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Lady Indians play well in loss to Dade, less successful in losses at Union, Mt Pisgah

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team had a mixture of blessings and frustrations last week, in rising up for a very strong performance against a formidable opponent at home in Class AA Dade County on Tuesday, being overwhelmed at Class AA Union County on Friday, and battling pretty much point for point at undefeated Class A Private Mount Pisgah Christian for two and a half quarters on Saturday before falling to a late surge by the Lady Patriots.

**Lady Indians 44
Dade County 53**

The Lady Indians had found themselves on the short end of a 67-34 score against Class AA Dade County in Trenton last month with the score having been 49-15 at intermission but one would have never guessed such a turn of events when viewing the game between the two schools last Tuesday in the Towns County Gym.

The Lady Indians battled the Lady Wolverines literally point for point for nearly the entire game with the exception being a 9-0 Dade run in just thirty two seconds at the end of the third quarter and start of the fourth when the game, for all practical purposes, was decided.

The Lady Indians overcame an early 6-2 deficit for an 11-10 lead after one quarter on a quarter ending 6-0 run highlighted by a Savannah Dyer field goal at the 26 seconds mark and a trey by Misty Lindemuth at the buzzer.

The two teams then played on even terms during the second quarter when five points each by Karlie Albach and Lindemuth and four by Madison Johnson, the three Lady Indian seniors, enabled them to hold a 27-26 lead at intermission.

The Lady Indians led by as much as 22-18 during the quarter before the Lady Wolverines used an 8-0 run to lead 26-22 and the Lady Indians a 5-0 finish for the one point lead



Senior forward Madison Johnson puts up a shot in the paint at Union County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

at the half. The Lady Indians managed just six points on a pair of treys by Albach in the third quarter with the first giving them a 30-30 tie at 6:19 and the second having them within 37-33 at 2:04.

The Lady Indians had the ball with that same score and seconds remaining and a chance to cut the margin to one or two points entering the fourth quarter before the aforementioned decisive run by the Lady Wolverines.

The Lady Wolverines turned a Lady Indian turnover into four points in doubling their lead to 41-33 the final 9.1 seconds when they sank a field goal and then scored on a put back basket after the free throw on a three point play attempt on the first basket was missed.

The Lady Wolverines weren't through, however, as they got the ball under the alternate possession rule at the start of the fourth quarter and sank a trey at 7:44 and two free throws just seven seconds later following a second Lady Indian turnover as they used the nine points in extending a four point lead of 37-33 to 13 at 46-33 in just 32 seconds of playing time.

The Lady Wolverines actually added another field goal a minute-and-a-half after that for a 48-33 lead at 6:07 but the nine points in barely more than half a minute turned out to be the margin of victory in the game as the Lady Indians rallied after that.

Albach struck for three straight field goals for six points between the 5:49 and 4:08 marks for a nine point 48-39 margin which became 53-44 at game's end as the two teams played on even terms the remainder of the game.

The six points run for Albach gave her 12 straight Lady Indian points between just the 6:19 mark of the third quarter and the 4:08 mark of the fourth.

Albach led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 17 points with other leaders being Lindemuth with 12 and Johnson with 9.

Leaders in assists, according to your reporter's tally, were sophomores Kristen Henson and Madison Landress with 3 each and Johnson and Lindemuth with 2 each.

In your reporter's view, this was easily the top performance by the Lady Indians this year against a quality op-

ponent as the Lady Wolverines improved their record to 8-3 with the win.

SCORING: Albach 17, Lindemuth 12, Johnson 9, Dyer 2, Henson 2, Stroud 2

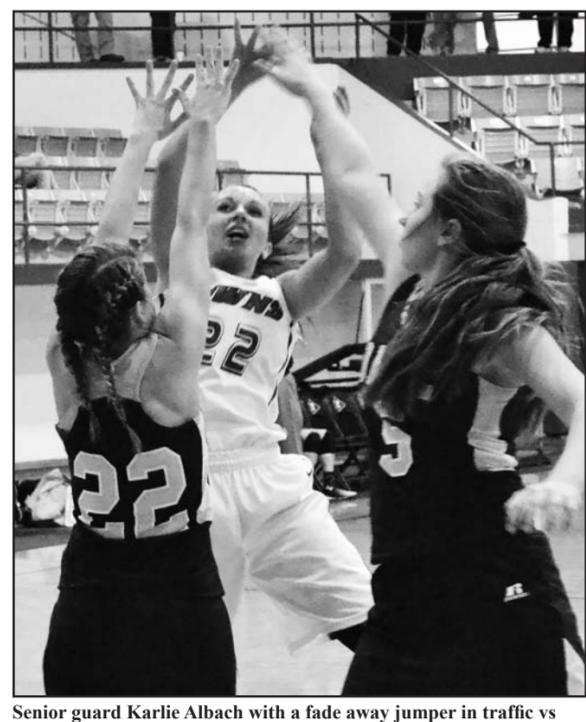
**Lady Indians 24
Union County 76**

Blairsville - It was a tough night from start to finish for the Lady Indians at Class AA Union County last Friday as the Lady Panthers used five first quarter treys to great advantage in striking for a 15-0 lead by the mid point of the first quarter and they held leads of 26-8, 47-13, and 71-19 at the quarter breaks in taking a 76-24 victory.

Seven Lady Indians entered the scoring column with the top individual quarter being a five point first quarter by Albach on three free throws when fouled on a trey attempt and a long deuce from just inside the 3-point line.

The Lady Indians were led in scoring for the game by Albach with 7 points and she was followed by Johnson with 4 while Lindemuth led in assists with 2.

Sophomore Jocelyn Byers missed her second game in a row due to an ankle injury



Senior guard Karlie Albach with a fade away jumper in traffic vs Dade County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

sustained in the Athens Christian game.

The Lady Panthers improved their season record to 5-3 with the win, giving them five wins in their last six games.

SCORING: Albach 7, Johnson 4, Dyer 3, Ledford 3, Lindemuth 3, Carroll 2, Henson 2

**Lady Indians 30
Mt. Pisgah 45**

Johns Creek - The Lady Indians drew first blood on a trey by Albach for a 3-0 lead by the six-and-a-half minute mark of the first quarter at Mount Pisgah Christian School in Johns Creek near Atlanta on Saturday but the Lady Patriots edged ahead 5-3 on an old fashioned three point play by the five minute mark.

Two free throws by Kirsten Ledford got the Lady Indians a 5-5 tie at the 3:33 mark but the Lady Patriots held a 7-5 lead after one quarter on a field goal near the three-minute mark.

The Lady Indians kept the pressure on in closing to within 9-7 on a Lindemuth basket, to within 11-9 on a field

goal by Dyer, and to within 13-12 on a trey by Albach by the 3:20 mark of the second quarter but Mount Pisgah led 17-13 by intermission.

Albach's third trey of the game had the Lady Indians within 17-16 at the 6:54 mark of the third quarter, and a coast-to-coast run by Landress got them within 19-18 at 4:45 but the Lady Patriots took advantage of Lady Indian turnovers in finishing the quarter on a 12-0 run for a 31-18 lead entering the fourth quarter and they took a 45-30 victory despite seven points in the fourth quarter by Johnson.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians were Albach with 9 points and Johnson with 7 while Landress led in assists with 3 according to your reporter's tally.

The Lady Patriots continued an undefeated season for an 8-0 record with the victory while the Lady Indians saw their record drop to 2-8 as they prepare to host the Battle of the States Tournament, beginning this Saturday vs Polk County, Tenn. at 7 p.m..

SCORING: Albach 9, Johnson 7, Dyer 3, Landress 3, Byers 2, Ledford 2, Lindemuth 2, Stroud 2

Late scoring runs get Dade, Union, and Mount Pisgah past Indians

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The Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team could not close the deal in three games last week when they appeared close to potential victories at home against Dade County on Tuesday and at Union County on Friday and at Mount Pisgah Christian School in John's Creek on Saturday.

They could not maintain early momentum in each game as Dade rallied from a ten point deficit the final 10:42 of their game, Union extended a two point lead the final 11:42 of their game, and Mount Pisgah increased a late third quarter, three point lead for 13, 16, and 19 point wins respectively by the three teams.

**Indians 69
Dade County 82**

In a game of two very distinct portions, the Indians led Dade County for most of the first three quarters and into the fourth but saw the Wolverines turn the game around the final 10:42 of the game.

The Indians had overcome deficits of 43-27 in the second quarter and 56-47 in the third in Trenton last month to force an overtime game in an eventual 104-99 loss to the Wolverines but it was the Wolverines who made the big comeback in this game.

Dade County rallied from a 60-50 deficit at the 2:54 mark of the third quarter for a 32-9 run from the 2:42 mark for the remainder of the game in taking an 82-69 victory.

It's not unusual for the Wolverines to reach high scoring totals as this was the eighth time in 11 games for them to score 79-or-more points in extending their record to 9-2 with the come from behind win.

The first quarter was a real shootout with the Indians holding a 25-23 lead by quarter's end on a long deuce at the buzzer by sophomore Kobe Denton who had earlier sunk two treys for an eight point quarter but with lots of help from sophomore



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

Major Moss with six points, senior Boone Moss with five, and sophomore Darringer Barrett with 4.

Five different Indians entered the scoring column in the second quarter when they increased their lead to 44-37 at intermission behind ten points by Boone Moss.

The Indians then extended their lead to 60-50 by the 2:42 mark of the third quarter and still held a 62-60 lead entering the fourth as sophomore Adam Barrett scored seven points and Major Moss added six in the third quarter.

The Wolverines had included a pair of treys in a 10-2 run the final 2:42 of the third quarter but the Indians withstood the initial portion of the closing onslaught by the Wolverines for nearly five minutes at the start of the fourth in getting a 66-64 lead on a basket by Darringer Barrett at 5:44, a 67-66 lead on a free throw by senior Dallas Manus at 5:01, and a 69-68 lead on a deuce by Boone Moss at 3:35.

That would be the final points of the game for the Indians, however, as the Wolverines wrapped two treys around a pair of free throws by the 2:13 mark for a 76-69 lead and included 4-for-6 free throw shooting after that in completing a 14-0 finish for the 82-69 victory.

Scoring leaders for the

Indians for the game were Boone Moss with 21 points, Major Moss with 14, Adam Barrett with 9, Denton with 8, and Darringer Barrett and Manus with 6 each.

Leaders in assists, according to your reporter's tally, were Major Moss with 7, Boone Moss with 3, and Adam Barrett, sophomore Will DeVries, and Manus with 2 each.

SCORING: B. Moss 21, M. Moss 14, A. Barrett 9, Denton 8, D. Barrett 6, Manus 6, DeVries 3, Davenport 2

**Indians 54
Union County 70**

Blairsville - The Indians sprang out to 6-0 and 12-2 leads by the 4:36 mark of the first quarter with two field goals by Major Moss and a trey and three free throws when fouled on a trey attempt by Manus highlighting the run.

But here came the Panthers as they sank an incredible six treys between the 4:20 and 28-second marks in taking a 24-18 lead at quarter's end.

The Panthers then sank a seventh trey by the 7:27 mark of the second quarter before cooling down on three point shooting and held a 29-19 lead at 6:31 only to see the Indians rally to within 29-26 on a three point play by Marcus Ledford and two free throws each by Deries and Zach



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

Davenport by the five and a half minute mark.

The Panthers finished on a 14-6 run, however, for a 43-32 lead at intermission with Ledford leading the Indians in scoring for the quarter with five points.

After the two teams swapped a pair of baskets each at the start of the third quarter, the Indians made another strong move, going on an 11-2 run highlighted by three free throws by DeVries and two treys and a deuce for eight points by Manus for just a 49-47 Union lead.

The Indians had several opportunities after that for a tie or lead but the goal seemed to have a lid on it for an extended period of time as the Panthers used two treys and a deuce in finishing on an 8-0 run for a 57-47 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Indians went scoreless for nearly eight minutes from the 4:21 mark of the third quarter to 4:23 of the fourth as the Panthers held a 63-47 lead by the 4:50 mark of the fourth quarter and the two teams played on virtually even terms after that as Union finished out a 70-54 victory.

Manus led the Indians in scoring for the game with 16 points with other leaders being DeVries and Ledford with 7 points each, Adam Barrett with 6, and Boone Moss and Major Moss with 5 each. Leaders in

assists were Major Moss with 5 and Kobe Denton and Manus with 2 each.

Junior Jake Pyrlik and sophomore Darringer Barrett, who had combined for 13 points in the Indians' overtime one-point win over White County, were sick over the weekend with both missing the Union County game.

Pyrlik was able to attend the Union game and appear briefly in the Mount Pisgah game but Barrett wasn't up to even attending either game.

The Panthers improved their record to 6-2 with the win over the Indians.

SCORING: Manus 16, DeVries 7, Ledford 7, A. Barrett 6, B. Moss 5, M. Moss 5, Davenport 4, Denton 4

**Indians 51
Mount Pisgah 70**

Johns Creek - On Saturday the Indians traveled to Mount Pisgah Christian School in Johns Creek, a city Northeast of Atlanta not incorporated until 2006 but said by Money magazine to be the thirteenth highest earning city in the United States.

The Indians took four separate first quarter leads of 3-0 on a trey by Manus, 6-4 on a steal and drive for two points by DeVries, 10-7 on an old fashioned 3-point play by DeVries,

and 14-12 on a third field goal by DeVries at the buzzer.

The Indians then seemed to be gaining the upper hand in the second quarter, including double digit leads and a 33-25 advantage at intermission as five different Indians put points on the scoreboard with leaders being Manus with eight points and Boone Moss with four but the third and fourth quarters proved to be difficult once again for the Indians.

The Patriots used a 13-4 third quarter opening run for a 38-37 lead and, after a couple of lead changes, extended a 40-39 lead to 47-40. The Indians edged to within 47-44 near the end of the third quarter but a late basket by the Patriots had them ahead 49-44 entering the fourth quarter and triggered a 10-2 opening run for a 59-46 advantage.

A field goal and free throw by Davenport got the Indians within 59-49 by the four and a half minute mark and a drive for two by Manus had them within 61-51 with sufficient time remaining for a comeback. But the patriots scored the final nine points of the game for, as in the two prior games, a bit deceptive final score of 70-51 in view of the competitiveness of the game.

Manus took the scoring lead for the Indians for the game with 15 points with other leaders being DeVries with 9, Major Moss with 8, Boone Moss with 7, and Adam Barrett with 6. With Darringer Barrett missing his second game in two days due to illness, freshman Cole Ledford was elevated from the Indian JV's for this game and made his first varsity appearance.

The Patriots, like the Indians, have faced a very challenging schedule and improved their record to 4-4 with the win while the Indians saw their record fall to 1-9 as they prepare to host the 21st Annual Battle of the States Christmas Tournament which begins this Saturday.

The Indians tip at 8:30 p.m. vs Polk County, Tenn.

SCORING: Manus 15, DeVries 9, M. Moss 8, B. Moss 7, A. Barrett 6, Davenport 3, Ledford 2, Denton 1