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Indians, Lady Indians vie for Region Tournament glory this week

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The Towns County Indians and Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Teams ended their regular seasons with wins last week in preparation for this week's Region Tournament matchups that began after press time at Commerce High School.

First up last week were the ladies, who started in a make-up game that had been previously canceled. The girls traveled to Washington Wilkes High School on Thursday, Feb. 10.

And the Lady Indians got a terrific start on the road to the Region Tournament by earning a 56-25 victory over Wilkes.

"It was a great team win," Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor said. "Everybody contributed, and we are going to use this momentum to our advantage."

The next set of games last week were on schedule for Friday, Feb. 11, as both sets of Indians took on Lincoln County High School at home inside Bill P. Kendall Gymnasium.

Up first were the girls, who certainly kept the momentum rolling to earn their second consecutive win of the week by defeating Lincoln 49-39.

"The girls played another complete game, and although they were tired from playing last night, they fought



Towns County junior Tabitha Barnes drives to the hoop at Washington-Wilkes. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

hard for four quarters," Coach Taylor said.

Towns County's boys then took on the same task and kept gaining speed for the home fans when they were victorious over Lincoln 66-51. Lead players of the game were senior Collin Crowder with 40 points and sophomore Zane Floyd with 17.

"Lincoln came out aggressive and played well," Boys Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt said. "We got into some

foul trouble early in the first half, and it remained close through the half.

"We led by 9 at half-time, and the second half was one of our best halves of the year. We set the tone defensively and started moving the ball. We led by 20 most of the second half, and it was a great end to the regular season."

The bar has now been set for the Region Tournament, starting for the Lady Indians on Tuesday and the



Collin Crowder drops in two of his 40 points during the win over Lincoln County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Indians on Thursday hosted at Commerce High.

"I feel like at any time, any team can get the hot hand, and all bets are off going in," Coach Taylor said. "We are going to go into the tournament no matter what draw we get, looking to win."

For his part, Coach Hunnicutt said his guys

have played incredibly well throughout the season and "are a fun group to coach."

"But now, it is on to the Region Tournament," he said. "We have a big game Thursday in the semifinals after earning a bye as the No. 2 Seed. We look forward to the challenge."

After last week's end-

of-season play, the Indians are 17-6 on the season and 9-3 in region play. They have earned an automatic berth in the upcoming Georgia High School Association Class A Public State Playoffs.

The Lady Indians finished their regular season 7-16, going 5-7 in the region.



Lady Indians freshman Kaleigh Beaver prepares for the tip-off during last week's game with Lincoln County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Soccer: Third-ranked Lady Indians down No. 7 LOA

The third-ranked Towns County Lady Indians opened Region 8-A Public action with a vital road win over No. 7 Lake Oconee Academy on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Jayden Taylor supplied all three goals in Towns County's 3-1 region victory. Providing the helpers were Bazya Smith, Miranda Spain and Abby Gardella. Defensively, goalkeeper Drew Livingston picked up seven assists.

The Lady Indians will face another ranked opponent on Tuesday, Feb. 15 when they visit No. 8 Lincoln County. Later in the year, Towns County will see No. 1 Commerce and No. 2 Social Circle.

Boys		Girls	
Georgia Military College (4-2-0)	1	Commerce City High School (4-0-0)	
Academy For Classical Education (4-3-0)	2	Social Circle High School (2-1-0)	
Lake Oconee Academy (2-1-0)	3	Towns County High School (1-0-0)	
Atkinson County High School (2-1-0)	4	Armuchee High School (1-1-0)	
Portal High School (1-0-0)	5	Atlanta Classical Academy (0-1-0)	
The Dalton Academy (5-0-0)	6	Screven County High School (4-1-0)	
Dublin High School (1-1-0)	7	Lake Oconee Academy (1-2-0)	
Claxton High School (0-2-0)	8	Lincoln County High School (3-1-0)	
Commerce City High School (1-0-0)	9	Atkinson County High School (3-0-0)	
Social Circle High School (1-1-0)	10	Academy For Classical Education (1-5-1)	

The Lady Indians check in third in the latest EuroSport.com Class A-Public rankings.