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Indians fall to hot Lakeview start, use scoring runs of their own for win at GWA

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In a weekend marked by decisive scoring runs, the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team fell victim to a torrid first quarter run by the Lakeview Academy Lions which accounted for much of the final margin in a 71-44 Lions victory on Friday of last week in Gainesville.

On Saturday, however, two such runs by the Indians were more than enough to account for their margin of victory in a 56-35 decision over George Walton Academy in Monroe.

Those seeing both of last weekends' Indian games and not knowing the results of a game played between Lakeview and George Walton in Monroe on January 10, could reasonably expect that Lakeview is always as accurate in their field goal attempts as against the Indians, not only in the first quarter run but throughout the game, and that they might have defeated George Walton by something near the combined margin of 48 points in those two weekend games.

In actuality, however, Lakeview was forced to outscore the Bulldogs, who currently have a 2-20 overall record and 0-13 in Region 8A, by a 22-12 margin in the fourth quarter to escape with a 59-58 victory.

Lakeview completed the week with an overall record of 15-8, including 9-2 in the region and 5-1 for first place in Sub-Region 8-A North.

Both of last week's games were Region 8A contests for the Indians who completed the week with an overall record of 8-15, including 6-5 in the region and 4-2 in Sub-Region 8-A North.

**Indians 44
Lakeview Academy 71**

Gainesville - Lakeview took leads of 7-0, 11-2, and 14-4 in building a 23-6 lead after one quarter on Friday in Gainesville with the Indians never able to make a comeback



Sophomore Adam Barrett fires a jumper at Lakeview Academy last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

as they have done with similar deficits in prior games but battling to a near standoff during the second and third quarters.

The Lions would outscore the Indians by just a 17-16 margin in the second quarter and 18-16 in the third for a 40-22 lead at intermission and a 58-38 advantage entering the fourth quarter before extending the lead in the fourth for a 71-44 victory.

Adam Barrett scored four of the Indians' first quarter points with five Indians putting points on the scoreboard in the second quarter, including Boone Moss leading with six and Barrett again scoring four.

The quick and aggressive Lakeview defense also served to send the Indians to the foul line a lot in that second quarter when they sank twelve of fourteen attempts.

Scoring leaders by quarter the last half included Dallas Manus with seven points in the third quarter, four by Moss in the third, and five by Darringer Barrett in the third and four in the fourth.

Scoring leaders for the game for the Indians were Darringer Barrett and Manus with 11 points each and Adam Barrett and Boone Moss with

10 each while Major Moss contributed 7 assists and Kobe Denton followed with 2.

SCORING: Manus 11, D. Barrett 11, B. Moss 10, A. Barrett 10, M. Moss 2

**Indians 56
George Walton 35**

Monroe - The first quarter at George Walton Academy was a low scoring affair with the Bulldogs taking a 2-0 lead near the five and a half minute mark and forcing a 5-5 tie with a trey at 1:12 before the Indians embarked on the first of two outstanding scoring runs.

At putback basket by Will DeVries and two free throws by Boone Moss in the final 52 seconds of the first quarter got the Indians a 9-5 lead. And this turned out to be the start of a 16-2 run extending to the 4:15 mark of the second quarter for a 21-7 Indian lead and they appeared to be on the way to an easy victory.

But not so fast. Just as quickly as they had struck gold, the Indians went ice cold, failing to score again in the quarter as the Bulldogs reduced the margin to 21-12 by intermission.

A putback basket by



Senior guard Dallas Manus leads the Indians on the break against George Walton Academy. Manus led the way at Lakeview with 11 points and chipped in 9 at George Walton. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Adam Barrett just twelve seconds into the third quarter had the Indians ahead 23-12 but the scoring woes would return as the Bulldogs added five points for just a 23-17 deficit by the 4:48 mark.

But once again the Indians would strike for a brief but potent 14-0 run the final 3:38 for a 37-17 lead entering the fourth quarter with freshman Zach Davenport involved in every point of the run.

He first assisted his cousins Boone and Major Moss on field goals and then struck for ten points himself, starting and ending his own personal run with treys and adding two free throws and a deuce in between with Major Moss providing two assists.

The Bulldogs opened the fourth quarter on an 8-0 run for a 37-25 deficit but that was as close as they would get as the Indians would close out the 56-35 win on a 19-10 run highlighted by six points by Boone Moss, five by Dallas Manus, and four by DeVries with Davenport putting an exclamation point on his game with a behind the back assist to DeVries.

Boone Moss took the scoring lead with 17 points for

the game with other leaders being Davenport with 12, DeVries with 10, Manus with 9, and Major Moss with 6.

Leaders in assists were Davenport and Major Moss

with 4 each, Manus with 3, and DeVries with 2.

SCORING: B. Moss 17, Davenport 12, DeVries 10, Manus 9, M. Moss 6, A. Barrett 2

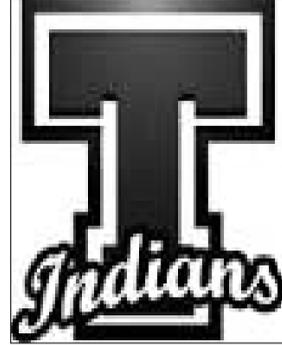
Towns basketball teams to appear in next week's Region 8-A tournament

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The second season of post season play will begin for high school basketball teams next week and the Towns County Lady Indians and Indians will certainly be involved as its time for region tournament play.

They will appear in the Region 8-A Tournament to be held at Prince Avenue Christian School on US Highway 78 west of Athens with early games to be held Monday through Wednesday and the semi finals and finals on Friday and Saturday.

The schedule will not be determined until this weekend after all regular season Region 8-A games have been played so those interested in attending the



tournament should check with the school, coaches, players, or other fans to learn when the Lady Indians and Indians will play their opening games.

All winning teams in their initial games will continue in the tournament until losing or playing in the championship games on Saturday.

Lady Indians just miss upset at Lakeview, falter at GWA

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team pulled off a big upset of Commerce, the second place team in Region 8-A a week earlier and came tantalizingly close to an upset of Lakeview Academy, in first place and undefeated in region play, on the Lady Lions' home court last Friday. They fell by just a 47-43 score after losing by a 76-51 score on their own home court just 13 days earlier.

To be fair to the Lady Lions, they were playing without the services of injured senior Schyuler Miller, something the Lady Indians and Indians can well identify with from last year with the loss of Eryn Cochran and Dallas Manus for half of their seasons.

The Lady Lions extended their overall record to 15-6, their region record to 11-0, and their Sub-Region 8-A North record to 6-0 with the win.

Unfortunately, the road weary Lady Indians would not be able to continue their impressive play of late on Saturday at George Walton Academy in Monroe as they fell to defeat by a 45-29 score.

The Lady Bulldogs from Sub-Region 8-A South improved their overall record to 14-7 and their region record to 8-4 with the win.

The Lady Indians saw their overall record fall to 8-15, their region record to 5-6, and their sub-region 8-A North record to 3-3 with the two losses.

**Lady Indians 43
Lakeview Academy 47**

Gainesville - The Lakeview Academy Girls seemed to take control of the game until the Lady Indians made a move from near the middle of the second quarter until intermission.

The Lady Lions used a 9-0 run for an 11-3 lead near the end of the first quarter before a Kristen Henson trey got the Lady Indians within 11-6 at quarter's end.



Senior Misty Lindemuth lines up her free throw attempt while Jocelyn Byers (25) and Madison Landress (15) look on. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The Lady Lions continued a strong run at the start of the second quarter with a 7-3 run for an 18-9 lead but the Lady Indians rallied with an 11-4 finish for just a 22-20 deficit at intermission with three deuces for six points by Misty Lindemuth and a trey by Karlie Albach highlighting the run.

A Madison Johnson basket less than a minute and a half into the third quarter got the Lady Indians a 22-22 tie but the Lady Lions again came on strong, building a 37-27 lead by the 1:44 mark.

A trey by Jocelyn Byers, giving her five points for the quarter, reduced the Lakeview lead to 37-30 entering the fourth quarter and Byers more than matched a lucky bounce field goal by the Lady Lions for just a 39-33 Lady Indian deficit by the 7:24 mark of the fourth quarter.

A 3-point play by the Lady Lions at the 4:53 mark gave them a 46-36 lead but they would score just one point after that with a trey and free throw by Byers and two free throws by Kirsten Ledford getting the Lady Indians within 46-42 at the three minute mark.

It was a low scoring battle after that as the Lady

Lions' only point in the closing minutes at 1:12 for a 47-42 Lakeview lead was matched by a free throw by Lindemuth at 38.2 seconds for what turned out to be the final Lady Lions margin of victory of 47-43.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians were Lindemuth with 13 points, Byers with 12, and Ledford with 4 while Lindemuth also led in assists with 5 and was followed by four other Lady Indians with one each.

Either team could have gained control of the game with better free throw shooting as the Lady Indians sank just 12-of-25 attempts and the Lady Lions just 6-of-15 with two of their late misses being on one and one bonus attempts and both teams going just one for four at the foul line the final 1:12 of the game.

SCORING: Lindemuth 13, Byers 12, Ledford 4, Johnson 4, Albach 3, Henson 3, Dyer 2, Stroud 2

**Lady Indians 29
George Walton 45**

Monroe - Whether the letdown of narrowly missing the upset at Lakeview on Friday combined with boarding the bus just 11 hours af-

ter returning from Lakeview Academy to travel more than one hundred miles to Monroe for an afternoon game had an effect on the Lady Indians on Saturday or not can't be determined.

But the Lady Indians fell to an 8-0 deficit by the middle of the first quarter and trailed 10-5 after one quarter and 22-9 at intermission as their shots just wouldn't fall in the basket.

It didn't get much better the last half although they did reduce the Lady Bulldogs' biggest lead of 36-14 by the minute and a half mark of the third quarter a small amount to 37-17 entering the fourth quarter and to 45-29 by game's end.

Leading individual scoring totals by quarter the last half included four points in the third quarter and six in the fourth by Lindemuth and four by Kirsten Ledford in the third.

Lindemuth again led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 12 points and in assists with 2 while Ledford followed in scoring with 6 points.

SCORING: Lindemuth 12, Ledford 6, Albach 3, Dyer 3, Henson 3, Johnson 2

Indian JV's fall at Lakeview Academy and George Walton

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A season of difficulty in coming up with victories continued last week for the Towns County Indian JV's Basketball Team but the games continue to provide valuable experience for up and coming players performing without the services of several top notch young players seeing full time varsity action.

They are now using four players—sophomore Darringer Barrett, freshman Zach Davenport, sophomore Kobe Denton, and junior Jake Pyrlik—who see primary duty with the varsity in usually in just one and sometimes two quarters of action in JV games to remain eligible for extensive duty in the later varsity games.

With this being the case, the Indians hung close for the first quarter at Lakeview Academy in Gainesville on Friday, trailing 11-7 after one quarter but seeing the Lions break away for a 34-11 lead at intermission.

The third quarter was another matter, however, as the Indians used the four referenced players together and they included a 21-2 run in reducing a 36-11 Lakeview lead to 38-32 but then 42-32 entering the fourth quarter.

Freshman Cole Ledford started and ended the potent run with treys for six points with other leaders in the rally including Davenport with five points

and Pyrlik, a junior but just in his second year of play at the high school level, with four.

The Lions broke away again in the fourth quarter in taking a 57-38 win with freshman Evan Berrong providing four of the Indians' points in the quarter.

Nine of 12 players seeing action in the game entered the scoring column for the Indians with leaders being Ledford with 10 points, Berrong with 6, and Davenport with 5.

Ledford also led in assists with 3 and was followed by Pyrlik and sophomore Colton Shook with 2 each.

The Indians trailed 14-7 after one quarter at George Walton Academy in Monroe on Saturday despite six points by Colton Shook but rallied to within 27-24 at intermission with six players putting points on the scoreboard and sophomore Darringer Barrett leading with four.

The home standing Bulldogs then broke away for a 35-28 lead after three quarters and closed out a 47-34 victory with five different Indians sinking a field goal the last half.

Once again, nine of twelve Indians seeing action entered the scoring column for the game with leaders being Shook with 9 points, Barrett with 6, and freshman Chase Williams with 5 while Barrett led in assists with 3 and was followed by Ledford and Williams with 2 each.



The Indians JV in action at Lakeview Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson