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## Lady Indians' JV overwhelmed at Rabun County

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It was a tough afternoon for the Towns County Lady Indian JV's Basketball Team in their only action last week at Class AA Rabun County.

A scheduled game against Prince Avenue on Tuesday was canceled due to the Wolverines not having enough players to field a team. The loss ended a four game winning streak by the Lady Indians and left them with a 6-6 record on the season.

The Lady Indians took a 2-0 lead on a coast to coast run by Brooke Smith less than a minute into the game but the Lady Wildcats responded with a 16-2 finish, interrupted only by an Alyssa Pyle field goal at the forty six seconds mark, and held a 16-4 lead on a buzzer beater after one quarter.

Jocelyn Byers drove the lane for two points and sank



Lady Indians' JV in action during the third quarter of their game at Rabun. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

a trey while Taylor McCarter sank two deuces and Smith beat the halftime buzzer with a trey in second quarter action but the Lady Cats held a 35-16 lead at intermission. The Lady Indians edged to within 37-20

on baskets by Pyle and Smith by the 4:37 mark of the third quarter and to within 44-26 on two free throws and a basket by Carly Gilfilian at 1:45 but the Lady Cats struck for 17-straight points after that and took a 61-

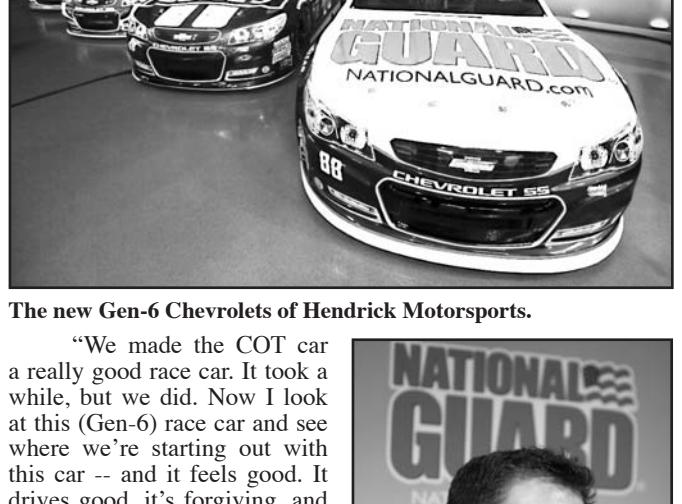
28 victory.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians were Byers and Smith with 7 points each and McCarter with 6 while Gilfilian led in assists with 3 and Savannah Dyer followed with 2.

## NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

## Can NASCAR return to its roots



The new Gen-6 Chevrolets of Hendrick Motorsports.

"I really believe we're going to see some of the most competitive, intense and exciting racing we've seen in quite some time," Robin Pemberton, NASCAR's vice president of operations told reporters during last week's Charlotte Media Tour.

We've heard that almost every year prior to the start of racing.

Based on driver and team comments, this year could be different.

No previous new car design has received as much praise among drivers, manufacturers, or race teams as the new Gen-6 car.

That is a leap forward from the Car of Tomorrow. The COT was despised by drivers and fans from the first day to the last. It was ugly, boxy-looking and hard to race on certain tracks.

The new car is closer to the look of a real car than any other since the 1980s.

NASCAR chairman Brian France admitted it was a mistake to get away from individual looking cars.

"We certainly didn't intend to do that," said France. "We were looking to cut costs and increase safety, and we significantly improved that. But it would be fair to say that in doing those things, we weren't as in step with the manufacturers as we are today. Obviously, we got away from some things that historically had worked well for us."

"The collaborative effort between NASCAR, its teams and the auto manufacturers was unprecedented in designing this car. The entries for the three manufacturers are dramatically different from each other, just like the good old days."

For the first time in a long time, the Cup cars look like a car you could drive around town. More importantly, they look like a car you would want to drive.

It's a simple concept, but one that NASCAR misplaced along the way.

"We had a car (Gen-4) that looked really similar to the manufacturer vehicle that was in the showroom," Jeff Gordon said. "We went completely away from that in every which way, from having a splitter, we had the wing, and we just had this blocky looking car that wasn't a sexy looking car."

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"There's going to be times, I think, that we're going to be challenged. But it seems like this car is going to be an improvement for everyone in the sport."

There were also a lot of mixed signals during last week's Media Tour. In addition to all the positives about the new car, Hendrick Motorsports announced the No. 88 driven by Dale Earnhardt Jr. will enter the 2013 season with 13 unsponsored races.

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### NASCAR HAS ITS OWN DATING GAME

Danica Patrick revealed to the Associated Press that she and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. are a couple, ending widespread speculation about the nature of their relationship.

"I have a boyfriend, his name is Richard," she said during a telephone interview with AP. The couple waited until the end of Charlotte Motor Speedway's weeklong annual media

put any line in the sand."

Hendrick said his other three Cup cars are fully sponsored. He doesn't believe that the open inventory on Earnhardt's car is an indicator that the economy hasn't turned around. He noted that more Fortune 500 companies entered the sport over the past year than to new things.

"We have got the majority of the season with the Guard and then Diet Mountain Dew is going to back off a little bit, and that makes it a bit of a challenge to fill that small of a gap," said Earnhardt.

"We're looking to be

at provisional starting spots 37th thru 42nd and possibly the 43rd spot, if no past champion is entered."

Patrick has not finalized a deal to run any Nationwide Series races in 2013 but is hoping to do a 10-race deal with Turner Scott Motorsports.

### Racing Trivia Question:

Kevin Harvick said next year

will be his last season at Richard Childress Racing. Who will he be with in 2014?

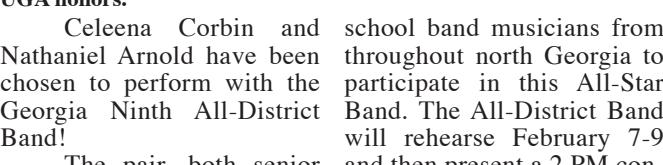
### Last Week's Question:

How long (number of laps) is the Daytona 500? Answer: 200 laps.

You may contact the

Racing Reporter at [hodges@race500.com](mailto:hodges@race500.com). NT(Jan30,C1)ac

## TCHS band members named to All-District; Color Guard participates in clinic



Members of Towns County High School Band selected for district and UGA honors.

Celeena Corbin and Nathaniel Arnold have been chosen to perform with the Georgia Ninth All-District Band!

The pair, both senior percussionists in the Towns County High School Band, had auditioned last December on snare, xylophone and timpani.

A panel of music ad-

judicators from the Georgia Music Educators Association selects the top high school band musicians from throughout north Georgia to participate in this All-Star Band. The All-District Band will rehearse February 7-9 and then present a 2 PM concert for the public at the Fannin Performing Arts Center on Sunday, January 20th. Selected by UGA were Brittany Boyer on trumpet, Ashley Mossop on alto saxophone and Eric Braman on trombone.

Three Towns County High School band members were selected to perform in the University of Georgia's JanFest this past week. This group rehearsed with promi-

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