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Gibson's heroics sink Tallulah

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TALLULAHFALLS- The Indians took a tense Region 8A win by a 43-42 score at Tallulah Falls for their first victory of the season, thanks to Joseph Gibson's game winning jumper.

The Indians got off to a hot start at Tallulah Falls behind the heroics of Cruz Shook who included six points, two steals, and an assist in an 8-2 start by the 5:50 mark of the first quarter. He then added a trey at the 1:58 mark for a 13-6 Towns advantage which became 13-10 by quarter's end. The Indians continued to lead throughout the first half and held a 21-18 at intermission although the Tallulah Indians closed to within 16-15 early in the quarter.

Points were hard to come by for the Indians for most of the third quarter as they went more than five minutes at the start without scoring with Tallulah edging out to a 24-21 lead. Ryan Tallent, who had pretty much kept the Indians ahead with a trey and two deuces for seven points in the second quarter, again came to the rescue by striking for a deuce near the two and a half minute mark and a trey near a brief 26-25 Towns lead. Tallulah answered with a trey of their own seconds later, however, for a 28-26 lead with two free throws by Shook at 11.9 seconds pulling the Indians to



Joseph Gibson

within 30-29 entering the fourth quarter.

An early fourth quarter Stetson Hedden basket got the Indians a 31-30 lead but Tallulah appeared on two occasions after that to be taking control of the game. They included a couple of lucky bounces in a 7-0 run for a 37-31 lead by the five minute mark and followed a 4-0 Towns run, highlighted by a Slade Davenport field goal and free throw, with a field goal and free throw of their own in extending a 37-35 lead to 40-35 with 2:27 on the clock.

The Indians responded with another run of their own, however, on a baseline drive for two by Tallent, a runner in the lane for two more by Shook, and another Davenport basket for a 41-40 lead in less than a minute of playing time, ending at the 1:15 mark. Tal-

lulah missed two free throws at 29.1 seconds but corralled the offensive rebound and sank a field goal at twenty six seconds for a 42-41 lead and it was crunch time for the Indians.

They would not be denied as Davenport found Gibson open for a jump shot from the top of the circle, just inside the 3-point line, and it was perfect with the Indians claiming a 43-42 lead which held up for the victory when Tallulah missed a field goal and then a putback attempt rolled off the rim at the buzzer.

The game winning shot was the first field goal for the Indians by Gibson, a star quarterback for two years at Hardaway High School in Columbus and as a senior at TCHS this year when the Indians finished the season on an upswing by winning three of their last four games.

Gibson had not played basketball since middle school but returned to the sport this year at the urging of TCHS coaches and players. He had concentrated on ball handling duties and taken few shots in his early games with the Indians but perhaps benefited from his noteworthy experience in tough situations on the football field in making the clutch shot.

The Indians were led in scoring against Tallulah by Tallent with 16 points, Shook with 13, and Davenport with 6 with leaders in assists being Shook with 3 and Stetson Hedden and Boone Moss with 2 each.

Lady Indians wallop Tallulah Falls

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TALLULAHFALLS- The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team continued a pattern of a most promising season by extending its record to 6-0.

The Lady Indians took immediate control of the game at Tallulah Falls behind the red hot shooting of Stephanie Patton as they led by such scores as 8-0 and 12-2 on the way to 28-4 first quarter dominance.

Patton poured in sixteen points in that first quarter

for more points than Tallulah would score in the entire game as it turned out.

Karlie Albach contributed five points in the first quarter surge and added five more in the second as the Lady Indians held a 46-6 advantage at intermission.

Eight different Lady Indians entered the scoring column in the first half and eight contributed at least one assist as all ten players dressed for the game saw extensive action.

The mercy rule reducing eight minute quarters to six was applied to both quarters the last half as the Lady Indians slowed the pace of the game and led

55-12 after three quarters in taking a 61-15 victory. Misty Lindemuth contributed eight of the fifteen Lady Indian points scored in the final half.

With nine Lady Indians entering the scoring column for the game, leaders were Patton with the 16 first quarter points, Albach with the 10 scored in the first half, Lindemuth with 10, Emily Anderson with 9, and Kellsie Cowart with 6.

Eight Lady Indians combined for twenty assists with leaders being McKenzie Moss, Patton, and Alyssa Pyle with 4 each and Albach, Eryn Cochran, and Cowart with 2 each.



Stephanie Patton at the line for Towns Co. TC finished 3-0 on the week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Lady Indians roll against Lakeview

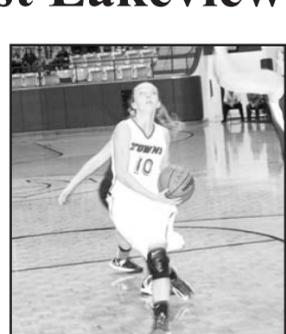
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The Lakeview Academy Lady Lions from Gainesville entered the game with the Lady Indians on Friday with a 4-2 record, including wins over Class AAAA Johnson of Gainesville by thirty three points and Class AAAA Lumpkin County by seven.

The matchup with the Lady Indians proved to be

difficult for the Lady Lions on this evening, however, as the Towns Ladies struck for leads of 18-4, 42-19, and 61-23 at the quarter breaks in taking a 65-35 victory.

Stephanie Patton included five treys among her team leading 29 points in less than three quarters of playing time while Eryn Cochran added 12 points and 8 assists in less than three quarters. Other scoring leaders were Misty Lindemuth with 9 points and Karlie Albach with 5.



Eryn Cochran



Sophomores Karlie Albach and Misty Lindemuth during Towns County's blowout win over Lakeview Academy last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Lady Eagles no match for Towns

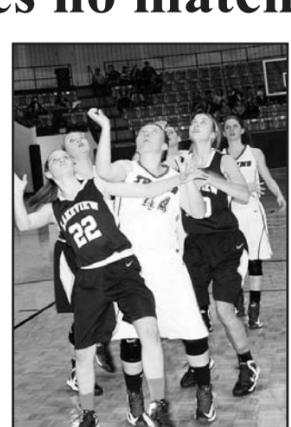
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HIWASSEE DAM, NC - The Lady Indians' game at Hiwassee Dam easily proved to be the most competitive of the week as the quite young Lady Eagles gave the Lady Indians quite a challenge not really indicative of the Lady Indian margin of victory of 65-51.

The Lady Eagles entered the game with a 4-2 record, including three games against Georgia schools.

They had taken a nine point home court win over Class AAA Fannin County and an eight point victory over Class AAAA Lumpkin County in a Union County tournament while falling by a 55-52 score against Union. The other Hiwassee Dam loss was by five points at Tellico Plains, TN.

A trey by Stephanie Patton just twenty one seconds into the game got the Lady Indians a 3-0 lead they would never relinquish but with Hiwassee Dam able to maintain enough pressure throughout most of the game to create a bit of doubt about the outcome among the Lady Indian faithful. Patton added a second trey for a six point quarter with four of her teammates entering the scoring column as they held a 14-9 lead



Emily Anderson

after one quarter.

Eryn Cochran provided much of the early fire power in the second quarter for the Lady Indians with a pair of treys included among her ten points while Patton came on strong at the end of the quarter with two treys included in a twelve point quarter. The Lady Indians led by as much as 31-15 on a Cochran trey at the 3:20 mark but it required two late treys by Patton sandwiched around an Eagle trey for the Lady Indians to hold a 41-30 lead at the half.

Patton struck for two more treys compared to a single free throw for the Lady Eagles for a 47-31 Towns lead by the

6:18 mark of the third quarter with the two teams playing on virtually even terms after that for a 55-37 Lady Indian lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Lady Eagles edged to within 57-44 only to see Patton sink her seventh trey of the game at the 5:12 mark for a 60-44 Towns lead and a bit of breathing room for the Lady Indians. One last challenge came when Hiwassee Dam closed to within 60-48 with 4:30 still remaining in the game but Cochran struck for a trey at 4:16 and a layup enabled by a Karlie Albach steal at 3:38 and the Lady Indians had a 65-48 lead.

That would be the final points for the Lady Indians who were nowhere near one and one free throw status and slowed the game down with the Lady Eagles managing just one field goal and one free throw the rest of the way as the Lady Indians took a hard fought 65-51 victory.

When the smoke had cleared, Patton had included the seven trey among her team leading 27 points with Cochran including three treys among her 22 points and Dadrrian Blythe taking third honors in scoring with 6 points. Cochran led in assists with 4 while Blythe took second honors in this category with 2 according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

Hiwassee Dam uses 13-3 run to pull away from Indians in fourth quarter

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HIWASSEE DAM, NC - The Indians got off to a good start at Hiwassee Dam with a pair of Slade Davenport field goals highlighting a 5-0 run the first three minutes of the game but the Eagles scored the next twelve points for a 12-5 lead after one quarter.

Two baskets by Garrett Bradshaw got the Indians within 12-7 and then 14-9 early in the second quarter but the Eagles again finished strong for a 25-11 lead at intermission.

The Eagles appeared to take complete control of the game then by scoring the first seven points of the third quarter for a 32-11 bulge but the Indians rallied the final 4:45 of the quarter with a 10-2 run, closing to within 34-21 entering the fourth quarter. The strong third quarter finish came compliments of a field goal by Stetson Hedden, two free throws by Bradshaw, a basket by Aaron Dodson, and two buckets by Ryan Tallent.

The momentum returned for the Eagles in the fourth quarter as they opened on a



Junior Garrett Bradshaw with a jumper. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

13-3 run for as much as a 47-24 lead before the Indians closed to within 51-32 by game's end with a couple of baskets by Tallent highlighting the late Indian run.

Tallent led the Indians in scoring for the game with 8

points with Bradshaw not far behind with 6.

Four different Indians—Dodson, Dallas Manus, Trace Moss, and Tallent—each contributed one assist according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

The Indians managed to stay within 35-20 by the three minute mark of the second quarter as Slade Davenport and Tallent each contributed four points but the Lions ran away with the game after that. They scored the last eleven points of the second quarter for a 46-20 lead at intermission and opened the third quarter with an 11-1 run by the four minute mark for a 58-21 lead and finished off a

Manus' return not enough as Lakeview picks up the Region win

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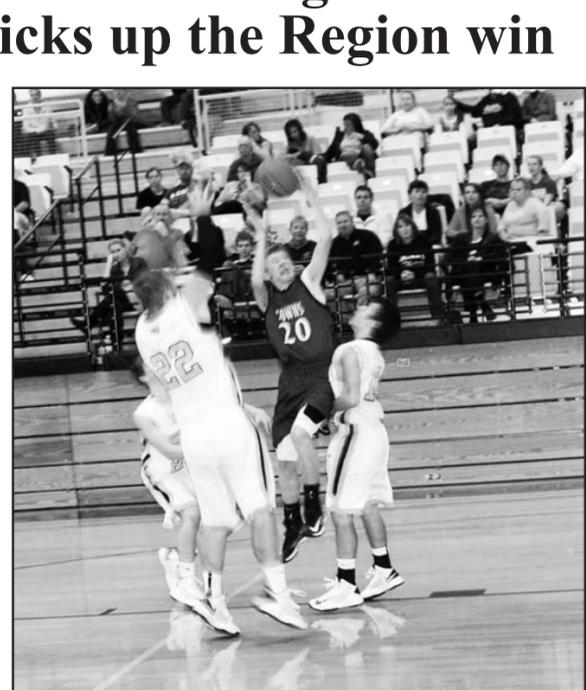
Towns County sophomore Dallas Manus returned to action in good shape after missing two games due to the flu. But it was a tough night from beginning to end for the Indians against Lakeview Academy as the Lions sprang out to an 11-1 lead by the mid point of the first quarter.

The Lions held a 19-10 lead at quarter's end after a trey by Dallas Manus and deuces by Ryan Tallent, Cruz Shook, and Boone Moss during the final three minutes of the quarter as the Indians more than held their own during the brief run.

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70-32 victory.

Scoring leaders for the Indians were Manus with 12 points, Tallent with 6, and Shook with 5 while Joseph Gibson and Shook led in assists with 3 each. The Indians and Lady Indians will travel to Cumming on Friday to take on



Dallas Manus during a recent game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Pinecrest Academy. On Saturday, Towns will visit Union County for the second meeting of the season between the rival schools.

On Friday the Lady Indians will tip-off at 7 p.m. while Saturday's game will tip at 6 p.m.