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## Lady Indians surge past Hebron Christian for victory

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**Dacula** - For the first six and a half minutes of the Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team's game in Dacula last Friday, the home standing Hebron Lady Lions looked nothing like a team in search of just its second victory of the season.

Rather, the Lady Lions looked like world beaters as they included three treys and a long deuce in a 15-5 run by the 1:31 mark of the first quarter while the Lady Indians countered with just the five points on a trey by Kristen Byers and a coast to coast run for a field goal by Madison McClure.

The Lady Indians, perhaps a bit rusty after having not played in a game for six days, came alive shortly after that opening Hebron scoring spree, however, as Jocelyn Byers sank a trey at the 1:12 mark of the first quarter and added a drive for two points with four seconds left for just a 15-10 Towns deficit by the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Indians were far from through with first half heroics, however, as Madison Stroud sank two free throws, McClure a trey and a deuce, and Jocelyn Byers two deuces in less than two and a half



Freshman Kristen Byers goes up for two points. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

minutes at the start of the second quarter for eleven straight points in completing a 16-0 run back to the first quarter for a 21-15 lead with 5:39 on the clock.

The Lady Indians then responded to a trey and two free throws by the Lady Lions

for a 21-20 score with a 13-2 run the final 3:08, highlighted by a trey and five for six free throw shooting for eight points by Madison Landress, for a 34-22 lead at intermission.

The Lady Lions would not get closer than that twelve points margin the last half as



Coach Jim Melton huddles the Lady Indians during a recent game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the Lady Indians held a 50-29 lead after three quarters and coasted to a 61-44 Region 8-A triumph.

McClure included a trey among ten last half points and Jocelyn Byers two treys among eight points as the Lady Indians closed out the

victory.

McClure took scoring honors for the game with 20 points with other leaders being Jocelyn Byers with 17, Landress with 8, and Kirsten Ledford and Kristen Byers with 5 each. McClure also led in assists with 5 and was fol-

lowed by Jocelyn Byers and Landress with 2 each. This was the only Lady Indians game for the week as they improved their record to 3-3 in Region 8A and 4-13 overall against a quite challenging schedule.

## Last half heroics not enough for Indians at Hebron Christian

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**Dacula** - It was a game of two distinct halves for the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team last Friday against Hebron Christian Academy in Dacula when they struggled mightily in first half action only to come alive the last half but still come up short in a 53-40 loss to the home standing Lions.

The Lions, who feature eight seniors and five juniors on their roster, after losing just three seniors from last year's 18-11 state tournament team, improved to a 14-4 overall record, including 6-0 in Region 8-A.

They have a showdown scheduled as of press time for this Tuesday at Lakeview Academy against the only other team that is undefeated in region play.

Most of the first quarter was a struggle for both teams as turnovers and shots that wouldn't fall in the basket plagued both teams.

The Lions used a 7-2 run the first couple of minutes, ending on a trey that rattled in the basket at 6:12, but they would go more than five minutes after that without denting the scoreboard while the Indians edged to within 7-6 by the 1:14 mark.

The Indians would continue to struggle during the remainder of the first half but the Lions would finish the first half on a scoring surge.

They used two drives for the basket for field goals the final fifty five seconds of the first quarter for an 11-6 lead



Will DeVries goes up strong in the paint. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

and then followed with a 17-3 second quarter in leading by a 28-9 score at intermission only to have the Indians outplay them the last half but come up short of a victory.

Perhaps nearly a week's layoff from their previous game could have been a factor in the Indians' cold shooting the first half.

Or perhaps the decision of the refereeing crew, in contrast to a couple of games this year when light touches were ruled fouls but heavier contact going unnoticed, to not call fouls on hardly any contact in a pretty physical game as evidenced by just two fouls called on the Lions and one on the Indians the first half and three on each team in the third quarter.

Whatever the case, the Indians would quickly change course and come alive in out-scoring the Lions 12-4 the first half of the third quarter in pulling to within 32-21 with the two teams playing on virtually even terms the remainder of the quarter for a 38-26 Hebron lead by quarter's end.

Zach Davenport poured in twelve points in the third quarter on the strength of two treys and three deuces and Will De Vries used a trey and a deuce in providing the Indians' other five points in the quarter.

The two teams would pretty much continue to match each other point for point in the fourth quarter with the Indians edging to within nine point deficits on three occa-



Coach Benson patrols the sidelines as Zach Davenport looks for an open teammate. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

sions and to within eight near game's end.

A trey by Davenport just nineteen seconds into the fourth quarter got them within 38-29 and two free throws and a field goal by Adam Barrett had them within 42-33 at 3:44.

A trey by Major Moss then cut the margin to 46-37 at 1:32 and Moss more than matched two free throws by the Lions at 1:03 with a second trey at forty four seconds for a 48-40 score, giving the Indians an overall advantage in last half play of 31-20 at that point.

The Indians would not score again, however, and the Lions sank five of six free throw attempts the final forty seconds for a final margin of victory of 53-40.

Davenport led the Indians in scoring for the game with 18 points and was followed by Moss with 8 points

and Barrett and De Vries with 7 each while Moss took the lead in assists with 6 and was followed by Cole Ledford with 3 and Davenport with 2.

This was the only game

of the week for the Indians who saw their overall record fall to 7-10 and their region record to 3-3 against a very formidable schedule.



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