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Football: Indians put scare into Commerce as late rally falls short

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Towns County (4-3, 0-2) ran out of time during a 28-20 loss to Commerce when the Indians' onside kick attempt was recovered by the visitors with 80 seconds left. Friday marked the 26th meeting between the two schools with a 14-0 Tigers victory in 1992 marking the narrowest margin between the two schools.

Until last week. Despite an 0-25 record vs. the Region 8-A Public foe, the upset-minded Indians entered the most recent matchup not simply looking to keep it close - they had a victory in mind.

And in the early-going, that seemed a real possibility as Towns County grabbed an 8-0 lead on a Kyle Oakes touchdown run.

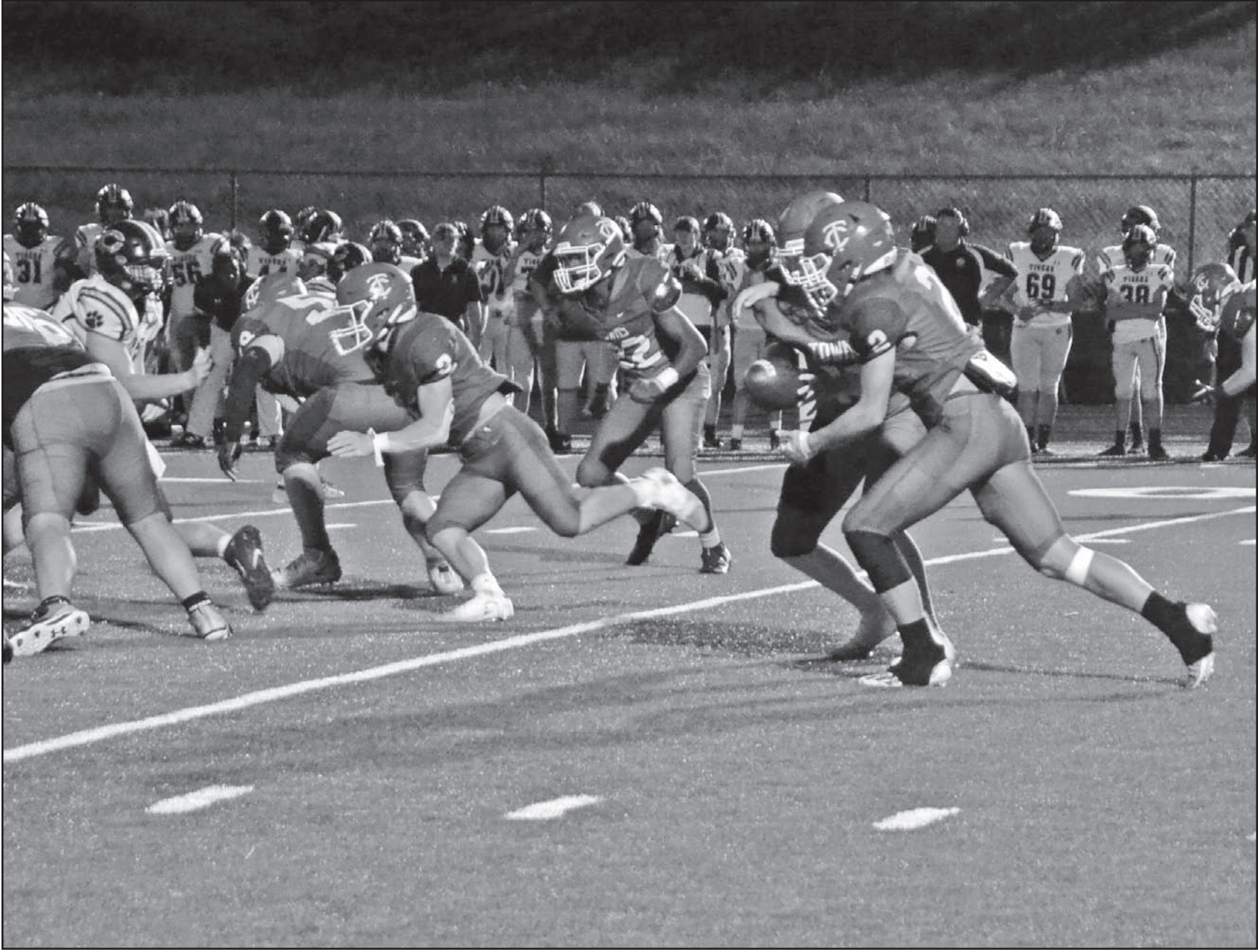
Later, trailing 14-8 in the second quarter, the Indians turned a Commerce fumble into six points when Connor Chastain found Oakes on a 14-yard scoring strike.

The third quarter was unkind to the home team as Commerce (4-2, 2-0) denied the Indians on fourth down, setting up a go-ahead 34-yard scoring run from the Tigers' Dreylan Martin.

Martin wasn't finished, opening the fourth quarter with a 4-yard plunge that extended the Commerce advantage to 28-14.

On the ensuing Tigers drive, first-year Commerce head coach Mark Hollars faced a critical decision. Looking at fourth and goal from the 2-yard line, Hollars kept his offense on the field, shunning the short field goal that would have essentially put the contest out of reach at 31-14.

And with the game on



Quarterback Connor Chastain gives to running back Kyle Oakes during the second half of Friday's 28-20 thriller with Commerce. The duo of Chastain and Oakes dished out most of Towns County's damage against a Tigers defense that only surrendered 20 points combined in its previous two games. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the line, the Indians defense forced a clutch turnover, returning the fumble beyond the 25-yard line.

Driving the offense inside Commerce territory with under two minutes remaining, Chastain and Oakes connected on a 34-yard touchdown pass, trimming the margin to 28-20 with 1:20 on the clock.

Unfortunately, Commerce pounced on the onside kick attempt to escape Hiawassee with a 28-20 victory.

Oakes once again topped the 100-yard mark on the ground. Chastain put up 125 yards through the air.

The Indians are off this week but resume region play Oct. 22 vs. Greene County.

Lady Indians softball honors seniors



Towns County softball recognized its four seniors: (L-R) Peyton Calvert, Rylie Livingston, Lele Moss and Lilly Winn following a 16-4 win over Lincoln County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Annual VFW and American Legion Golf Tournament

The VFW and American Legion in Hiawassee is having our 8th annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 14 at 10 a.m. at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. Join fellow Veterans and supporters for a day of fun and golf. Cost is \$55 per person.

The winning team will receive \$200 in cash! Contact Mel Halfon at 404-295-6462 for additional information. T/Oct13,F1SH

The UCHS FBLA 5K Color Run or Walk November 6th



The Union County High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is sponsoring a 5K Color Run or Mile Fun Walk with color on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at Meeks Park.

This event is family-friendly but offers chip-timing for serious runners. Chip-timing means that each runner will receive a wrist band that automatically logs his or her start and stop time. For the casual runner or walker, there will be water stops along the way.

There will be color stations every half kilometer where runners and walkers are doused from head to toe in different colored powders. Participants wear white at the starting line and finish the race plastered in color. While the color is washable, the fun memory will last a lifetime. Participants in the run/walk are making a difference in students' lives while enjoying the fall air of the North Georgia Mountains.

The 2021 run with color features a 5K or 1-mile run or walk through beautiful Meeks Park. Location: Meeks Park - 490 Meeks Road, Blairsville, GA; Date: Saturday, November 6 (rain or shine); Check-in time: 7:45 AM; Warm-up 8:30 AM; Run time is 9 AM; The event is timed.

Entry fee \$20 for students and \$25 for adults. (No refunds available.)

Participants who register by October 22 are guaranteed to receive a run/walk t-shirt and a packet of color for the race kickoff. Fun costumes such as tutu skirts are traditional and welcome.

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Color Run... for all ages and Bellview Home Furnishings of Murphy, NC.

To register, visit bit.ly/FBLA5K; For questions, contact Jill Olson, UCHS FBLA Adviser, at jolson@ucschools.org or 706-745-2216.

Proceeds from the event will provide member scholarships and enable FBLA students to travel and compete in over 52 competitive events such as business communication, business plan, business presentation, computer programming, cyber

security, finance, game development, job interview, network design, securities and investments, social media management, and web development.

FBLA is the largest student organization in the world. All students are welcome to join and members have the opportunity to earn business achievement awards, compete, serve their community, and join an organization that develops meaningful friendships. Come run with us!

Register now for Youth Basketball

Towns County Recreation Department youth basketball registration runs through Oct. 22.

6U Co-Ed Division Must be 5 prior to Sept. 1 of this year. 8U Boys and Girls Divisions. 10U Boys and Girls Divisions. 12U Boys and Girls Divisions.

Player control date is Sept. 1 of current year. Registration fee is \$60 and

includes a jersey and shorts. Register online at townscountyrec.com or come by the Recreation Department.

Evaluations will be held on Oct. 28th and no more registrations will be accepted after teams are picked. Please register before the deadline.

Any questions please call 706-896-2600.