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Lady Indians: Area Champs four years running

Indians headed to State Sectionals on May 4 after placing second at Area

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Towns County's Lady Indians are Class A Area Champs, marking the fourth year in a row these golfers have won the honor. Area competition took place on Monday, April 20, at the Double Oaks Golf Course in Commerce, and Sophomore Kenzie Jenkins, with her score of 85, was low medalist for the second year in a row.

Right behind her were senior teammates Mia Manto, coming in second at Area with a score of 91, and Danielle Diehl, placing third with a 93.

The team's winning score was 176, and Manto and Diehl, who have played golf all four years of their high school careers, have been part of Area Championship wins since they started playing for the team.

Winning first place at Area secures a spot in the State tournament, which will be held at the same course on May 18.

The boys team finished second in Area play, posting a score of 398. Finishing in either second, third or fourth place at Area guarantees a spot in the State Sectionals tournament, and the boys will be playing at their home course Brasstown Valley in the Sectionals tournament on Monday, May 4, at 8 a.m.



Left: The Indians placed second at Area and will advance to Sectionals on May 4th while the Lady Indians won Area and will be in action on May 18th in Commerce.

Sectionals will feature competition between 12 teams, four from each area in Georgia: Southeast, Southwest, Northeast and Northwest.

The Top 4 teams of 12 at Sectionals will advance to face the four Area Champs at State.

A girls sectionals tournament will be hosted on Monday, May 4, at Chatuge Shores, though Towns County will not have to

compete. After the girls won Area 4 for the fourth time, Indians Head Coach Brett Keller says they were all smiles.

"But we're not going to brag on them too much just yet," said Coach Keller. "We've got another one to look forward to. We're proud of them always, but I don't want to get them too big-headed, because we've got some more competing to do. I don't want

them to be too satisfied."

And when it comes to good golfing, Coach Keller says it's more about the golfer versus the golf course than anything else.

"We had a weather delay," said Coach Keller of the Area tournament. "Most everybody was done except for the girls. One group of girls had one hole left. Kenzie and her group had three holes left. Those conditions were terrible after the storm came



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through. They had to get hail off the green, we had to blow the greens off from all the debris and everything else and let them go finish. It was quite the scene.

"You had what looked like a small creek running through a couple of fairways there, and they had to finish. She was five over after those last three holes, so the conditions for the ones that were left were hard to finish up, but we had to get it in. She did good to

finish that up."

Looking ahead to upcoming Sectionals play for the boys and the State Championship meet for the girls, Coach Keller expects exactly what he's expected all season long.

"I want them to compete," said Coach Keller. "That's what we want to do. We want to compete any time we play, and of course, we prepare to win. That's what we want to do - we want to win."

Indians baseball honors seniors at home vs Lakeview Academy

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The Towns County Indians baseball team rounded out its season last week with a 5-1 win against the Lakeview Lions, before hosting Senior Night at home.

"We had a great day at Lakeview with a superior pitching performance by Will De Vries," said Indians Head Coach Shannon Floyd. "Will is a sophomore and has pitched many games this year for us. He was able to use both sides of the plate and his command was excellent. Lakeview did not get a hit until the fifth inning."

On the whole, De Vries pitched a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts, causing disappointment for many Lions at the bat.

"Our defense was good for the most part of the game, barring a couple of miscues," said Coach Floyd. "Overall, we played very well. The Indian bats came alive late in the game to break a 1-1 game open. Dalton Key and Kobe Denton had key hits in front of Will De Vries' double and Jackson Taylor's triple. We scored 2 runs in the sixth and 2 more in the seventh inning."

Senior Cruz Shook had a run, Denton scored 2 runs, and De Vries and Jackson each had a run apiece.

"Our scoring was started early by Cruz Shook receiving a walk, stealing second base, and



Baseball seniors left to right: Boone Moss, Zachary Sewell, manager Emily Ledford, Cruz Shook, and Tyler Davis. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

scoring on a perfect sacrifice bunt from Brody Graper," said Coach Floyd. "Shook scored from second base, as he and Graper caught the Lions' defense in motion. Great win for the Indians. De Vries' mastery of the mound was superb."

Senior Night was Thursday, April 23, and featured five seniors who will be graduating this spring.

The field was specially marked with paint to commemorate the position of each departing

senior: No. 10 at third base for Cruz Shook, No. 5 in left field for Zachary Sewell, No. 24 in right field for Tyler Davis, No. 25 at the pitcher's mound for Boone Moss, and "Louie" in front of the dugout for senior team manager Emily Ledford, who picked up the nickname during an away game.

A ceremony was conducted to honor the seniors, and they each received a baseball signed by the team and flowers.

Ledford was escorted by

her brother, No. 6 on the team, Cole Ledford. She is the daughter of Penny and Terry Ledford, and played softball for all four years of her high school career. Ledford has been a manager for the baseball team for three years, and is a member of the Leo Club, FBLA and the United Community Bank Junior Board of Directors.

Her most inspirational people are her parents, because they have worked hard to fulfill her passions in life. One of Ledford's

future goals is to attend Kennesaw State University.

Shook was escorted by his mother, Amy Sanders. He played football, basketball and wrestled in high school, and played baseball for all four years. Shook is a member of the FBLA, the Blue Iron Club and the Big Hit Club.

His most inspirational person is his mother, for always being there for him in times of need. Looking ahead, Shook has already enlisted with the United States

Marine Corps.

Sewell was escorted by Sandra and Bernard Moody. He has played baseball for two years, is a member of FBLA, and lists his most inspirational people as his family, as they have showed him that with hard work, he can achieve anything, and anything is possible.

His plans for the future include attending college to acquire a degree in accounting.

Davis was escorted by Bryon Davis. He spent three years in both wrestling and baseball in high school, and is a member of FBLA and the Fly Fishing Club.

His most inspirational person is Coach Jim Melton, for how he treats people with kindness, and how he has taught him to always be a fair person. Davis hopes to attend college to receive an engineering technology degree.

Moss was escorted by his parents, Kevin and Angie Moss. He played baseball for three years and basketball for four years of his high school career. Moss is a member of the FBLA, the United Community Bank Junior Board of Directors, and the Beta Club. He went second team All-Region in basketball and was Rotary Student of the Month.

Moss' sister Jordan is his most inspirational person, because she has always been there for him and pushes him to do his best. For the future, he plans to attend Kennesaw State University and major in electrical engineering.

Towns County soccer bids farewell to 10 seniors

Efren Figueroa has played for four years. He is in the FBLA and Beta Club, and plans to pursue a degree in engineering from Kennesaw State.

Kyle Davis has played varsity soccer for two years. He was a State Placer and National Qualifier in FBLA, is a member of the Towns County Big Hit Club, was voted Most Athletic by his Senior Class, and is a member of the Blue Iron Club. He plans to attend college and major in athletic training.

Cory Ellis has played for four years. He plans to attend North Georgia Tech, where he hopes to attain a degree in bio-environmental engineering. Grayson Carver has played for three years. He is a member of FBLA, FFA, the Blue Iron Club, and has plans to go to college. Dallas Manus has played for four years, and earned two MVP Awards. Looking to the future, Manus plans to attend Tri-County to get a degree in welding. Karlie Albach has played for three years. She is a member of FBLA, the Beta Club, SADD Club, the United Community Bank Junior Board of Directors, was Rotary Student of the Month, and made the All "A" Honor Roll. Albach plans to attend UGA.

Alana Calhoun has played for three years. She is FBLA President, member of the Beta Club and United Community Bank Junior Board of Directors, and was Rotary Student of the Month. She will attend Young Harris and major in business and public policy. Taylor McCarter has played for four years. She is in FBLA and chorus, and plans to attend North Georgia to obtain a doctorate in physical therapy. Jessie Poole played for one year. She is a member of FBLA, FCA, LEO Club, Notariety, achieved "AB" Honor Roll, was Cheerleading Co-Captain, played Tennis, was voted Most Talented by her Senior Class, and was a member of the United Community Bank Junior Board of Directors. Poole will attend college to earn a degree in business. Alyssa Pyle played for four years. She is a member of FBLA, the DownPour Youth Group, achieved "AB" Honor Roll, played Varsity Softball and was voted Most School Spirited.



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