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Indians basketball unveils championship rings during last week's ceremony

Kolby Moss: Rings tell younger generations that 'we've done it once, we can do it again'

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The title of "state champion" always has a nice ring to it, but now the Indians players have added a bit of individual bling to go with those words.

On Wednesday, May 12, the 2020-21 Towns County Indians men's basketball team received their Class A Public State Championship rings, providing each player with a personal memento and a daily reminder of what's been resting in the TCHS trophy case since March.

The ring design was chosen by the players a little more than a month ago, and according to senior guard Kolby Moss, there was little debate over the details once they got a look at their options.

"When we were getting sized, we saw [a ring that we liked] and we were all pretty much like 'yep, that's the one.'" So that worked out really well."

But nothing could compare to the moment Moss first laid eyes on his State Championship ring, admitting that he wasn't too keen on taking it off



since we didn't lose our last game like everyone else did. But I want [our rings] to say more than that. It goes back to what I said about the younger generation. It says that Towns County can do it and we can continue doing it."

In closing, Moss thanked everyone that lent a helping hand that allowed the players to receive their rings on Wednesday.

"I want to thank our community," he said. "They donated a lot of money that we probably didn't have to help us buy the rings," he said. "Even the trips down to our games, none of that would have been possible without the community having our backs."

for the first couple of days.

"Oh man, that was something special," Moss said when asked about his first reaction. "Seeing that thing sparkle in its case, that was really nice and something we will never forget."

"I couldn't wait to wear it out and wore it to [the Riley Green concert at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on Friday]. I had a few people come up and ask me about it, which was really cool."

Furthermore, Moss

quickly replied when asked if he'll be sporting the new jewelry on his first day at Young Harris College.

"Oh yeah, I have to wear it," he said with a laugh. "I have to."

As for future generations at Towns County, Moss hopes that witnessing the accolades poured upon year's squad will inspire the next crop of basketball stars, making trips to Macon the new normal at TCHS.

"This proves that little ol' Towns County, one of the

smallest public schools in the state, can still win state championships," he said. "If you want it bad enough, and you work hard and do the things you're supposed to, success can come. It's all about wanting it and that's what we did, and it's something the younger groups can do too. There is no doubt now that they should believe it can happen. We've done it once, we can do it again."

No other sport puts a greater emphasis on championships when measuring greatness

the way basketball does. How many rings a player has obtained over their career is always the first number mentioned during "who's better" debates. While on the legacy topic, Moss was asked if being labeled a winner is the greatest on-court compliment that he can receive. After pausing for a moment, the four-year starter provided an answer while remaining his usual, soft-spoken humble self.

"Being a winner is pretty cool, I guess," he said. "We can definitely call ourselves winners

Soccer: Indians, Lady Indians' historic runs stall in Final Four

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Both Towns County soccer teams had their seasons brought to a close last week by the eventual state champs in their respective tournaments.

The Lady Indians suffered a 4-1 loss (Jayden Taylor goal, Alana Stowers assist) at Atlanta Classical Academy, offering ACA the toughest resistance it faced in the postseason outside of a 2-1 Sweet-16 victory over top-ranked Commerce.

After knocking off Towns County, ACA blanked region foe Armuchee in the title game by a 4-0 score.

Later in the week, the Towns County men suffered an early case of bad luck in a 2-0 loss to eventual champion Georgia Military College.

The Indians appeared poised to seize control in the early going but a penalty kick, and the ensuing rebound, were both turned away by the GMC goalkeeper.

On the heels of the mo-



mentum-swinging save, GMC grabbed a 2-0 lead that stood for the remainder of the match.

The Indians opened the second half as the aggressors but couldn't find the net. Towns County's onslaught eventually took its toll as fatigue started set-

ting in on the home team, allowing GMC to control the ball over the final 10-plus minutes.

Next week's *Towns County*



Herald will feature season-ending interviews with head coaches Rollie Thomas and Clay Livingston.

Chatuge Shores Ladies season opener



(L-R): Allison Taylor and Glenda Geddings

Putts went to Alison Taylor and Barb Boswell.

CSLGA plays every Tuesday at Chatuge Shores Golf Course 260 Golf Course Rd, Hayesville, NC 28904. Tee time is 9 a.m. The league has 26 members from throughout the tri-county area and includes golfers of all skill levels.

If you are not a member, but are interested in joining, please email our President, Vicky Healy at vhealy55@gmail.com. The league web site at www.chatugeshoreslga.com.



Peyton Barrett battles for position with a GMC defender during the first half of last week's semifinal match. Photos/Todd Forrest

Boys and Girls Future Indians Basketball Camp 2021

Boys and Girls entering Grades 1-8 for the 2021-2022 school year are invited to attend. Future Indian Basketball Camp is designed to develop basketball skills, as well as, promote enthusiasm and pride for future Indian and Lady Indian Basketball Players. Camp attendees will learn the different practice routines, skill development drills, and enthusiasm that the JV and Varsity Indians will use in practices and games! Camp enrollment is limited. Please register as soon as possible!

Cost: \$60.00 for 3 days
\$50.00 each for 2 or more from same family

Date: June 28th, 29th, and 30th
(Upcoming Grades 1-8) 9:00 am-12:00pm

Registration Deadline: June 21st, 2021

Make Checks Payable: Lady Indian Basketball

Mail Application With Payment:
Coach Brian Hunnicutt
Towns County High School • PO Box 1400 Hwy 76 East
Hiawassee GA, 30546

or - Return Application to School with Payment:
Coach Brian Hunnicutt, High School Office

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(Participant's Name) _____
to participate in basketball camp. I (We) authorize camp personnel to act in emergency situations. I (We) further agree to hold harmless the Camp Staff or the Indian Basketball Booster Club or Towns County Schools for any liability of injuries incurred while participating in camp activities.

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

(Parent/Guardian) Circle

Grade (2021-22 School Year)

Phone Number _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Cell/Emergency Number _____

Youth _____

Adult _____