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## Indians win overtime thriller with White County

### Towns County falls to second half surge by Athens Christian

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The Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team got their first win of the season last Tuesday when they played host to the Class AAAA White County Warriors, taking a thrilling 73-72 overtime victory.

They then hosted fellow Region 8A Private power Athens Christian on Saturday and hung tough for a half with the Eagles but in the end were undone by three brief but deadly scoring runs by the Eagles.

Although holding just a 1-6 overall record, including 0-2 in Region 8A, the Indians have faced one of the most challenging schedules of any team in the area with five of the seven opponents representing significantly larger public schools and the other two being private Class A schools from Athens.

The combined record of the seven opponents is 32-15 with only Lumpkin County at 2-5 having a losing record.

#### Indians 73 White County 72 (OT)

The first quarter of the White County game was a real battle with four lead changes less than two-and-a-half minutes into the game and a fifth lead change along with three treys by quarter's end with the Warriors using a 9-2 finish the final two minutes for a 19-14 lead.

Four Indians entered the scoring column in the quarter with Adam Barrett contributing six points and Jake Pyrlik four.

The Warriors continued their good fortune at the start of the second quarter with a 10-2 run, appearing to be taking control of the game with a 29-16 lead, their biggest of the game as it turned out, by the 4:22 mark and they pretty much maintained that advantage for a 34-22 lead at intermission.

Dallas Manus scored half of the Indians' second quarter points with two free throws and a field goal.

Here came the Indians at the start of the third quarter, however, as they struck for an 18-5 run and a 40-39 lead at the 4:16 mark behind the scoring punch of Manus with seven points, Will de Vries with five, and Boone Moss with four.

A trey by Manus at 4:31 and a deuce by the senior left hander at 4:16 completed the



The Indians' bench celebrates the victory over Class AAAA White County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

run, giving the Indians a brief lead.

A 12-3 run by the Warriors after that got them a 51-43 lead by the one minute mark but field goals by Pyrlik and Boone Moss wrapped around two Warrior free throws had the Indians within 53-47 entering the fourth quarter.

Two free throws and a field goal by Darringer Barrett got the Indians within 54-51 by the 6:44 mark of the fourth quarter but the Warriors led 61-54 by the 5:29 mark.

A three point play and another field goal by de Vries then got the Indians within 61-59 at 4:56 but the persistent Warriors sank three of four free throw attempts for a 64-59 lead at 4:34 and they matched two Manus free throws with a field goal for a 66-61 lead at the four minute mark.

Free throws by Adam Barrett and Major Moss at 3:40 and 3:20 set the stage for a trey by Manus at 2:54 for a 66-66 tie, however, and de Vries matched a Warrior field goal at 1:51 with a drive for the basket for a 68-68 standoff at 1:11.

The Indians got off three inside shots during the final seconds of regulation that came oh so close to falling in the basket and would have given them the win but lady luck was on the side of the Warriors this time as the game went to a 4-minute overtime, the Indians' second overtime game of the young season.

In a low scoring overtime period, the Warriors sank field goals at the 3:05 and 1:54 marks

with the first partially matched by a free throw by Major Moss for a 72-69 White County lead with 1:54 left. But Boone Moss sank the first of two free throws at 1:32 and a put back basket by Major Moss when the second was missed got the Indians a 72-72 tie at 1:30.

Major Moss then gave the Indians a one point lead on a free throw with 16.8 seconds left and lady luck smiled on the Indians this time when the final shot of the game by the Warriors spun out of and off the rim as the clock ran out and the Indians had the heart stopping 73-72 victory.

Leading scorers for the Indians were de Vries and Manus with 16 points each with de Vries scoring 14 and Manus 12 during the decisive last half.

Other scoring leaders were Major Moss with 10 points, Boone Moss with 9, Adam Barrett and Pyrlik with 7 each, and Darringer Barrett with 6.

Eight different Indians were credited with at least one assist by your reporter with leaders being Manus with 5, Major Moss with 4, Darringer Barrett with 3 and de Vries and Marcus Ledford with 2 each.

This game provides a striking example of free throw accuracy deciding a game. The Indians sank a solid 19-for-29 at the foul line, including four for four accuracy for both Darringer Barrett and Manus while the Warriors sank just 14-of-31 attempts.

White County's record

fell to 3-2 with the loss after their only prior loss to Class A Private power North Cobb Christian. Their wins included a 76-60 decision over an impressive Class AAAA Stephens County squad and a 62-47 win over Class AAA Lumpkin County and they improved their record to 4-2 on Friday with an 82-72 win over Hapeville Charter at East Hall High School.

The Hapeville Charter squad has perhaps raised some eyebrows with a 64-54 home court win over Wesleyan and just a 73-63 loss at state power Greater Atlanta Christian with both Wesleyan and GAC being Region 6AA foes in one of the toughest regions in any classification in the state.

SCORING: DeVries 16, Manus 16, M. Moss 10, B. Moss 9, A. Barrett 7, Pyrlik 7, D. Barrett 6, Ledford 2

#### Indians 60 Athens Christian 94

It was a tough assignment last Saturday for the Indians as they played host to the Athens Christian Eagles and senior Will Jackson, who has signed a scholarship to continue his basketball career next year at the University of Georgia.

But the Eagles feature far more than the considerable talent of the 6'5" point guard as they have nine seniors on their sixteen man roster and are expected to challenge for the Class A Private State Championship this year after making it to the state final four last year where they fell to eventual state



Dallas Manus lays it in vs White County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

champion St. Francis.

Against the mostly very young Indians, Jackson would lead the Athens Christian scoring parade with 34 points while three other seniors also hit double figures as the four seniors would combine for 66 of the Eagles' 94 points.

With all of these accolades for the Eagles being stated, the Indians would hang within striking distance of the Eagles for most all of the first half with a 12-2 Eagles run, largely achieved as a result of Indian turnovers, between the 6:27 and 4:02 marks of the second quarter accounting for most of their 37-26 lead at intermission.

Prior to this scoring run, the Indians took two leads in the first quarter by scores of 6-4 on two treys by senior Dallas Manus and 10-8 at the three minute mark on back to back field goals by sophomores Darringer Barrett and Will de Vries.

The Eagles would lead 14-11 at the first quarter break, however, and extend just an 18-14 lead to 30-16 with the aforementioned 12-2 run.

A trey by Manus at 3:34 triggered a 10-3 Indian run, however, for just a 33-26 deficit with two baskets by sophomore Major Moss included among five different Indians contributing to the run.

A second deadly run by the Eagles followed, however, as they struck for two field goals the final nine seconds of the half for a 37-26 lead at intermission and opened the

third quarter with a 16-2 run for a 53-28 bulge with 5:21 on the clock.

The Indians then outscored the Eagles 14-10 the remainder of the quarter for a 63-42 deficit entering the fourth quarter with two deuces by sophomore Adam Barrett and a deuce and a trey by Manus highlighting the run for the Indians.

The Eagles struck for a final scoring run of 9-0 at the start of the fourth quarter for a 72-42 lead with the two teams playing on pretty much even terms, despite six treys by the Eagles between the 5:37 and 46-second mark, the rest of the game as the Eagles closed out a 94-60 victory.

Adam Barrett and freshman Zach Davenport nearly matched the six Eagle treys during the run with eight points each as Barret sank four deuces and Davenport a pair of treys and a deuce the final 6:11 of the game.

Scoring leaders for the Indians were Manus with 18 points, Adam Barrett and Davenport with 12 each, Major Moss with 6, and Darringer Barrett with 5.

Leaders in assists were Major Moss with 6 and Darringer Barrett and senior Boone Moss with 2 each. The Eagles improved their overall record to 4-0, including 1-0 in Region 8-A, with the win.

SCORING: Manus 18, A. Barrett 12, Davenport 12, M. Moss 6, D. Barrett 5, B. Moss 4, DeVries 3

## Lady Indians fall to White County, Athens Christian; drop to 2-5

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team fell to defeat twice last week when they hosted Class AAAA White County and fellow Region 8A foe Athens Christian.

They mounted a strong rally in the fourth quarter of the White County game on Tuesday, forcing the Lady Warriors to return their front line players to the game, with the potential for a boost for the future but the Athens Christian game on Saturday proved to be one of missed opportunities as they fell in overtime to the Lady Eagles.

#### Lady Indians 37 White County 48

Against White County, the Lady Indians had a 4-4 tie by the 5:39 mark of the first quarter on two free throws by Savannah Dyer and a field goal by Misty Lindemuth but the Lady Warriors pulled steadily away after that through the third quarter as they led 14-6 after one quarter, 26-10 at intermission, and 46-17 after three quarters.

Lindemuth accounted for 11 of the Lady Indians' 17 points by that point in the game.

It was a different game in the fourth quarter, however, as the Lady Indians came out red hot against a group of Lady Warrior substitutes, striking for the first 18 points of the quarter and a 20-2 advantage for the quarter for just a 48-37 defeat.

The turn of events resulted in the Lady Warriors returning their front line players to the court near the three and-a-half minute mark with the score 46-31 but it was impressive that the Lady Indians continued their good fortune, perhaps bringing confidence



Jocelyn Byers drives the baseline vs White. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

for future games.

They finished on a 6-2 run against the regrouped Lady Warriors who managed just the one field goal near the half minute mark as a result of a Lady Indian turnover.

Five different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard during that inspired fourth quarter with leaders being Dyer with six points, Jocelyn Byers with five, and Madison Johnson with four.

For the game, Lindemuth led the Lady Indians in scoring with 14 points with other leaders being Dyer with 10, Byers with 6, and Johnson with 5.

Leaders in assists, according to your reporter's tally, were Karlie Albach and Byers with 3 each and Dyer and Lindemuth with 2 each.

The Lady Warriors improved their record to 5-0 with the win before losing their first game of the season by a 53-48 score to a top notch Class AAAAA team,

Pepperell in Lindale near Rome on Friday.

SCORING: Lindemuth 14, Dyer 10, Byers 6, Johnson 5, Albach 2

#### Lady Indians 40 Athens Christian 41 (OT)

The Athens Christian game was a tight battle from start to finish noted more for a lot of fouls and a lot of free throws than field goals for both teams. The Lady Indians got what would turn out to be their biggest lead of 5-0 in less than three minutes at the start of the game on a field goal by Kristen Henson and a field goal and free throw by Savannah Dyer but the Lady Eagles would lead by margins of one to eight points for most of the remainder of the game.

The Lady Indians did manage an 8-8 tie on a trey by Karlie Albach and a 10-9 lead on a field



The Lady Indians battle for a loose ball. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

goal by Kirsten Ledford by the 37-second mark of the first quarter but the Lady Eagles held an 11-10 lead at quarter's end. They then led by as much as 22-14 before completing the first half with a 22-18 advantage after two free throws by Madison Landress and a field goal by Dyer the final 1:09 cut the eight point lead in half.

The Lady Eagles continued to lead, including by as much as 27-20 by the mid point of the third quarter but a field goal by Ledford, a trey by Albach, and two free throws by Madison Stroud got a tie of 27-27 for the Lady Indians with 2:10 on the clock. The Lady Eagles regained the lead at 29-27 through three quarters, however, on a field goal at 13 seconds for their only points during the final four minutes of the quarter.

The Lady Indians went nearly three and-a-half minutes at the start of the fourth quarter without scoring and found them-

selves trailing 32-27 by that point but rallied with a 7-1 run between the 4:37 and 2:31 marks for a short lived 34-33 lead. Two free throws by Misty Lindemuth, a coast to coast run for a field goal by Jocelyn Byers, a free throw by Stroud, and two charity tosses by Madison Johnson giving them the lead accounted for the Lady Indian points during the run. Byers' points came with a price, however, as she was injured when making the basket and had to leave the game.

A free throw by Athens Christian at 2:06 got the Lady Eagles a 34-34 tie, a free throw by Stroud at 1:37 gave the Lady Indians a 35-34 lead, and a free throw by the Lady Eagles at 1:23 brought about a 35-35 standoff which eventually sent the game to overtime as neither team could dent the scoreboard the rest of regulation.

The Lady Indians got off a long field goal attempt for the

win as time expired but the ball bounced off the rim.

Two free throws by the Lady Eagles got them a 37-35 lead at 3:20 of the overtime period but free throws by Albach at 2:35 and Stroud at 1:42 tied the game at 37-37.

An Athens Christian field goal at 1:25 and a free throw at 1:03 gave the Lady Eagles a 40-37 lead they would not relinquish, however, as a Lindemuth put back basket at 37 seconds only served to get the Lady Indians within 40-39 and an Albach free throw with 1.8 seconds on the clock left them a point short in the 41-40 loss.

The Lady Indians had several opportunities on both field goal and free throw attempts the final quarter and overtime period to pull out the win but couldn't get the shots to fall. When the smoke had cleared, the Lady Indians had sunk the only field goal of the fourth quarter and each team sank one field goal in the

The Lady Indians were led in scoring by Albach with 8 points, Ledford and Lindemuth with 6 each, and Dyer and Stroud with 5 each while Lindemuth led in assists with 4.

The two teams sank just nine field goals each but with the Lady Indians gaining a two points advantage with two of their baskets being treys while the Lady Eagles sank no treys in the game. The Lady Eagles gained the small but sufficient advantage for the victory at the foul line where they sank 23-of-43 while the Lady Indians sank 20-of-36.

The Lady Eagles improved their overall record to 3-3 and their region record to 1-0 with the win while the Lady Indians fell to 2-5 overall and 1-1 in the region.

SCORING: Albach 8, Ledford 6, Lindemuth 6, Dyer 5, Stroud 5, Henson 4, Byers 2, Landress 2, Johnson 2