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## Indians tennis over, Lady Indians head to Area

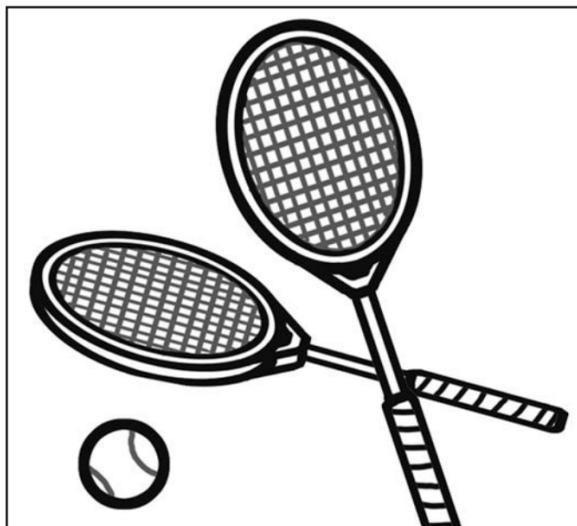
By Joe Collins  
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The Towns County Indians tennis teams finished their regularly schedule matches Monday, April 15 at home against Tallulah Falls and even though the results were not in favor of TCHS overall, the girl's varsity did qualify for the Area Tournament slated for Monday, April 22 in Rome beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Having five overall wins over Area teams for 2013 gives the indication that the girls stand a chance of doing well at the Area tournament.

Tallulah Falls rolled into Towns County last Monday to close out the season for the TCHS Indians as they played what turned out to be their last home game of the year.

The last scheduled home game and the last game of the season was with Lakeview on April 17 but they had to rearrange their schedule to play a sub-area game so the Tallulah Falls match became the last home match as well as the last



scheduled match of the 2013 season.

Junior Eryn Cochran opened the match with a solid fought win 8-5 in the singles division while senior Kayla Olin dominated her match with some really strong offense winning 8-2. Senior Amanda Chastain kept it within reach most of the match but fell short in a close one 6-8 as TCHS won the

singles division 2-1. Unfortunately for TCHS, things would not go well in the doubles division matches for the girls.

The doubles started out with high hopes as sophomore Carly Gilfilian and junior Allison Page lost a tough one 1-8 followed by junior Courtney Marshall and junior Lesleigh Irvin keeping it close with some solid offense but coming

up short in the final volley 6-8. This gave Tallulah Falls the shut out in the doubles division and the overall victory in the match for the girls.

The boys were a little short handed against Tallulah Falls as only one singles match was played. Senior Bradley Smith played third singles and lost a hard one in a shut out 0-8 while senior Wesley Bloodworth and junior Garrett Bradshaw played hard but lost first doubles 5-8. Juniors Cody Canterbury and Jaryd Gurly ended the season for TCHS boy's varsity season with a 0-8 loss. It was a tough end to a tough season as the boy's finish the year with a shut out loss.

The girls have played well this season and have followed Head Coach Heather Moss's direction to focus their attention to doing well at Area and moving on to State. This has been their goal from day one and now they have crossed the first hurdle by making it to Area. Hopefully they will advance and represent TCHS at the State level.

Way to go Lady Indians tennis team!

## Second Courageous Dads breakfast at TCES

Melissa Williams, Towns County School Superintendent, has made this possible for us to start a new program called "Courageous Dads" for fathers and their children.

This idea has been in the works for over two years and with the help of Superintendent Williams it will become a reality again on Friday April 26th at 7:15 am at the old Elementary School gym.

This is a free event and includes breakfast.

This event is designed to have fathers bring their children to school the last Friday of each month to have breakfast together while also getting to know other fathers and other children.

"I have always had a passion for helping young coaches and fathers and this event gives us an opportunity to take that passion into our school system. I am so excited for the fathers and children that will be at this first breakfast. I am looking forward to watching this event grow over time," said Rick Robinson, organizer of the Courageous Dads event.

"We, as dads, need to step up to the plate and play a bigger role in our children's overall development. Too many times we leave this task up to our wife's and school systems. "Last month we fed 35



Rick Robinson



Melissa Williams

dads and 50 children. I was so excited to see the number of fathers that brought their children to school early so they could have breakfast and a little fun before they both started their day. These fathers really stepped up to the plate for their children."

For more information contact Rick Robinson at rrobinson36@gmail.com

## NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

### Kenseth gets second win

25th.

Kyle Busch had a terrible day. He spun several times, the first coming during the fifth lap. He skidded around a couple more times until he hit the outside wall during lap 105. After hitting the wall, he slid down the track and Joey Logano smacked into him. Both drivers were done for the day.

Denny Hamlin, regular driver of the Joe Gibbs Racing No. 11, is out with a back injury, but said there is a 50/50 chance he will be able to start Saturday's Richmond Cup race.

Top-10 unofficial leaders after 8 of 36: 1. Johnson-311, 2. Keselowski-298, 3. Kahne-274, 4. Biffle-264, 5. Earnhardt-263, 6. Edwards-262, 7. Kyle Busch-257, 8. Kenseth-252, 9. Bowyer-247, 10. Menard-240.

**CRAFTON WINS KANSAS TRUCK RACE**

Matt Crafton held off Joey Coulter in a 25-lap, green-flag run to the finish to win Saturday's Truck Series race at Kansas Speedway.

"This truck was junk Friday in practice," Crafton said. "They made so many changes on this thing that turned this race around. We knew we had something to win with about halfway through this race."

With Coulter on his bumper for the duration, Crafton's crew gave him some good advice.

"They said, 'Just put your head down and just flip your rearview mirror up and dig,'" Crafton said. "That's what we did."

Ryan Blaney, Brendan Gaughan, Johnny Sauter, James Buescher, Darrell Wallace, Ty Dillon, Ron Hornaday, and Timothy Peters were the remaining top-10 finishers.

Top-10 points leaders after 4 of 22: 1. Sauter-174, 2. Crafton-162, 3. Burton-149, 4. Blaney-141, 5. T. Dillon-135, 6. Buescher-133, 7. Gaughan-128, 8. Wallace-127, 9. Coulter-125, 10. Armstrong-121.

**TWO PENSKE TEAMS FINED**

As a result of what NASCAR termed violations for unapproved rear end configurations, prior to last week's race at Texas, the No. 2 and No. 22 Penske teams were hit with heavy fines and penalties.

There had been speculation in the garage area that one of the Hendrick Racing teams had tipped off NASCAR about the possible violations.

Jimmie Johnson met with members of the media at Kansas Speedway, and responded to allegations that his team, or another Hendrick team might have "ratted" on the two Penske Racing teams.

"When you have success on your side of the magnifying glass, the viewpoint for everybody, NASCAR, other teams, it gets a lot more intense," said Johnson. "The best officiating in the garage area has always been your neighbor. That has just been part of NASCAR for years and years. That is why NASCAR has the procedures in place that they do in the garage area and why even in F1 today they are not allowed to cover their stuff anymore. It's just part of it."

"With all that being said, no, the Hendrick group and the No. 48 team did not rat out the Penske cars."

As it pertains to the No. 2 car, driven by Brad Keselowski, crew chief Paul Wolfe has been fined \$100,000 and suspended from NASCAR until the completion of the next six NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship points events (including the non-points Sprint All-Star Race) and placed on probation until Dec. 31.

Car chief Jerry Kelley, team engineer Brian Wilson and team manager Travis Geisler (serves as team manager for both the No. 2 and No. 22 cars) have been suspended until the completion of the next six NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship points events (including the non-points Sprint All-Star Race) and placed on probation until Dec. 31.

The loss of 25 driver points and 25 owner points.

As it pertains to the No. 22 car, driven by Joey Logano, the following penalties have been assessed:

Crew chief Todd Gordon has been fined \$100,000 and suspended from NASCAR until the completion of the next six NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship points events (including the non-points Sprint All-Star Race) and placed on probation until Dec. 31.

Car chief Raymond Fox and team engineer Samuel Stanley have been suspended from NASCAR until the completion of the next six NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship points events (including the non-points Sprint All-Star Race) and placed on probation until Dec. 31.

The loss of 25 driver points and 25 owner points.

Keselowski refused to talk about the situation.

"I don't think I've been surprised by much of anything the last two or three days, but I think it's really important to let the appeals process work out," he said. "I'll save those comments for when it works out. I don't want to jeopardize our chance to have a clear appeal."

No date has been set for the appeals.

**Weekend Racing:** The Nationwide and Cup teams will have night races at the .75-mile Richmond, Virginia track. The Truck teams do not race again until May 17.

Fri., Apr. 26, Nationwide race 7 of 33, Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: ESPNNEWS.

Sat., Apr. 27, Sprint Cup race 9 of 36, Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: FOX.

**Racing Trivia Question:** How many Cup races has Joe Nemechek won?

**Last Week's Question:** Where is the hometown of Kurt and Kyle Busch? **Answer:** It is Las Vegas, Nevada.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at hodges@race500.com.

### Dallas Manus Racing thank you



Thank you Kayla Taylor for putting on the St. Jude Fundraiser; it was truly amazing! Thank you Keaton and Patrick for serenading us with amazing music, you two are great. If you haven't heard them you are missing out on some great talent. Also thank you for allowing me to be a part of it I know first hand what the play rooms mean to the kids at the hospital. And

I want to thank my sponsors: GSI Systems, Kwik Cash Title Pawn, Troy's Automotive and Hog Barn Racing and many friends for helping get my car together to help with this fundraiser that means so much to me. I had a great time, had great food, it was beautiful and helped some kids too. Thank you so much Kayla.

Dallas Manus Racing

### Booster Club membership drive

The Towns County Athletic Booster Club will be having a membership drive May 1 - 18, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Towns County Athletic Booster Club's purpose is to support the Middle and High School athletic programs through fundraising and volunteer efforts.

Anyone who wishes to participate needs to submit

the membership application and fee before May 18, 2013. The membership form can be downloaded at the athletic department's website - tcathletics.weebly.com/ under the Booster Club tab. The membership fee is \$25 per individual and \$35 per couple.

For questions or more information, please see any current Club member.



### Trout stocking sites week of April 15-19, 2013

Fannin: Rock Creek and Toccoa River. 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.

### Tri-County to host golf tourney



(L-R): David Slagle, Chipper Heaton, Abner Moore, and Don Carroll

Tri-County Community College (TCCC) promises to award more than \$3,500 in cash and prizes to winning participants in its upcoming 6th Annual Golf Tournament.

The event is slated to be held on Saturday, April 27 at the Ridges in Hayesville. The Four-Person, Best-Ball, Shotgun-Start tournament will begin at 9 AM.

The event is open to the public, so residents are invited to form their own teams and enjoy friendly competition with other

groups. The registration fee is \$85 per person that includes Greens Fees and a cart on the day of the tournament, and a complimentary buffet style breakfast.

All proceeds from the tournament will go to support the TCCC Foundation which is a non-profit organization that supports college and community-based events and projects.

For more information about the event, please contact Dote Stafford-Ortega at 828-835-4208. NTU(Apr24,28)CA

## 4-H BB Team shoots it out with Sheriff's Office



Participants in the 2013 rifle match.

After training and competing among themselves for 10 weeks and competing in a District Qualifying Match, the Towns County 4-H BB Gun kids once again, laid down the gauntlet and challenged the Towns County Sheriff Department to a 4-position rifle match for the cherished 2013 Braggin' Rights.

The shoulder-to-shoulder contest began after school, Tuesday, 2 April, at the Georgia Ex-

tension Office. Forty shots for record were fired by each competitor, ten from each position; Prone, Standing, Sitting and kneeling. Ahh, the advantages of youth!

It was seven Cops against six Kids. Fast-forward to the end and using the five highest scores, the Kids edged out the Gendarmes by a modest amount. Ahh, the advantages of youth! It may be noted that the Sheriff,

himself, had the highest score among his team.

The 4-H members were: Isaiah Wood, James Norton, Cody Bowman, Tyler Sisco, James Fagin and Haley Dale.

This is about the 5th or 6th time the Towns County 4-H BB teams have engaged the Sheriff Department. It would be hard to determine who had the best time, the "Big Guys" or the "Kids". All involved demon-

strated exceptional sportsmanship and were all shaking hands and congratulating each other at the end.

Saturday, 13 April, there were 7 of these Towns County BB Markspersons traveling for an "over nighter" to Rock Eagle, the Georgia 4-H center in Eatonton for the 2013 Georgia State Championships. Wish them luck.

Submitted by Ed Jones