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## Rogers rules at 120-pounds; TCMS fourth at King of the Mountain

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Blaine Rogers took home gold in the 120-pound B-Division at last weekend's 10th Annual King of the Mountain.

The Indians placed fourth overall with 69 points - 17 ahead of fifth place Franklin County and 16 back of third place Union County.

Far West Middle School (Robbinsville, NC) ran away with the tournament, racking up 150 points. Lumpkin County was a distant second at 98 points - 13 ahead of Union.

Rogers' journey to the mountaintop began with a win over Hayden Walters of White County. He then finished off Dawson County's Eli Cowart, and before he could be crowned king, he had to go through Dawson County again. This time it was Anthony Cox but when the smoke cleared, Rogers' arm was raised and went home wearing gold.

Kaine Hoffman (98 pounds) and Logan McClure



Coach McClure and third place Michael Moss. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

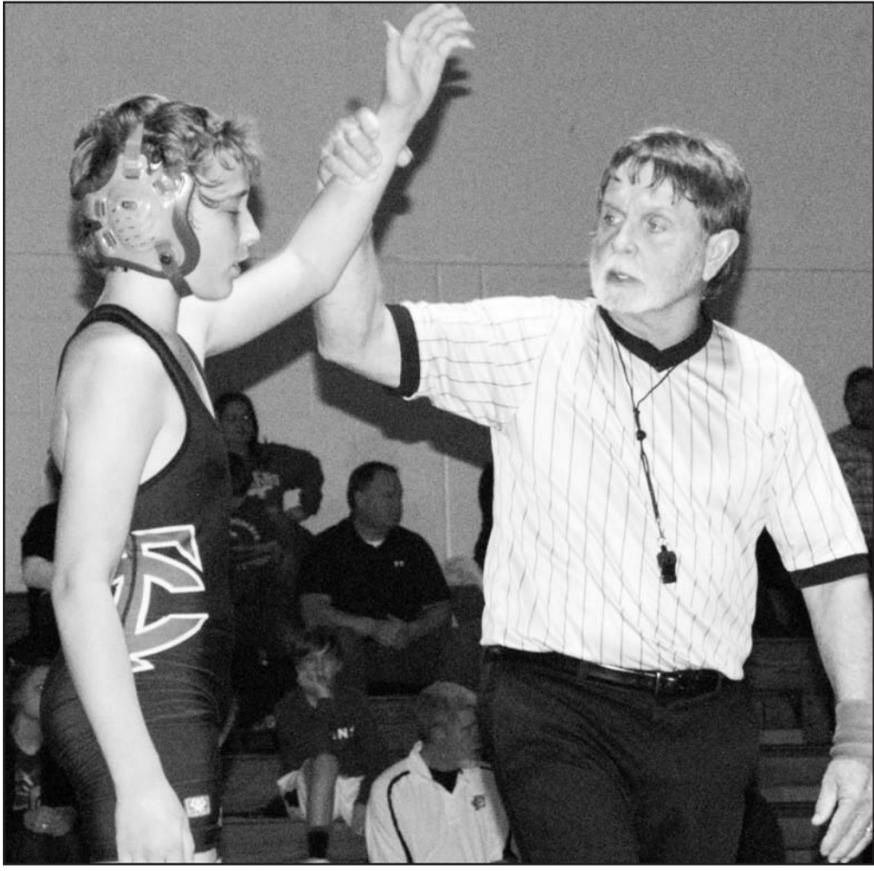
just missed out on the gold, placing second in their respective weight classes.

Michael Moss came in third at 72 pounds and 160-pounder Harold Cox also took third.

Daniel Crowder placed fourth at 285 pounds while others who finished in the Top six were: Alex Barrett at 84 pounds, Dylan White at 120 pounds, and Dalton Key at

136 pounds.

"We had a couple of kids who I thought should of been in the finals but Cox and Key lost to two tough kids," Towns Wrestling Coach Jeff Stowers said. "Overall, I think we wrestled pretty well coming off of Christmas break and hadn't practiced a whole lot. I'm not ecstatic about our performance but I'm okay with it."



Blaine Rogers claimed gold in the 120-pound weight class at the King of the Mountain. Photo/Todd Forrest

## Lady Indian JV's slam Hebron, victimized by home cooking at GWA

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The Towns County Lady Indians' JV Basketball Team got a split decision last week when they took a dominating 69-22 home court victory over Hebron Christian Academy on Tuesday but fell victim to the whistle in a 41-37 loss at George Walton Academy in Monroe on Friday.

The week's work left the Lady Indians with a 5-4 record on the season.

From 13 seconds into the game when Kirsten Ledford got the Lady Indians a 2-0 lead with a field goal until the final buzzer, there was simply no contest between the Lady Indians and the visiting Hebron Christian Lady Lions last Tuesday.

The Lady Indians followed the scoring lead of Madison Landress with seven points and Ledford with six in the first quarter when they raced out to a 20-0 lead which became 20-2 at the first quarter break after a late field goal by the Lady Lions.

Scoring highlights of the final three quarters include nine points by Brooke Smith and six by Landress in the second, five by McKenzie Carroll in the third, and ten by Landress in the fourth as the Lady Indians led 42-4 at



The Lady Indians' JV squad smothered Hebron Academy - holding the guests to 4 points in the first half. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

intermission and 51-13 after three quarters on the way to a 69-22 victory.

Landress included four treys among her team leading 22 points with other scoring leaders being Ledford—who contributed at least four points in each quarter—with 18, Smith with 9, Taylor McCarter with 6, and Carroll with 5. Leading in assists were Kristen Henson with 4 and Carroll and Cadence Nichols with 3 each.

For the first time this year, one might have some serious complaints about the



Towns County didn't catch any breaks in their recent trip to George Walton Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the lead of two field goals for four points each for Kristen Henson and Taylor McCarter with Brooke Smith contributing three assists during the quarter as they led 10-9 at quarter's end.

In a low scoring second quarter, the Lady Indians drew first blood on a Kirsten Ledford basket for a 12-9 lead but that would be their only points as George Walton took a halftime lead of 16-12 to the dressing room.

The Lady Indians struck for six straight points in less than a minute-and-a-half at

the start of the third quarter, however, on a trey by Madison Landress and a 3-point play by Henson for an 18-16 lead which became 31-28 by quarter's end as Landress added three treys and a deuce for 11 points and Henson another 3-point play.

Widely spaced field goals by Henson and McCarter gave the Lady Indians 33-28 and 35-31 leads by the 2:55 mark of the fourth quarter but a pair of baskets by the Lady Dogs got them a 35-35 tie by the 2:10 mark.

Smith sank two free

throws at 1:43 for a 37-35 Lady Indian lead but George Walton tied the score at 37-37 on two free throws at 1:38 and managed to avoid a walking call for a field goal and a 39-37 lead with 1:13 remaining.

After the Lady Dogs regained possession, Madison Stroud came up with a steal near mid court but was pushed in the back and called for walking at 33.8 seconds instead of going to the foul line for a chance at a tie.

George Walton instead retained possession and sank two free throws at 16.8 seconds, putting the game out of reach for a 41-37 win.

The irony of the non call which would have sent Stroud to the foul line was the fact that it required far less contact than a push in the back for the Lady Bulldogs to go to the line as evidenced by their sinking 13-of-36 free throw attempts compared to 6-for-15 for the Lady Indians.

Perhaps the practice at the line decided the game for the Lady Bulldogs who sank five of their last seven attempts after going just 8 for 29 prior to that.

The Lady Indians were led in scoring for the game by Landress with 13 points and Henson with 12 while Smith led in assists with 4 and Henson and Landress contributed 2 each according to your reporter's tally.

## Towns County High School victorious, Middle School falls vs Union; but youth steals the show

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Towns County wrestlers of all ages hit the mat at the middle school gym last weekend.

With the Indians playing host to Union County, the youth wrestlers took to the mat and impressed everyone in attendance.

"It's pretty amazing to see our youth wrestlers coming along as well as they are," Union County Head Coach Michael Smith-Foot said. "It's a sign of great things to come for Union and Towns County wrestling."

After the youngsters were through battling it out, the middle schools took the mat and it was all Union County.

However Towns would get the last laugh as the high school dominated the Panthers by a final score of 65-6.

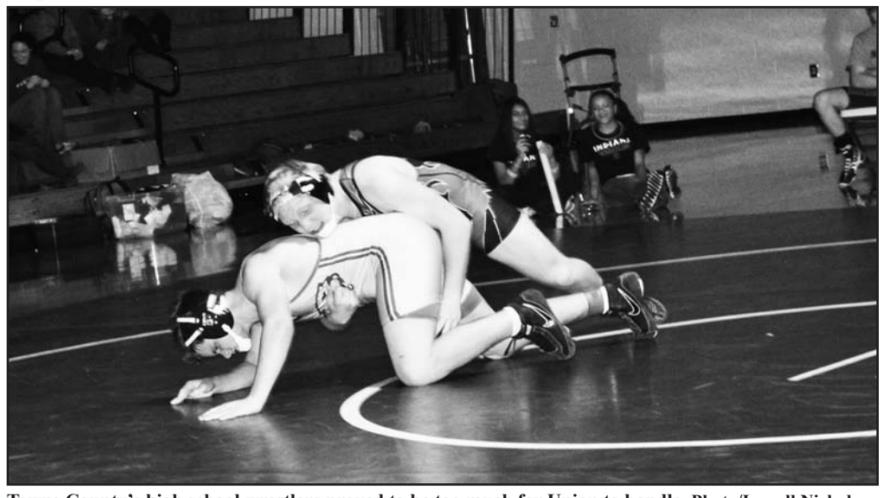
The Indians will travel north on Tuesday, Jan. 21st to take on Robbinsville, NC.

On Saturday, Towns and Union Counties will both visit Stephens County for the North Georgia Championships beginning at 9 a.m.

The Indians have one more meet scheduled at White County next week before the two-day Area Tournament opens on Friday, Jan. 31st at Commerce with Sectionals taking place the following weekend at Mt. Vernon High School in Atlanta.



Towns County Wrestling Coach Jeff Stowers tries to keep things under control during the youth wrestling matches last weekend. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Towns County's high school wrestlers proved to be too much for Union to handle. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## TCHS Alumni basketball games set for Saturday

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The Towns County Indians High School Basketball Team will be holding fund raiser alumni basketball games featuring both former Lady Indians and Indians this Saturday in the Towns County Gym with the Lady Indian alumni playing at 4 p.m. prior to the Indians' varsity game with Riverside Military Academy and the Indian alumni game following the Indians varsity game.

The varsity game and homecoming activity will begin at 6 p.m. with no Lady Indian varsity game scheduled. Admission will be \$5 for either or both alumni games with no additional charge for the varsity game.

All former Lady Indian

and Indian basketball players and cheerleaders of all ages are invited and encouraged to participate, whether by playing or simply being in attendance if not able or not choosing to play or participate in cheerleading. It is hoped that this will become an annual event with this year's games serving as a trial run in building interest and determining future activity, publicity, and communication needs. This will be the first alumni games for the Lady Indians and Indians in some twelve years when a two year run of games received great response and interest.

Former players planning to attend are encouraged to contact Susan DeVries at 706-781-7265 prior to the event for planning purposes but all interested players are encouraged to attend whether contacting Susan or not.

## MUSA Spring Registration

Mountain United Soccer Association is ready for spring soccer.

Registrations are currently being accepted for age groups U6-U14. This season we are offering online registration at www.mountainsoccer.org. Registration forms are also available on the website, to print and mail in. The deadline to register is Feb. 15th.

In Blairsville, Cott Beverage is our community host for the soccer fields. In Hiwassee, the fields at the Towns County Fairgrounds are utilized through the cooperation of the local recreation department. The league is grateful for their commitment and support.

The spring season will begin in early March. Anyone who is interested in playing needs to register promptly. In some cases

space is limited.

MUSA is a volunteer run organization and is also a 501C3 nonprofit. Any and all donations are directed to the youth player. Field sponsors, sign sponsors and team sponsors are always needed.

If you are interested in supporting the youth soccer players in our community through sponsorship and/or donation, please contact the association.

For additional info contact the league at 706-994-4351, musa.soccer@gmail.com or visit us on the web at www.mountainsoccer.org

