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Lady Indians sweep past Region foes Tallulah, Commerce, and Providence

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team came up with a sweep of the three Region 8-A opponents they faced last week in improving their overall record to 8-13 and their region record to 5-4.

They used fourth quarter rallies to take victories at Tallulah Falls on Tuesday and at Providence Christian Academy on Saturday while building a significant early lead and having an answer for each challenge at home by Region 8-A second place Commerce on Friday.

**Lady Indians 59
Tallulah Falls 48**

Tallulah Falls - The Lady Indians sprang ahead 7-2 by the 3:53 mark of the first quarter only to see the home standing Lady Indians from Tallulah, who completed the week's play with a 6-11 overall record and 3-6 in the Region, finish the quarter on a 13-2 run for a 15-9 lead after one quarter with four different Towns Lady Indians putting points on the scoreboard.

Tallulah continued to lead for most of the second quarter with exceptions being a brief 16-15 Towns lead on a trey by Jocelyn Byers and a 25-22 lead on two free throws each by Kirsten Ledford and Misty Lindemuth by the 21.8 seconds mark which became 25-24 lead at intermission.

Lindemuth and Savannah Dyer led five Lady Indians in scoring for the quarter with four points each.

The Lady Indians then overcame Tallulah leads of one, three, and two points in the third quarter when they turned a 30-28 deficit into a 36-30 lead on a field goal and a three point play by Lindemuth and a trey by Karlie Albach.

Tallulah scored the final two baskets of the quarter, however, for just a 36-34 Towns lead entering the fourth quarter.

Two Tallulah treys highlighted a 7-3 run at the start of



Junior Jocelyn Byers with a jumper at Tallulah Falls. She would score 11 at TF then 23 vs Commerce. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the fourth quarter for a 41-39 lead, however the Lady Indians would dominate after that, finishing on a 20-7 run for a 59-48 victory.

Byers got the Lady Indians the lead for good by a 42-41 score at the start of the run with a trey and by quarter's end she had scored seven points with other leaders in the quarter including Lindemuth with five points and Dyer and Ledford with four each.

Albach, who sank a trey in each quarter, led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 16 points and she was followed by Lindemuth with 14, Byers with 11, Dyer with 10, and Ledford with 8.

Six different Lady Indians provided at least one assist with leaders being Byers and Lindemuth with 5 each and Albach and Madison Landress with 2 each.

Lady Indian senior Madison Johnson missed the game due to illness.

SCORING: Albach 16, Lindemuth 14, Byers 11, Dyer 10, Ledford 8

**Lady Indians 67
Commerce 58**

In what most observers

probably consider their finest performance of an increasingly successful season, the Lady Indians shocked the Commerce Lady Tigers with a 17-2 lead after one quarter and had an answer for each Lady Tiger challenge throughout the game as they led at intermission 31-23 and 43-36 after three quarters on the way to a 67-58 victory.

The Lady Tigers completed the week with a 9-12 overall record and 7-2 in the region for second place overall behind the Lakeview Academy Lady Lions who hold a 9-0 record in region play.

The Lady Indians scored twelve of their first quarter points on a three at a time basis on two treys by Karlie Albach who also sank two free throws, a trey by Jocelyn Byers, and a three point play by Madison Johnson.

Lady Tigers freshman star Mya Jones had left the game with two fouls midway through the first quarter with



Senior guard Karlie Albach goes up strong during Towns' home court win over Commerce. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the Lady Indians leading 8-2 but returned at the start of the second quarter in leading her team on a 12-0 run and the first serious challenge to the Lady Indians lead.

They responded in fine fashion, however, in finishing the quarter on a 14-9 run highlighted by three deuces by Kirsten Ledford and two treys by Byers for six points each for a 31-23 Towns lead at intermission.

The Lady Indians would lead by as much as 38-25 but as little as 40-34 in the third quarter when Kristen Henson took the scoring lead with a trey and a deuce for five points.

The Towns lead was 43-36 entering the fourth quarter when they led by no less than 46-39 but as much as 53-40 and 61-48 before the Lady Tigers included two treys the final 34 seconds in a game closing 10-6 run for the final Lady Indian margin of victory of 67-58.

This was truly a big win against a quality team with all team members seeing action contributing to the victory for the Lady Indians who had fallen by a 64-49 score in Commerce just seventeen days prior.

Byers, who sank six treys, including at least one

in each quarter, led her team in scoring with 23 points but she had lots of help with other leaders being Lindemuth with 14 points, Albach scored 13, Henson had seven, and Ledford added six.

Lindemuth led in assists with 10 and was followed by Madison Landress, who had an overall excellent floor game from her point guard positions, with 3.

Lindemuth had a truly marvelous offensive game with seven of her 10 assists being on treys for involvement in a stunning 41 points when combining her points and assists.

Mya Jones wound up with 26 points after scoring 34 in the earlier game in Commerce while her twin sister, Asia, followed with 13.

SCORING: Byers 23, Lindemuth 14, Albach 13, Henson 7, Ledford 6, Johnson 3, Landress 1

**Lady Indians 42
Providence 37**

Lilburn - On Saturday the Lady Indians traveled to Gwinnett County in metro Atlanta to face the Providence Christian Lady Storm, a team that proved to be perhaps a bit

more capable than their 3-17 record entering the game would indicate.

When combining the better than expected team and ice cold Lady Indian shooting, especially as compared with their lighting up the scoreboard against a most formidable Commerce team the night before, the first three quarters were quite a struggle for the Lady Indians.

The Lady Indians sank just two field goals and went three for four at the foul line the first 11 minutes of the game as Providence rallied from an early 7-2 deficit for an 11-7 lead by the 6-minute mark of the second quarter.

A Lady Indian 8-1 run highlighted by a pair of treys by Karlie Albach between the 5-minute and 1:03 marks of that second quarter gave them a 15-12 lead which became just 15-14 at intermission when the Lady Storm sank two free throws with 1 second on the clock.

A trey and two deuces by Jocelyn Byers and two deuces by Madison Landress provided most of the fire power as the Lady Indians built a 27-20 lead by the 37-second mark of the third quarter but a Lady Storm trey reduced the lead to 27-23 entering the fourth quarter.

A trey by Byers just nineteen seconds into the fourth quarter triggered a 12-4 run by the Lady Indians for a 39-27 lead by the 3:22 mark of the fourth quarter with Byers adding a trey and Misty Lindemuth contributing a deuce and three for four free throw shooting before the Lady Storm finished the game on a 10-3 run for a final Lady Indian margin of victory of 42-37.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians were Byers with 12 points, Lindemuth with 10, Landress with 9, and Albach with 6 while Lindemuth led in assists with 4 and Landress followed with 2.

Lindemuth totaled nineteen assists for an average of 6.3 per game for the week.

SCORING: Byers 12, Lindemuth 10, Landress 9, Albach 6, Johnson 3, Dyer 2

Indians defeat Tallulah Falls and Commerce, fall short at Providence

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The Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team ran their record for the 2015 portion of their season to 5-2 with victories at Tallulah Falls on Tuesday and at home over Commerce on Friday before falling in a sometimes bruising battle at Providence Christian in Lilburn on Saturday.

The Indians completed the week with an overall 7-14 record, including 5-4 in Region 8-A.

**Indians 83
Tallulah Falls 62**

Tallulah Falls - The Indians made their trip to Tallulah Falls on Tuesday a memorable one as they broke away for a 22-14 lead after one quarter and 47-25 at the half before playing on pretty much even terms the last half in taking an 83-62 win over a home standing band of Indians.

The Tallulah Indians saw their overall record fall to 7-13 and 2-9 in the region by week's end after losses at home by a 74-59 score to Hebron Christian and by a 62-48 score at Prince Avenue.

Tallulah actually used a pair of treys to advantage in taking an 8-2 lead by the six minutes mark of the first quarter before the Indians went on a scoring rampage, using a 20-3 run for a 22-11 advantage which became 22-14 by quarter's end after the Tallulah Indians sank their fourth trey of the quarter.

Dallas Manus included two treys among eight points in the quarter with Boone Moss and Major Moss not far behind with seven and six points respectively.

Seven different Indians put points on the scoreboard in the second quarter during a 25-11 rampage with scoring leaders being Darringer Barrett and Manus with five points each and the trio of cousins Zach Davenport, Boone Moss, and Major Moss adding four each.

Boone Moss then added six more points and Major Moss four in the third as the two teams played to a near standoff for a 65-41 score while Will de Vries, Manus, and Jake Pyrlk provided four points each in the fourth quarter as the Indians closed out the 83-62 victory.



Senior Dallas Manus with a reverse lay up at Tallulah Falls. He would lead the Indians with 21 in the game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Leading scorers for the game were Manus with 21 points, Boone Moss with 19, Major Moss with ten for ten free throw shooting including in his 14 points, Darringer Barrett with 7, and Adam Barrett, Davenport, and de Vries with six each.

Major Moss led in assists with 7 with Davenport taking second honors with 2. Kobe Denton missed the game due to the continuing effects of a shoulder injury.

SCORING: Manus 21, B. Moss 19, M. Moss 14, D. Barrett 7, A. Barrett 6, Davenport 6, DeVries 6, Pyrlk 4

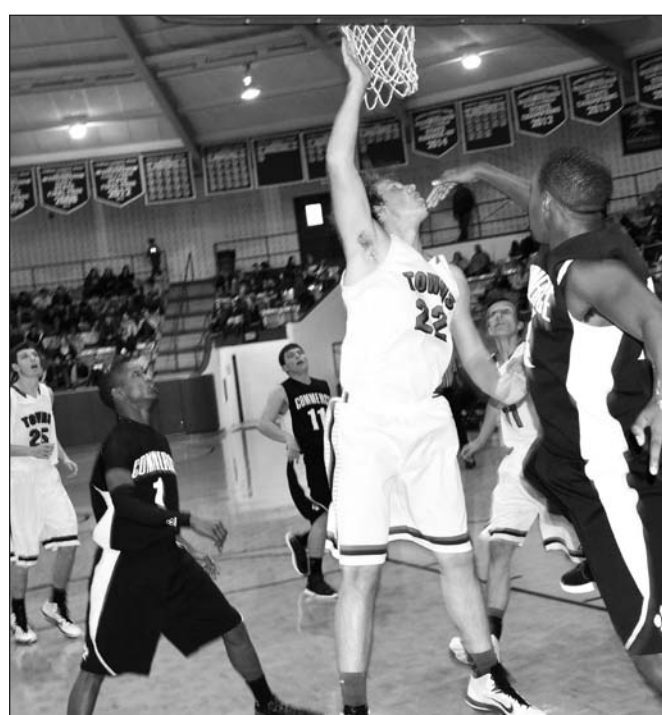
**Indians 62
Commerce 61**

It was a game of two extended scoring runs in the Indians' home game against Commerce last Friday. It was the Indians' turn first as they went on a rampage the first half and a minute into the second while the Tigers returned the favor the remainder of the game. The Tigers have, like the Indians, played a very challenging schedule against largely much larger public schools and the private schools within Region 8A in compiling an overall 5-16 record, including 2-6 in the region by week's end after a Saturday loss to Athens Christian.

The first quarter was actually pretty close for the most part with the Tigers holding early leads of 3-2 and 5-4 before the Indians extended a 10-9 advantage to 16-11 by quarter's end with Boone Moss contributing ten of the Indians points. Eight different Indians put points on the scoreboard in the second quarter with Dallas Manus leading with five as the Indians outscored the Tigers 20-10 for a 36-21 lead at intermission.

When the Indians opened the third quarter with 6-0 run, ending at exactly the seven minutes mark, for a 42-21 bulge with Moss providing the first four points, a total blowout looked likely but it is sometimes difficult for a team to keep their intensity with a huge lead and maybe it was just time for the Tigers to have a run after sinking eight treys in the first half of their first game and just two in the two halves since against the Indians. Whatever the reason or reasons, the Tigers finished the quarter on an 18-2 run for just a 44-39 deficit entering the fourth quarter.

Manus struck for a four point play when sinking a trey and adding a free throw when fouled on the shot just nineteen seconds into the fourth quarter and freshman Zach Davenport added a drive and reverse layup at 7:19, appearing to restore order



Senior Boone Moss puts up two of his team-high 19 points in the win over Commerce. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

for the Indians with a 50-39 lead. But here came the Tigers again, sinking three treys in an 11-0 run for a 50-50 standoff with 5:13 on the clock.

It was a real battle after that with a putback by Adam Barrett and a drive for two points by Davenport giving the Indians 52-50 and 54-52 leads by the 3:44 mark with Davenport's basket giving the Indians the lead for good as it turned out but not without lots of drama. A Boone Moss free throw got the Indians a 55-52 lead and two free throws by Manus and Davenport's third drive for a field goal in the fourth quarter more than matched a Tiger field goal for a 59-54 Towns lead with 2:12 left.

The Tigers got a field goal on a drive for the basket and a steal and field goal by the fifty one seconds mark, however, leaving the Indians with just a 59-58 lead but Adam Barrett got a field goal on a goal tending call at twenty five seconds for a 61-58 Indian lead. And Boone Moss sank a crucial free throw at 7.3 seconds after claiming a defensive rebound, making it a two possession game at 62-58. The Tigers' fourth trey of the quarter and sixth of the half at the buzzer only served to make it a one point Indian win by a 62-61 score.

Boone Moss took the scor-

ing lead for the Indians for the game with 19 points with other leaders being Manus with 15, Davenport with 10, and Adam Barrett with 8 while Manus led in assists with 4 and was followed by Major Moss with 2, according to your reporter's tally.

SCORING: B. Moss 19, Manus 15, Davenport 10, A. Barrett 8, DeVries 4, D. Barrett 2, Denton 2, M. Moss 2

**Indians 51
Providence 62**

Lilburn - After the late drama of the Indians' one point win over Commerce at home on Friday night, they embarked on a long trip to Lilburn to face the Providence Christian Academy Storm, a team entering the game with a 14-6 overall record and 7-2 in Region 8-A.

They left Providence with several thoughts of what might have been, in particular as to how three officials could not see some infractions clearly visible from the stands while seeing light touch fouls at other times, in a game the Storm won by a 62-51 score.

The Storm appeared to be taking control of the game by a 13-4 score by the 3-minute mark of the first quarter but here came the Indians who struck quickly for a 20-2 run between the 2:44

mark of the first quarter and the 4:50 mark of the second for a 24-15 lead.

The Indians 6'6" senior Boone Moss scored 11 of the points in the run against the Storm's tall front line with four other Indians combining for the remaining nine points.

The Storm responded with an 11-2 run, however, for a 26-26 tie with forty seven seconds left in the second quarter and no more than three points would separate the two teams from that point until the 2:02 mark of the third quarter when a Major Moss basket gave the Indians a 40-36 lead with Dallas Manus providing six earlier third quarter points. The Storm had held a 29-28 lead at intermission.

The Storm edged to within 40-39 on a free throw and putback basket and got a big break near the one minute mark of the third quarter when a Storm player clearly walked, unnoticed by the officials, near mid court and passed the ball to a teammate who sank a trey for a 42-40 lead they would not relinquish.

The storm then got the ball back and made a three point play on a drive to the basket with 1.9 seconds left for a 45-40 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Providence then opened the fourth quarter with a 13-1 run and actually a 17-1 run back to the 1:49 mark of the third quarter for a 53-41 lead by the 4:42 mark of the fourth.

The Indians would rally themselves after that, however, using two free throws each by Major Moss and Manus as a trigger for a 10-5 run including a drive for two and a free throw by Moss and ending on a trey by Manus for just a 58-51 Indian deficit at 1:01 for a glimmer of hope.

The Indians would not score again, however, as the Storm sank 4-of-8 free throws the final 56.4 seconds for a final victory margin of 62-51.

Scoring leaders for the Indians were Manus with 13 points, Boone Moss with 12, Major Moss with 9, Zach Davenport with 7, and Adam Barrett with 6 while Major Moss led in assists with 5 and was followed by Davenport with 2.

SCORING: Manus 13, B. Moss 12, M. Moss 9, Davenport 7, A. Barrett 6, DeVries 4