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Towns County Indians 33, Hayesville Yellow Jackets 14

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Hayesville, NC - Towns County used a 27-0 outburst during the second and third quarters to leave Hayesville, NC, with a 33-14 victory for just the second win over their Black and Gold rivals.

However, the Indians defense left the Yellow Jackets black and blue – limiting the home team to only 165 yards of total offense over the final three quarters after Towns County closed the first period trailing 7-6.

“This win does so much for our guys, just getting that first win and getting over that hump,” Towns County Head Coach John Cornett said following the game. “I think the boys believed it, they just had to come out here and prove it.”

The offense was led by senior Russell Cox, who finished with 129 rushing yards and two scores. The Indians were also aided by two go-ahead touchdowns from sophomore quarterback Trent Bradshaw – one though the air to give his squad a 6-0 lead, and another on the ground to put Towns ahead for good at 12-7.

Following an 18-yard carry by Kobe Denton and a 22-yard gain from Andy Chambers to close the first frame, the Indians opened the second with an 8-yard run by Russell Cox that set up a 9-yard touchdown scamper by Bradshaw.

The 2-point conversion was unsuccessful, but the Indians regained the advantage at 12-7 – a lead they would never relinquish.

Towns County would force the Yellow Jackets into a punting situation, and Denton made them pay, taking the kick to the house from 39-yards out. With 7:58 left until halftime, the Indians were on top 18-7.

Following another punt, the Indians were on the move, but a penalty wiped away a fourth down, 22-yard touchdown strike from Bradshaw to Colton Shook during the waning seconds of the half.

Earlier in the game, a penalty flag also negated a Denton punt return that would have set the Indians up with first-and-goal from inside the five. A flag also brought back a 65-yard return by Zach Davenport on the game's opening kickoff. The Indians were



Major Moss outruns the Hayesville secondary to give Towns a 6-0 advantage. Photo/Todd Forrest



The Towns County Indians take the field prior to their victory at Hayesville, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

flagged seven times in the first quarter alone, and drew 10 flags total in the first half.

As the Yellow Jackets were trying to get on the board before halftime, Chambers picked off a pass in Indians' territory to preserve the 18-7 advantage. Cole Ledford grabbed a red zone interception in the first quarter to keep Hayesville off the board.

The second half opened with Towns' third interception of the game. This time, sophomore Dalton Key returned the errant pass to the 3-yard line where Cox punched it in for the score.

Denton converted the 2-point conversion for a 26-7 Indians advantage at the 11:03 mark of the third.

The Yellow Jackets turned to their backup quarterback, who provided a brief spark with a 56-yard run to the

Towns County 15, but the defense stuffed a first-down run, then forced three incompletions to get the ball back.

On the ensuing play, Cox broke free for an 85-yard touchdown run to open the flood gates at 33-7, following Major Moss' extra point.

“I promised these boys that they will be in better shape than any team we play, and that's the one thing I can guarantee them,” Coach Cornett said. “I think that's what happened in the second half, we just overtook them (Hayesville).”

As the defense continued to smother the Yellow Jackets, Towns County was unable to extend its lead due to three fumbles.

Hayesville finally broke through with a meaningless touchdown with 3:07 to play. The onside kick attempt was

recovered by Moss and the duo of Bradshaw and Harold Cox drained what was left of the clock.

On the opening series of the game, Bradshaw hit a streaking Moss down the sideline for a 38-yard scoring hookup.

After flags rained down on the Indians opening drive, Bradshaw was faced with a 4th-and-13 but connected with Moss, who outran the secondary for the first score of the game.

Ledford's interception gave the ball back to the Indians who were forced to punt, allowing Hayesville to begin its scoring drive from the Towns 34-yard line, who were flagged for a late hit after an 18-yard Yellow Jacket pickup.

With 1st-and-goal at the 5-yard line, Hayesville found pay dirt with a pair of running



No caption necessary. This picture says it all. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Trent Bradshaw challenges a defender and scores. Photo/Todd Forrest

plays to take a 7-6 lead.

Denton took the ensuing kickoff 55 yards down to the 35 and two runs from Chambers had the Indians inside the 10-yard line.

Facing a 3rd-and-16, the Yellow Jackets were flagged for pass interference – moving the ball to the 8-yard line. The drive would stall when Towns was unable to convert a fourth-and-two at the 6.

With their backs against the wall, the Hayesville offense spun its wheels and were forced to punt from their own end zone.

Denton's return inside the 6-yard line was pushed back to the 48 after a penalty, but four plays later, Bradshaw powered his way into the end zone for a 12-7 lead.

“It's such a big deal getting a win over a rivalry,” Coach Cornett said. “They have to see those guys every day because they're right across the border, and that's why it means so much for them.”

Bradshaw finished with 37 yards and a score on 11 carries, while throwing for 92 yards and a score on 4-of-8 passing.

Harold Cox rushed seven times for 56 yards, Chambers carried four times for 36 yards, and Denton had nine carries for 19 yards but finished with 113

all-purpose yards and a special teams score.

Moss hauled in two passes for 63 yards and a touchdown. Davenport caught one pass for 20 yards, and Cole Ledford had one grab for 9 yards.

The Towns County offense finished with 369 total yards while Hayesville was limited to 231 yards. The Indians ground-and-pound attack pummeled the Jackets with 277 rushing yards on 41 carries while Hayesville could only muster 145 yards on 31 carries.

Towns County is 1-0 for the first time since 2008 and the fourth time in program history.

“We had a big win and scored 33 points, but we still have a lot of things to fix,” Coach Cornett said. “I just can't wait to see what happens when they play a perfect game.”

The Indians are off this week before hosting George Walton Academy in the home, and Region 8-A opener on Sept. 2. The Bulldogs are coming off a 3-7 campaign in 2015, where they defeated Towns County 24-0.

The Indians have only started 2-0 once in program history – coming back in 2008 when they opened the season at 7-1.

TCYF takes on Panthers in Franklin, NC

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Towns County Youth Football is back, and now in his 20th year as league director, Jimmy Smith is as excited as ever for the youth of Towns County.

“We had a lot of support the first game we had, when we kicked off with Andrews in our first game,” said Smith. “We had a lot of people come out, and I thank them a lot. I hope this week they'll be coming out and supporting us again – we need the support.”

The Youth Indians traveled to Franklin, North Carolina, for their series of games on Saturday, Aug. 20, and though only one Towns County team walked away with a win, all of the coaches were proud of their players for participating in the great game of football.

“Even though our Pee Wees lost today 30-8, our guys played a tough game,” said Pee Wees Head Coach Jason Wheeler. “Maddox Baltzel had a 60-yard touchdown run, plus another 45 or 50 yards, followed by Tucker Wheeler punching in the 2-point conversion with about 40 yards rushing.”

“Both played good defense and had several tackles, and Dustin Lockaby had four or five key tackles.”

As for the Termites and their 12-6 loss on Saturday, Head Coach Chris Key said that they just couldn't move the ball offensively. They were, however, able to get a number of tackles for a loss and a stripped ball for their only score, which “kept us in the game.”

The Termites are now 0-2 for the season heading into this weekend's home game against Copper Basin.

Moving on to the Mites, they suffered an 18-0 defeat at



Towns County youth football in action. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the paws of the Franklin Panthers, giving them a dead even split with a 1-1 record for the season so far.

“Today was a learning day for all of us,” said Mites Head Coach Joseph Goble. “With 13 players going against 25, that's tough for any team on the road. Although, we did see some huge improvements out of Bret Young, Wachacha and Brinson this week. This tells us that we are learning and gaining ground.”

Dawson Smith did a great job snapping the ball, despite all the rainy weather, though as far as offense went, the Mites were unable to execute due to missed blocking opportunities and a lacking run game.

The Mites coaches have pledged to hit it hard in practice leading up to this Saturday's game, especially after suffering such a loss after winning the first game of the season.

Fortunately, the Towns County Midgets walked away with a victory against Franklin in the Smoky Mountain Conference, having won 16-6 last Saturday to improve their perfect season record to 2-0.

“They truly prove that great things come in small

packages, and they are not to be underestimated,” said Midgets Head Coach Damon Crowder. “They played with grit, determination and heart.”

“The defense was stingy again this weekend, except for an offensive miscue inside the Indians own 20-yard line, or they would not have scored and it would have been another shutout for the Indians.”

Coach Crowder and his team of coaches said that they were all beyond proud of their 12 players, “and can't wait to see what the rest of the season holds as they tend to impress more and more each week.”

Director Smith, all of the youth football coaches and all of the youth football players and youth cheerleaders ask the community to come out to support them this Saturday at their brand new field at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center at Foster Park.

The games begin at 11 a.m., and there will be plenty of good food in the concession stand thanks to Robin Smith, who is married to Director Smith. Admission to the games is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

TCMS Softball sweeps Hebron Christian



Safe at home! Towns County Middle School's softball team swept a home doubleheader from Hebron Christian last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

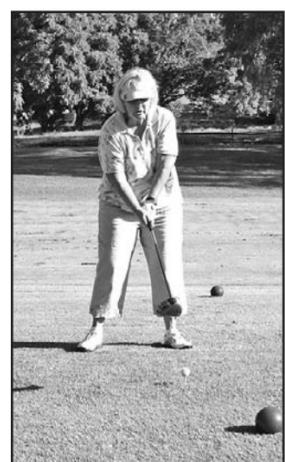
Stableford determines Chatuge Ladies Golf winners

Last Tuesday, the Ladies League at Chatuge Shores had 20 ladies playing an individual scoring format using the modified Stableford point system to determine winners. The modified Stableford system for scoring awards players points on each hole for achieving certain net scores. The lower the player's net score, the more points she receives. For example, a net Bogey score would receive

1 point, a net PAR 2 points, a net Birdie 3 points, and an Eagle 4 points. The golfer with the highest cumulative points for 18 holes is the winner of her flight.

The Flight winners of the modified Stableford point system were: Flight A - 1st: Nancy Steck, 2nd: Kathy Stewart. Flight B - 1st: Glenda Geddings, 2nd: Mary Anderson. Flight C - 1st: Cathy Clement, 2nd: Star Glock. Flight D - 1st: Sandy Jersey, 2nd: Mary Rau.

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association has designated August as food pantry month. Contributions of non-perishable food items as well as soap, shampoo, diapers and similar items may be placed in a designated barrel at the front of the Pro Shop. Those preferring



Nancy Steck teeing off on #17.

to write a check, may do so and turn in to Judy Schmidt or Sandy Jersey. T(Aug24.G1)SH

VFW Golf League

Last week's event at Chatuge Shores Golf Course was won with a score of 9 under par. The winning team consisted of Ray Ide, Frontz Goring, Bill and Joy Miller. Congratulations guys and gal!

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