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Indians escape with close win, get decisive victory

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Last week was a quite unique one for the Towns County High School Indians varsity basketball team when they took two region victories while having a third game scheduled at Greene County on Saturday postponed to Monday of this week due to a winter storm warning with risk that did materialize for a return trip home by the TCHS teams.

A further change is the rescheduling of this Friday's game at Lincoln County to Wednesday of this week with the scheduled home game against Rabun Gap on Wednesday being cancelled.

The Indians escaped with an 80-78 shootout victory over Commerce in the first game on their home court on Tuesday in surviving a late Commerce rally before traveling to Greensboro and shutting down the outmanned Lake Oconee Academy 58-21 with the first half being especially impressive as they held a 35-2 lead at intermission.

The Indians completed the week as the state's sixth ranked Atlanta Journal and Constitution Class A Public team with a 16-3 overall record and a 9-1 record and in first place in Region 8-A Public. The win at Lake Oconee Academy coupled with a 61-53 home court loss by Lincoln County to Social Circle the same night clinched a state tournament berth for the Indians as it was the fourth region loss for Lincoln with just two Indian games remaining and no chance for Lincoln or any team other than second place Social Circle to have as good a record as the Indians.

The two top teams in the region in regular season play will get byes in the region tournament with teams three through seven having to earn a trip to the region tournament semifinals and an accompanying trip to the Class A Public state tournament.

The sixth and seventh place teams will participate in a play in game with the winner of that game facing the third place team and the fourth and fifth place teams facing each other for the third and fourth spots in the region tournament.

The results of the tournament semifinals and championship and consolation games will determine seeding for the state tournament. With the Indians already



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