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Lakeview rallies for walk-off victory despite DeVries' efforts

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Gainesville - The Indians gave up two in the bottom of the seventh in a 2-1 loss to Lakeview Academy (4-14, 1-9) despite out-hitting the Lions 4-to-3 and five errors from the Lakeview defense.

Towns County (4-13, 2-6) got its run in the fourth when junior Adam Barrett reached on an error and advanced to third on a passed ball. He would score off the bat of Isaiah Shook, who also reached on an error.

A leadoff triple by Lakeview in the seventh immediately put the home team in business. Junior Will DeVries would record a strikeout for the first out but not after the Lions tied the game 1-1 on a passed ball.

An Indians' error and a sacrifice put the winning run in scoring position with two outs when a single to left scored the game-winner.

DeVries, who pitched well enough to win, went the distance, fanning five while yielding a pair of unearned runs, three hits, and one walk. In 6 2/3 innings, DeVries showed pin-point control, throwing 88 pitches – 61 for strikes. At the plate he went 2-for-3.

Junior Major Moss finished 1-for-4 with a stolen base and sophomore Zach Davenport was 1-for-3. Junior Jackson Taylor and sophomore Dalton Key each drew a walk while junior Kobe Denton stole two bases, and Barrett scored the only Towns County run of the game.

Freshman Trent Bradshaw awaits a throw. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The Indians will be back in action on Friday when they host a doubleheader with Prince Avenue beginning at 4 p.m. Prince is currently 11-7 overall and 5-3 in Region 8-A – good enough for third place, one game ahead of fourth place Providence Christian, who is 5-5 in 8-A play.

Towns trails the final playoff spot by just one game in the loss column and the Indians and Providence split their two games earlier in the season. George Walton and Hebron remain unbeaten in region-play.

Region 8-A standings:

1. Hebron 10-0
2. George Walton 8-0
3. Prince Avenue 5-3
4. Providence 5-5

Athens Academy 3-5
Athens Christian 3-5
Commerce 3-7
Towns County 2-6
Lakeview 1-9

Sophomore Zach Davenport at the plate in the first game vs Lakeview. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Soccer: Hebron Christian takes two from Towns County

Both teams off this week and look to get back on track during the break

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Last week Towns County soccer was scheduled to host a pair of Region 8-A matchups with playoff implications on the line in both contests.

Unfortunately, Tuesday's meeting with Hebron Christian Academy didn't go as planned and Thursday's game was postponed. With a State playoff spot within reach, the Lady Indians (5-3, 2-3) suffered a 1-0 loss at the hands of Hebron Christian.

Later, Towns County's men (1-6, 1-4) were unable to pick up their second region-win of the season after coming out on the wrong end of an 8-1 loss.

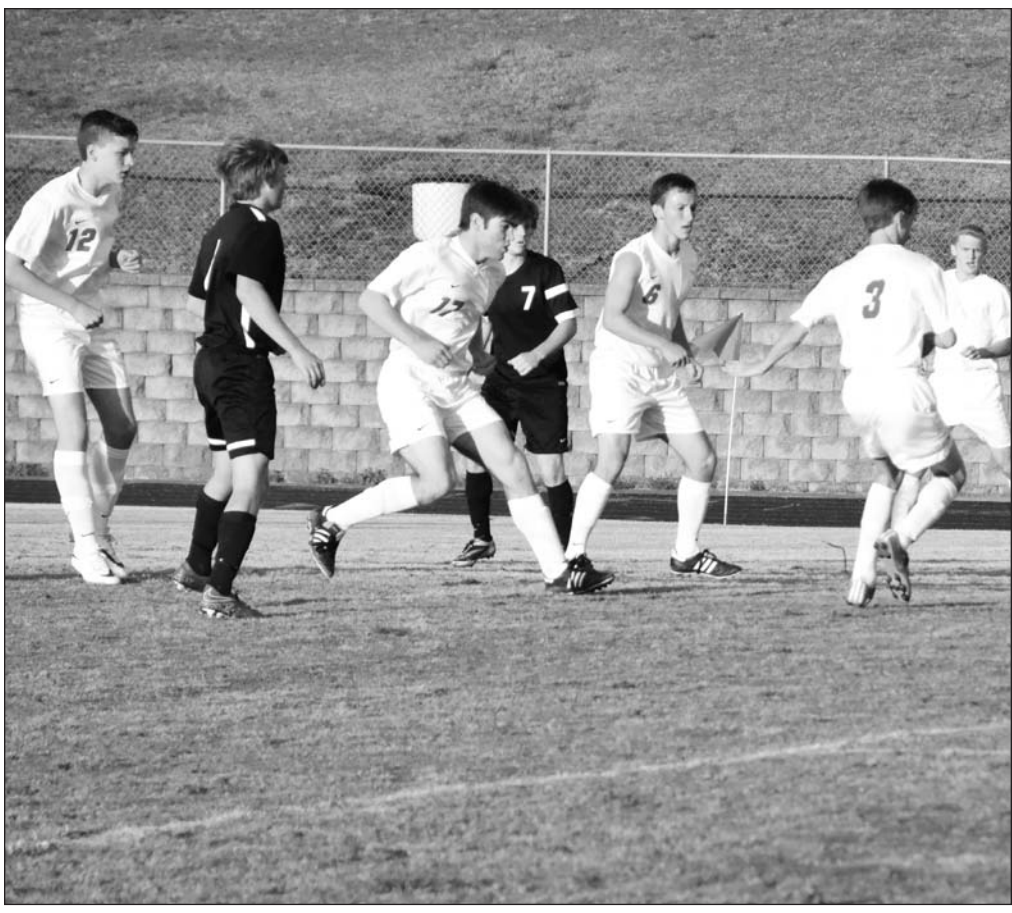
The Lady Indians are currently tied for third in 8-A with Providence, who was supposed to visit Hiawassee on Thursday. Towns remains in excellent shape for a State Tournament-bid, especially with a week for Coach John Cornett and his squad to seek improvements before the final three region games.

The Lady Indians are in playoff contention. Photo/Todd Forrest

Hebron is second in 8-A with two losses and split with the Lady Indians this season. Lakeview is in first at 5-0.

Towns' men could still reach third place with a win over Providence, when the teams makeup last week's contest.

The next game for Towns is on Apr. 11th when they travel to Highlands, NC, for a non-region affair to knock off some of the rust that may have accumulated over the break.



Towns County soccer in action during a recent home game. Photo/Todd Forrest

Justin Gonyea awarded USCAA Student Athlete of the Year

Justin Gonyea of Warne, NC was Team Captain of the 2015-2016 Warren-Wilson College Owls.

Justin Gonyea

Justin and the #4 seeded Owls finished in the final four of the USCAA National Championships in Union Town, PA on March 4th. The Owls faced #1 seed Berkley College from New York City in the semi-finals and failed to make the National Championship Game. This is the fourth trip to Nationals for the Owls, winning the Championship in 2013, Justin's freshman year.

The Owls are 6-4 in tournament play in four years at the National Championship. Justin is the first player for Warren-Wilson to start in all 10 National Tournament games. His senior season including tournament play Justin averaged 15.8 points per game, shot 46.3% from the field, 44.1% from the three point line and was a 84.9% free throw shooter. Justin's career scoring total is 1,481 points, 229 three point shots made, 392 rebounds, 170 steals and 282 assists.

This year Justin ranked 3rd in the USCAA DII in three point percentage and also ranked 3rd in free throw percentage at the finish of the season. Justin led the Owls in scoring his sophomore and senior year, his junior and senior seasons earned him a spot as a USCAA All-American and in 2014 Justin was the three point contest Champion during tournament week.

This year at the USCAA Annual Banquet held at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Union Town, PA, Justin was recognized as The USCAA Student Athlete of the Year which is the first time any athlete has received this honor in Warren-Wilson College history. NT(Apr6,Z4)CA

Towns County High School
Baseball Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Towns County Recreation Facility, 150 Foster Park Road, Young Harris. $10 includes salad, bread and dessert. The sauce will be homemade! Join us on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 5 - 7 PM. Dine in or take out.

Trout stocking sites week of March 28-April 1, 2016

Fannin: Toccoa River and Rock Creek.
Lumpkin: Etowah River and Nimblewill Creek.
Union: Cooper Creek.

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. N(Apr6,Z15)CA

New Liberty Baptist Church
3rd Annual
Heavenbound Bass Tournament

In Memory of
Jimmy Lynn Abercrombie

Saturday April 9, 2016 • 7:30 AM-3:30 PM
Lake Chatuge
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds Boat Ramp

Entry Fee $50 Per Boat • 60% Payback
$5 from each boat goes toward the
BIG fish payout
Raffle tickets will be sold for a pair
of Costa Sunglasses the day of the tournament.
There will be door prizes!
All proceeds go to
HEAVEN BOUND SPORTSMAN MINISTRY

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Mountain Gymnastics results

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Canton - The Mountain Gymnastics Center brought plenty of hardware back to Northeast Georgia following the Lucky Star Meet in Canton on Jan. 30th.

The Level 2 team finished first place overall thanks to a first place all around performance by Sailor Fain along with second place finishes by Neveah Leopold and Emma Schuette and a third place finish from Millie Banks.

Fain swept the competition with high scores in all four events; the vault, the bars, the beam, and the floor exercises.

Leopold took first in her respective age division on the floor, Schuette took first on the beam, and Banks was second on the bars.

Lola Patton placed first all around in the Level 3 competition thanks to a first place performance on the floor.

Avery Frechette finished second all around and Bailee Stiles took home fourth place.

In the AAU Bronze competition Reece Chambers placed first all around thanks to high scores on the vault, bars, and the floor.

Kendall McClure was second all around thanks to a first place score on the bars. Rose Huff placed third all around and Taylor Jenkins finished fourth all around.

In the AAU Gold competition, the Mountain Gymnastics team took home first place and were led by Hana Gregory, who posted the highest all around score with first place performances in every event with the exception of a second place finish on the bars.

Annalyse Kiernan and Kiersten Queen placed second in their respective age groups with Kiernan placing first on the floor and Queen recording a first place score on the bars.

Jacey Lee was third all around with a first place score on the beam.

The AAU Silver team also finished first thanks to a pair of first place finishes by Ella Matheson and Alana Stowers. Both Matheson and Stowers were first on the vault and the floor.

Bre Arp placed second all around, Maddison Pelfrey was third all around, Josie Poston and Kaitlyn Tant were third in their respective age divisions, and Isabella Wells recorded a fifth place all around finish.

The USA Gold team placed third overall with Erin Raper recording a second place all around finish with a first place performance on the bars and Evelyn McBride placing third all around with a first place score on the beam.

TVA Mountain Biking & Hiking Trails opening

Grand Opening April 8, 2016 at 10 a.m. Please join TVA and Union County for the Grand Opening of the TVA Mountain Biking and Hiking Trails!

Located one mile past Nottely Dam on the left. Follow the signs. Please contact the Commissioner's Office with any questions, 706-439-6000.