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Indians play hard in Pelham, lose first-round playoff game

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PELHAM – Integrity and grit – those are the two words that best sum up the 2017 season of the Towns County Indians football team.

The Boys in Blue left everything on the field in their Friday, Nov. 10, matchup against Pelham High School in the first round of the GHSA Class A Public State Championship Playoffs.

And it wasn't from lack of effort that The Tribe, which made history with its first-ever playoff appearance, lost the game 41-14.

The Indians experienced a wide range of emotions following the final seconds of the game that Friday. The team had fought hard to get where they were going, after all, building a new program with Head Coach John Cornett over the last two years.

"It's a bittersweet feeling," said Coach Cornett. "You've got these seniors that gave it their all, they set records for Towns County, and unfortunately, the game did not go the way we planned."

"But they have nothing to hang their heads about. This is a huge stepping stone for our program. I know this – the juniors expect to be right back in here next year."

No matter the outcome, every Indian who made it to the 2017 state playoffs will move forward in life having performed at that higher level in high school, which is likely to pay dividends next season as returning players take the field.

"From here on out, I think we're only going up," said Coach Cornett. "It's just



The sights from Pelham during Towns County football's first ever state playoff appearance last Friday night. Photos by Lowell Nicholson

the attitude that both groups of seniors the last two years have left us with."

Facing off against Pelham on Nov. 10, the Indians had some terrific offensive and defensive moments, and though they made a few mistakes, it was the same Indians that Towns County has come to believe in every step of the way this season.

Danny Reagan kickstarted the offense by recovering a Pelham fumble at the begin-

ning of the third quarter, which led to a five-play touchdown drive, culminated with a score from senior Zach Davenport.

Junior Wesly Calhoun, who only missed one extra point kick in regular season play, kicked the extra point to compliment Davenport's touchdown, and together, the Indians had scored their first points in the game.

The Indians scored once more in their final possession off a long-haulin' 52-yard

carry from senior Andy Chambers, and of course, Calhoun made good on the extra point after touchdown kick.

And even though they lost the game, the Indians will always be able to claim the 2017 season as the year they broke the glass ceiling on the state playoffs.

Towns County Indian football seniors are: Andy Chambers, Logan Cowart, Jamison Boggus, Trey Chastain, Harold Cox, Zach Davenport,

Dalton Key, Cole Ledford, Jeremy Mays, Hayden Walters and Luke Woody.

"I've never seen a group of kids that give so much work and heart with the history they've had, and that's impressed me the most," said Coach Cornett. "Whatever I've asked them to do, they've done."

Continued Coach Cornett: "This was a great year for our program. It was better than last year, and this year

is going to make us even better next year. I'm honored to coach these players, and these seniors especially. It's an honor."

Indians punter and defensive player Dalton Key suffered a knee injury during the fourth quarter of the playoff game, and it was with integrity and grit that he made his way from the field, his arms around the shoulders of his fellow Indians, who bore his weight for him.

Stats: Towns at Providence

PASSING STATS						
	Cmp	Att	Yds	Cmp%	TD	Int
#4 Trent Bradshaw	6	9	75	66.7%	1	0

RUSHING STATS					
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
#12 Cole Ledford	14	100	7.1	0	
#20 Zach Davenport	6	55	9.2	1	
#4 Trent Bradshaw	4	41	10.3	1	
#22 Andy Chambers	5	30	6	1	
#5 Harold Cox	1	6	6	1	
#9 Allen Gillis	2	-2	-1	0	

RECEIVING STATS				
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
#20 Zach Davenport	2	32	16	1
#6 Will Travis	2	24	12	0
#22 Andy Chambers	1	11	11	0
#12 Cole Ledford	1	8	8	0

DEFENSIVE STATS						
	Tkl	Solo	Ast	Sac	TFL	Int
#44 Logan Cowart	6.5	5	3	1.5	2.5	1
#20 Zach Davenport	6	6	0	0	0	0
#22 Andy Chambers	5	5	0	0	1	0
#42 Wesely Chalhou	4.5	4	1	0	1.5	0
#63 Jamison Bogus	4	4	0	0	0	0
#9 Allen Gillis	3.5	3	1	1.5	1	0
#61 Danny Ragan	3	3	0	1	2	0
#12 Cole Ledford	2.5	2	1	0	0	0
#5 Harold Cox	2.5	2	1	0	0	0
#50 Dalton Key	2.5	2	1	0	1	0
#1 Dakota Edge	1.5	1	1	0	0	0
#84 Shane Sparks	1.5	1	1	0	0	0
#4 Trent Bradshaw	1	1	0	0	0	0
#6 Will Travis	1	1	0	0	0	0
#53 Luke Woody	1	1	0	1	1	0
#54 Jeremy Mays	1	1	0	0	0	0
#10 Reece Hampton	1	1	0	0	0	0
#21 Austin Ederington	1	1	0	0	0	0
#57 Jared Wiggins	1	1	0	0	0	0
#24 Nick Bradely	1	1	0	0	0	0

KICKING STATS				
	FG	FGA	XP	Pts
#42 Wesely Chalhou	0	0	3	3
#50 Dalton Key	0	0	3	3

PUNTING STATS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	I20
#50 Dalton Key	3	104	34.7	0

KICK RETURN STATS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
#9 Allen Gillis	1	51	51	0
#12 Cole Ledford	1	14	14	0

Stats: Towns at Lakeview

PASSING STATS						
	Cmp	Att	Yds	Cmp%	TD	Int
#4 Trent Bradshaw	3	3	108	100%	2	0
#6 Will Travis	0	1	0	0%	0	0

RUSHING STATS					
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
#20 Zach Davenport	8	154	19.3	2	
#22 Andy Chambers	9	80	8.9	0	
#12 Cole Ledford	10	75	7.5	3	
#4 Trent Bradshaw	9	50	5.6	0	
#14 Garrett Oakes	8	17	2.1	0	

RECEIVING STATS				
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
#20 Zach Davenport	2	94	47	2
#6 Will Travis	1	14	14	0

DEFENSIVE STATS						
	Tkl	Solo	Ast	Sac	TFL	Int
#44 Logan Cowart	5.5	4	3	2.5	4.5	0
#50 Dalton Key	5	3	4	0.5	1.5	0
#9 Allen Gillis	4	3	2	0	0	1
#20 Zach Davenport	2.5	2	1	0	0	0
#12 Cole Ledford	2	2	0	0	0	0
#5 Harold Cox	2	2	0	0	0	0
#42 Wesely Chalhou	1.5	1	1	0	0	0
#61 Danny Ragan	1.5	1	1	0	0	0
#84 Shane Sparks	1.5	1	1	0	0	0
#22 Andy Chambers	1	1	0	0	0	0
#10 Reece Hampton	1	1	0	0	0	0
#53 Luke Woody	1	1	0	0	1	0
#63 Jamison Bogus	1	1	0	0	0	0
#4 Trent Bradshaw	0.5	0	1	0	0	0
#54 Jeremy Mays	0.5	0	1	0	0	0
#85 Chris Bogus	0.5	0	1	0	0	0

KICKING STATS				
	FG	FGA	XP	Pts
#42 Wesely Chalhou	0	0	8	8

PUNT RETURN STATS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
#20 Zach Davenport	1	19	19	0

KICK RETURN STATS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
#4 Trent Bradshaw	1	1	1	0

Stats: Towns vs Commerce

PASSING STATS						
	Cmp	Att	Yds	Cmp%	TD	Int
#4 Trent Bradshaw	5	12	117	41.7%	1	1

RUSHING STATS					
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
#20 Zach Davenport	3	50	16.7	1	
#12 Cole Ledford	7	21	3	0	
#9 Allen Gillis	5	16	3.2	0	
#4 Trent Bradshaw	1	7	7	0	
#22 Andy Chambers	5	7	1.4	0	

RECEIVING STATS				
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
#20 Zach Davenport	2	45	22.5	1
#7 Hayden Walters	1	45	45	0
#6 Will Travis	2	27	13.5	0
#22 Andy Chambers	0	0	0	0
#84 Shane Sparks	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATS						
	Tkl	Solo	Ast	Sac	TFL	Int
#5 Harold Cox	10.5	10	1	0	1	0
#12 Cole Ledford	10	10	0	0	0	0
#61 Danny Ragan	9	8	2	0	0	0
#44 Logan Cowart	7	6	2	0	0	0
#20 Zach Davenport	6	6	0	0	1	0
#9 Allen Gillis	4	4	0	0	0	0
#22 Andy Chambers	2	2	0	0	2	0
#53 Luke Woody	2	2	0	0	0	0
#50 Dalton Key	1.5	1	1	0	0	0
#42 Wesely Chalhou	1	1	0	0	0	0
#54 Jeremy Mays	1	1	0	0	0	0
#4 Trent Bradshaw	0.5	0	1	0	0	0
#63 Jamison Bogus	0.5	0	1	0	0	0

KICKING STATS				
	FG	FGA	XP	Pts
#42 Wesely Chalhou	0	0	2	2

PUNTING STATS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	I20
#50 Dalton Key	5	203	40.6	2

KICK RETURN STATS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
#9 Allen Gillis	3	57	19	0
#44 Logan Cowart	1	10	10	0