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Lady Indians roll past Lakeview and Pinecrest, Cochran scores 1,000th

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In a weather shortened week, the Towns County Lady Indians nevertheless made it a memorable one when they took the measure of Lakeview Academy on their home court on Friday and hit the road on Saturday for a real shootout in a decisive victory over Pinecrest Academy in Cumming.

The scheduled game for last Tuesday in Commerce was postponed until Monday of this week due to the winter storm.

The win over Lakeview Academy, winners of eight of their last nine games and with an overall 14-6 record, avenged an early season 56-52 loss to the Lady Lions in Gainesville and forced a tie for first place in Sub-Region 8-A North between the two teams, with one loss each, and a tie for second place overall in Region 8-A behind the undefeated George Walton Lady Bulldogs of Monroe.

All Region 8-A teams will be participating in the region tournament next week at Commerce High School in Commerce.

Seedings for the tournament will not be determined until this weekend after all region games have been completed.

The Lady Indians improved their overall record to 14-8 with the two victories, including 10-2 in the region. They have compiled an 8-1 record, all within the region, during the 2014 portion of their schedule with the loss coming in overtime at state ranked George Walton.

**Lady Indians 65
Lakeview 51**

The Lady Indians appeared to be taking complete control of the game with Lakeview the first quarter as they built a 16-5 lead by the 35.6 seconds mark but the Lady Lions used a field goal and two free throws the final half minute to reduce the margin to 16-9 by quarter's end.

The Lady Lions then used three treys to advantage in striking for an 11-2 run at the start of the second quarter for a 20-18 lead at the 5:24 mark and the two teams swapped leads for awhile after that with two ties and five lead changes involved.



Kellsie Cowart early in the Lakeview game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Eryn Cochran right before scoring her 1,000th. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The final lead change came at the 2:06 mark of that second quarter when a field goal by Misty Lindemuth gave the Lady Indians a 29-28 lead they would never relinquish and a Kellsie Cowart basket at 1:18 had them ahead 31-28 at intermission. Cochran scored six points and Savannah Dyer five in the first quarter while Cochran, Cowart, and Lindemuth each contributed four points in the second.

The Lady Indians

seemed, as at the start of the first quarter, to be gaining control of the game with 10-1 run at the start of the third quarter for a 41-29 lead but here came the Lady Lions again, this time on the strength of a 9-1 run for just a 42-38 deficit with 2:16 on the clock. A four point play by Cochran at the 2:16 mark on a trey and free throw when fouled on the shot got the Lady Indians a 46-38 lead but the Lady Lions more than matched the four point play with a three point play and a deuce of their own for just a 46-43 Lady Indian lead with 1:02 left.

But a field goal by Lindemuth and two free throws after time expired by Cochran wrapped around tow Lakeview free throws had the Lady Indians ahead 50-45 entering the fourth quarter.

Cochran scored eight points and Lindemuth six in third quarter action.

The fourth quarter saw the Lady Lions sending the Lady Indians to the foul line on a frequent basis hoping for enough misses to catch up but they were up to the task in sinking 13-of-17 attempts along with a Cowart field goal on a three point play as they took a 65-51 victory. Cowart sank five of seven free throw



Coach Melton during the second half vs Lakeview. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



McKenzie Moss for two at Pinecrest Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

attempts and Cochran six for six at the charity stripe during the final quarter with the excellent shooting following uncommon earlier difficulties as the Lady Indians sank just nine of twenty three attempts the first three quarters.

The Lady Indians were led in scoring by Cochran with 24 points, Cowart and Lindemuth with 14 each, Karlie Albach with 6, and Dyer with 5 while Cochran also led in assists with 6 and was followed by Cowart with 3 and Lindemuth, Mckenzi Moss, and Bailey Sutton with 2 each according to your reporter's tally.

The game was actually more competitive than the final score might indicate as the Lady Paladins sank 18 two-point baskets and went 11-for-19 at the foul line but were overcome by the Lady Indians hitting a stunning 12 treys and going 17-for-23 at the charity stripe.

Five Lady Indians reached double figures in scoring with Cochran leading with 33 points and other leaders being Cowart with 14, Albach and Byers with 12 each, and Moss with 11.

Leaders in assists were Cochran with 6, Byers and Bailey Sutton with 4 each, and Savannah Dyer and Misty Lindemuth with 2 each according to your reporter's tally.

**Lady Indians 87
Pinecrest 59**

Cumming - Karlie Albach got the Lady Indians a 3-0 lead on a trey just sixteen seconds into the game at Pinecrest Academy but the Lady Paladins would give the Lady Indians a real battle for the first six minutes of the game.

The Lady Paladins rallied to lead by as much as 7-3 and forced an 11-11 standoff on back to back field goals by the 2:08 mark of the first quarter before the Lady Indians closed on an 8-0 run on back to back field goals by Kellsie Cowart and then Albach for a 19-11 lead at quarter's end. Eryn Cochran, like Albach, included a trey and added an old fashioned three point play among eight first quarter points.

The second and third quarters belonged to Cochran as she tossed in ten points, including the 1,000th point of her illustrious career, covered in a related article, in leading the Lady Indians to a 40-24 lead at intermission. She then included a pair of three point plays and a trey from mid court at the buzzer among 13 points as the Lady Indians held a 66-40 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

Other last half highlights included three treys among 11 points by Mckenzi Moss while Cowart included six for six free throw shooting among 10 last half points, and Jocelyn Byers sank three treys for 9 points.

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A tough weekend for the Indians in losses to Lakeview and Pinecrest

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After a very promising prior week of play for the youthful Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team, a season long difficulty with consistency returned as they fell victim to deadly scoring runs in falling at home to Lakeview Academy on Friday night and at Pinecrest Academy in Cumming on Saturday.

The Lions and Paladins hold the top two spots in the Sub-Region 8-A North standings. The Indians' scheduled game at Commerce last Tuesday was postponed until Monday of this week due to snow and ice.

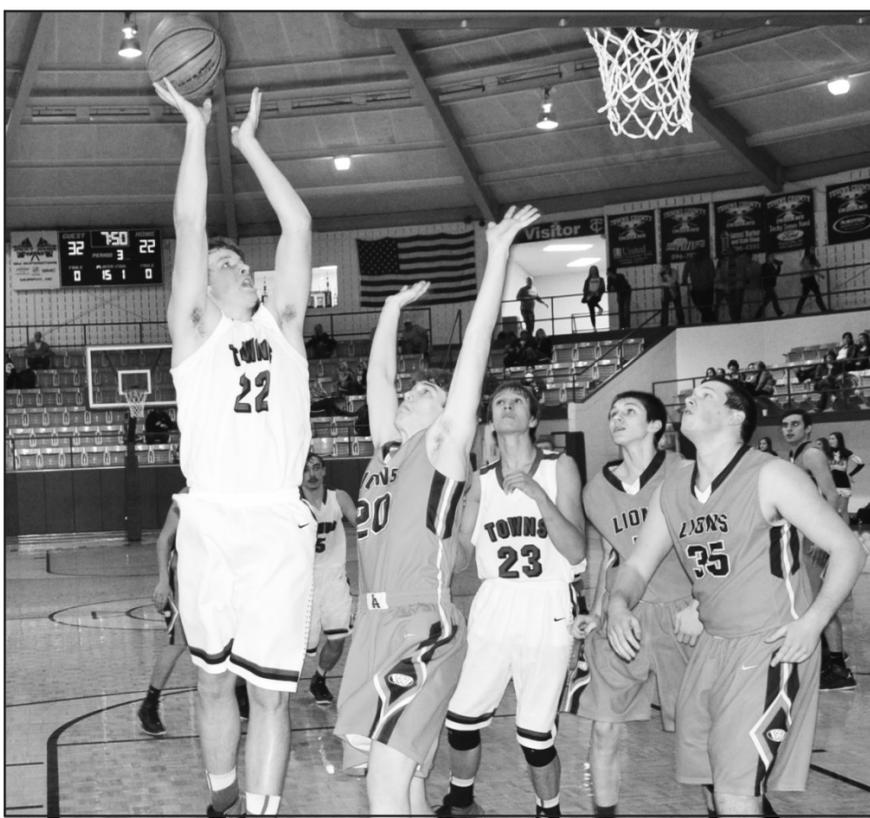
They will play in the Region 8-A Tournament in Commerce next week with seedings not to be set until this weekend after all region games have been played.

**Indians 48
Lakeview 81**

The Indians got off to a very promising start against Lakeview on Friday by following the scoring lead of Dallas Manus and Trace Moss, with five points each, and the powerful rebounding of Boone Moss as they rallied from an early 4-0 deficit for a 16-3 run between the 6:35 and 1:56 marks of the first quarter for a 16-7 lead.

The Lions sank a 3-point basket at the first quarter buzzer, however, for a 16-10 deficit and then outscored the Indians 22-6 in the second quarter for a 32-22 lead at intermission.

Boone Moss scored four of the Indians' second quarter points after providing a three point play in the first for a seven points half. His first of two field goals in the second quarter gave the Indians an 18-17 lead and a Manus coast to coast run gave them a 20-20 tie by the 4:49 mark before the Lions finished on a 12-2 run for the earlier referenced halftime advantage.



Junior Boone Moss with one of his 13 points against Lakeview Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Baskets by Boone Moss and Major Moss during the first minute of the third quarter had the Indians within 32-26 but the Lions scored the next eight points for a 40-26 lead and the Indians would not get closer than 12 points after that as the Lions led 56-36 after three quarters and took an 81-48 victory.

Top quarterly individual scoring totals for the last half included six points by Trace Moss in the third and five by Adam Barrett in the fourth.

Scoring leaders for the game for the Indians were Boone Moss and Trace Moss with 13 points each, Manus and Major Moss with 7 each, and Adam Barrett with 5 while Major Moss led in assists with 3 and was followed by Garrett Bradshaw with 2 according to your reporter's tally.

Boone Moss hauled down 17 rebounds and was

followed by Major Moss with 6 and Trace Moss with 3.

Freshman Will de Vries returned from injury and saw his first varsity action since Dec. 14 after helping lead the Indian JV's in the early game to their second victory in a row.

**Indians 44
Pinecrest 71**

Cumming - At Pinecrest Academy, the Indians forced a 2-2 tie on a basket by Trace Moss and a 4-4 standoff on a coast to coast run by Major Moss in the first two minutes but the Paladins followed with a 21-1 run between the 6:05 and twenty one seconds marks of the first quarter for a 25-5 lead which became 27-7 by quarter's end.

The Indians opened the second quarter on a 6-0 run, highlighted by a field goal and two free throws by Boone

Moss, the first two minutes of a 27-13 score and later followed the lead of a three point play by Boone Moss, a trey by Dallas Manus, and another coast to coast run by Major Moss to pull within 35-22 at the 1:23 mark of the second quarter but the Paladins led 38-22 by intermission.

The Paladins then opened the third quarter with a 6-0 run and broke away for a 57-29 lead after three quarters and took a 71-44 victory.

Leading individual point totals the last half included seven in the fourth quarter and nine in the half by Boone Moss and four in the fourth quarter and six in the half for Adam Barrett.

Scoring leaders for the game for the Indians were Boone Moss with 17 points, Adam Barrett and Major Moss with 6 each, and Manus and Trace Moss with 5 each while



Senior Garrett Bradshaw drives vs Lakeview. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Major Moss led in assists with 4 according to your reporter's tally.

In a continuing season

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

of injuries for the Indians, Darringer Barrett missed the game due to a possible Achilles tendon injury.

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