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Make it two-in-a-row: Towns County youth football sweeps again

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Saturday was another big day for the little football players of Towns County as all three teams won their respective games. The Termites won 44-13 over Jackson County, the Tiny Mites won 41-0 over Banks County and the Pee-Wee team won a close one over Banks County 12-7.

The Termites, ages 5-6, went head to head with the Jackson County Falcons and brought home the rainy day victory behind some excellent front line blocking that allowed #10 Braylen Raider to score 4 touchdowns, #11 Dawson Smith to score 2 TDs and #34 Jensen Goble to score one TD plus the following extra points. The defense proved to be the major role player as they forced 3 fumbles, that the Indians recovered, and allowed very little yardage on the ground. Head Coach Ricky Moss could not have been happier as the Termites hard work just keeps paying off as they extended their record to 2-0. The Termites next game will be at Lumpkin County on Sept. 15 at 9:00 a.m.

The Tiny Mites, ages 7-8, absolutely shut the Banks County Leopards down at the line of scrimmage with some unbelievable play in the trenches. The Leopards gained very little yardage trying to



run the ball against the Indians defensive front line while the offensive line opened up holes all game long that allowed the solid running of #2 Kyle Oakes to score 5 TDs and #20 Grant Ingram to score one. Head Coach Patrick Oakes was really pleased with the defensive effort on Saturday. Their next game is on Sept. 15 at Dawson County. Game time is 10:30 a.m.

The Pee-Wee squad, age 9, had a tough go of it against Banks County but thanks to some hard nosed defense

and some good play, when it counted, by the offense and the defense they were able to come out on top when the final horn sounded. The offensive front line put on a show as they performed their blocking assignments perfectly to counter some solid defense from the Leopards. The Indians running backs were able to find the end zone twice with #1 Hayden McClure crossing the goal line for one TD and #34 Payton Ivester the second. Head Coach Rodney Thomas did some good coaching in the final minutes



to guide the team to victory increasing their record to 2-1. Next week is an off week for the Pee-Wees.

Youth Football League of Towns County director Jimmy Smith praised the coaches of the YFL saying, "Our coaches are doing a fantastic job this year and I really appreciate what they are accomplishing. These back-to-back Saturday sweeps show just how good of a job they are doing. I'm really proud of them."

Way to go YFL Indians! Keep up the good work.



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his third sack of the night to drive the Paladins back another 7 yards. Sophomore Kyle Davis followed suit and dropped the Paladin QB for another loss and they were forced to punt. The Indians dropped the punt and the Paladins recovered on their own 28-yard line.

The Indians fought hard following the turnover but the Paladins drove the ball to the 4-yard line. Gibson got through the line on a blitz and stopped the drive for a loss but a right side play action scored the final TD for the Paladins and the extra point was good. The Indians now trailed 17-6 with 4:35 left in third quarter.

Barrett took the following kickoff and made a great run that left the Indians with good field position at their own

44-yard line with 4:26 left in the third quarter. Gibson then found Shook off the left side and he took the ball to the Paladins 15-yard line.

Junior John Davis gained 4 yards up the middle to move the ball to the Indians 11-yard line. Shook then ran it in on an end around for the Indians final TD of the night. The extra points failed and the Indians still trailed 17-12 with 3:19 left in the third quarter.

The Indians played some hard defense in the fourth quarter and had some close chances to make some things happen including a drive that stalled inside the Indians own 10-yard line, but an interception late in the fourth quarter destroyed all hopes of a second half rally by the Indians and the Paladins

won 17-12.

The Indians have a great coaching staff and some awesome talent but are in need of a field goal kicker. They are as good or better than any team they have faced this year. A fear of winning is more destructive than a fear of losing. It takes four quarters of solid football to come home a winner and that is what they need to learn. "We struggled to play a complete quarter all night.

"We had some opportunities to seize the game and we just didn't take advantage of those times," declared a frustrated Assistant Coach Thomas Boyd.

This team can and will win when they make up their minds they can. Lets go guys we are all behind you.



Senior quarterback Joseph Gibson huddles his troops last Friday night at Fellowship Christian Academy in Roswell. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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The Indians last possession of the first half began with some solid ground gain by Cox and Barrett behind some great blocking by Woody and Thompson. With .14 left in the first half, Cox hit Moss on a short post pattern and with some great running and blocking he was able to cover 71-yards to score the Indians final TD of the game. Unfortunately, the Indians were still unsuccessful in their attempt to add the extra points and the half ended with the Indians leading 18-0.

The only blood that the Lions were able to draw from the Indians came with 7:19 left in the third quarter when a broken play caused the Lions QB to reverse the field and score from the Indians 49-yard

line. The extra points attempt was stumped in the backfield when Silvers broke through and sacked the QB. The Indians still led 18-6.

The Indians offense became somewhat lethargic in the second half but the defense stepped in to save the day by not allowing the Lions to move the ball.

The defensive front line was strong and allowed very little yardage on the ground even though the Lions had good size in the backfield. The secondary coverage was tight and allowed only two short receptions for no gain.

"It was a big win for the kids. They work hard and they deserved it. Our running backs were affective and our

front lines fought it out in the trenches. Ours is one of the best front lines I've seen. It was Owen Bouchard's first game at defensive end and he did a great job. Coach McClure did a really good job at half time pointing out some things but the biggest thing is we need to learn to play all four quarters. Cut out the mental mistakes and keep it together for the whole game," replied Head Coach Chris Vardo when asked about how he felt of the win.

The local rival Union County comes to town on Sept. 13 for a showdown at Frank McClure Memorial Stadium. Game time is 5:30 p.m. Come out and support the TCMS football program and watch a great football game. Go Indians!



8th grader Russell Cox looks for some running room as fellow 8th grader Chayton McClure looks for someone to block. Photo/Joe Collins

Golf news from The Ridges

The uncertainty of Hurricane Isaac's path and the threat of rain most of the week prevented many of the men and women from playing on Tuesday and Thursday.

However, Friday's sunshine brought out men and women alike for the guest/member scramble.

Twenty-nine players participated in the event. First place low gross went to the team of Glenn Crawford, Carroll Jones, and Dolly Mott. They came in with a three under par 32. They were followed closely by the team of Charlie Perry, Wayne Watson, Mary Jo Jones, and Carolyn Story. This team managed a 2 under par 33. When their handicap was included, they ended up taking first place low net with a score of 27.7.

Second place low gross went to the team of Larry Luck, Dennis Trosky, Pat Perry, and Richie Story with a one under 34. This team tied with two other teams, but won the scorecard playoff.

net went to the team of Bill Sweeney, Bill Anderson, and Rita Robinson. This week's closest to the pin winners were Dick Sutton on hole number six and Dolly Mott on hole number two.

I was remiss in mentioning last week's closest to the pin winners. They were Bill Anderson on hole number six and Dolly Mott on hole number two.

Congratulations to all of the winners. The group bid farewell to one of its members. Mr. Don Friedhoff is moving to Ohio to be closer to his family. He will be missed, but we wish him well.

As is becoming tradition, the group gathered at Celeste's Tavern on the Green for cool refreshments prior to having dinner prepared by the staff of the Cherokee Grill.

The course is in excellent shape. Make plans now to participate in the weekly member/guest activities or simply to play a round of golf. We look forward to seeing you at the Ridges.

UCB supports Lake Chatuge Golf Classic



United Community Bank is proud to support the 10th Annual Lake Chatuge Golf Classic sponsored by the Towns County Chamber of Commerce. The event takes place on Friday, September 14th at the Brasstown Valley Resort. Pictured here is United's Leah Henderson, at right, presenting a check to Candace Lee, Director of the Towns County Chamber of Commerce. Henderson serves on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Co-Ed Adult Softball League

The Towns County Recreation Department will be having a Co-Ed softball League. The dead line to register your team is the 21st of September. All players must

be at least 18 years of age by registration date. For more information or league rules please call The Towns County Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. T(Sep12,19,F)SH

TC Rec Department Info

Attention Fitness Room Participants:

Listed are the operating hours and new participant orientation hours. Anyone using the equipment must go thru an orientation. The weekly schedule is as follows: Orientation Instructor is Gary Noe

Hours of orientation:

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come Exercise With Us

The Recreation Department wants to remind everyone that we are offering the fol-

lowing exercise classes each week at the Towns County Recreation Center.

YOGA CLASSES - We have 2 separate class times instructed by Pat Tomczyk. **EVENING CLASS** - Each Monday from 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

MORNING CLASS Each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month.)

MORNING AEROBICS CLASSES - Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Our instructor is Donna McAuliffe.

Tai Chi - Each Thursday morning from 10:45 a.m. - noon. Our instructor is Pat Tomczyk. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month.

For these programs and any other information we can help you with, just call the Recreation Department at (706)-896-2600.