win against a very good private school from Tallulah Falls.

"They closed the week by fighting against a great team that is a powerhouse in

our region and the state. Warren is a popular pick to compete for a state championship and they are every year.

"In between those games we faced Hayesville. They are a huge rival for us, and that team has a great coach, and they always play so hard. After the way our season started, I am so proud of the boys' fighting adversity and showing their grit this week. We proved to ourselves that we can play with anybody and win when we play together and never give in.

"We are making progress and starting to improve. This week showed that, but



Senior Kaleigh Beaver logged a pair of 20-point games for the Lady Indians last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

next week doesn't get any easier. We face No. 4-ranked Rabun County on Tuesday, go to Greene County and face a Sweet 16 team and region runner up from last year, and then play undefeated Region opponent, Lake Oconee Academy at home on Saturday.

"I want to encourage the community to come out and support both teams on Tuesday and Saturday," said Hunnicutt. **Lady Indians** - Towns County Varsity girls lost 53-41 to Tallulah Falls last Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. In spite of the loss, Kaleigh Beaver put up 21 points. Ansleigh Hardin scored 8, Scotlyn Fain scored 7 and Ava Thompson scored 6.

On Friday, December 7th the girls overcame Hayesville in an exciting game, with a final score of 44-42.

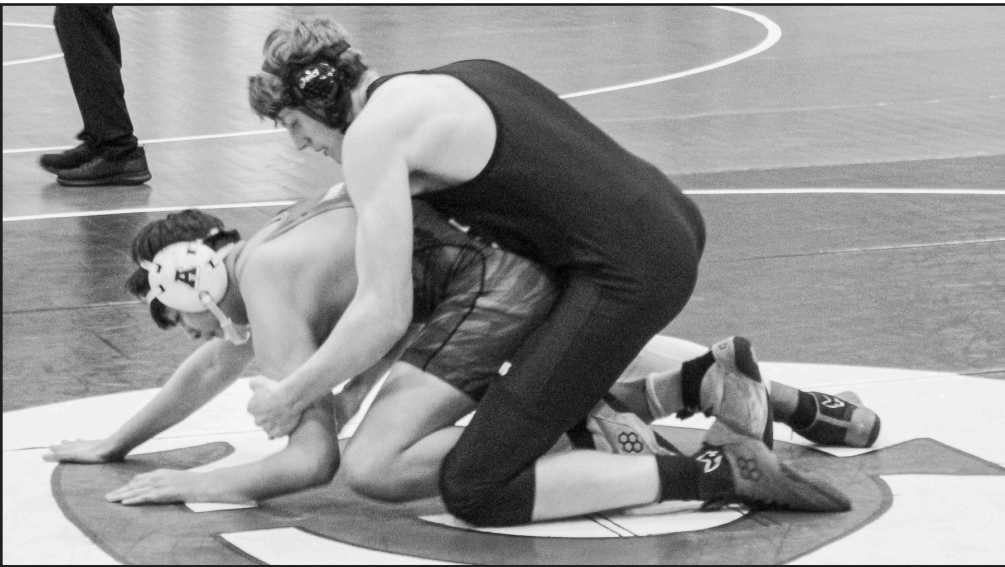
Fain led the way with 18 points. Other stars included Beaver, who scored 11 points, and Thompson, who scored 9 points.

Other players also stepped up. Chloe Sutton scored 3 points, Natalie Barnes scored 2 and Ansleigh Hardin scored 1.

On Saturday the girls dominated Warren County. Final score was 71-57. Beaver controlled the court by scoring 23 points. Fain wasn't far behind with 19 points. Thompson scored 11 points and Barnes 10 points. Hardin scored 6 points and Sutton netted 2.

Towns County hosts Rabun County on Tuesday then travels to Greene County on Friday before finishing the week with LOA at home.

Wrestling: Indians finish strong on Saturday



Towns County in action at a recent home match. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Towns County opened the week with a home loss to Rabun County, then placed 16th over the weekend at Harris County's King of the County.

Jack Stowers won four matches at 165 lbs to finish fifth at King of the County. Gabriel Calhoun came in ninth at 190 lbs; Jay Thomas was 10th at 113; Nick Vargas placed 10th at 132; William Walls was 11th at 120; River Chauncey placed 12th at 126; Noah Davis came in 13th at 215; Bear Chauncey placed

15th at 106. "We had a tough week to start with," said Coach Clay Livingston. "We wrestled Rabun County on Tuesday at home and got whipped. We were not ready to wrestle.

"I have to do a better job helping the kids mentally prepare for matches. I was proud of the way the kids came back the next day in practice and went right back to work. We had a good few days of preparation for the King of the County tournament, Friday and Saturday at Harris County High School.

"We struggled again on Friday, but came back strong

on Saturday with a solid finish in a very difficult tournament. Jack Stowers was our top placer with a 5th place finish at 165 lbs. We had a couple of kids making a drop in weight classes and that was a bit of a struggle as well.

"But they fought through it and I feel like we got better over the weekend. All 8 of our wrestlers had at least one win and scored some team points. It is still early in the season and we have a long way to go, but I am pleased with the progress we are making," said Coach Clay Livingston.

The team's next home match is December 14th.

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				