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Football: Defense delivers again in Homecoming victory

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Towns County Indians secured their first winning season since 2008 with last Friday's victory.

They overcame Spartanburg Christian Academy 21-14 on Friday, Oct. 11th for the glory of Homecoming. This was just the program's 5-win season. With a record of 5-3 and only one game remaining (Oct. 25 vs Southeast Whitfield), the worst the Indians can finish is 5-4.

It was another exciting finish last Friday, with the defense making a goal line stand from inside the 5-yard line.

It was also a record night for several of the players. Dustin Barrett compiled 28 carries for 294 yards. The last player to hold that record was Kyle Oakes with 28 carries for 278 yards.

Morgan Walker made 21 tackles. The last player holding that record was Seth Gillis with 17.

Peyton McGaha complete 4 of 7 passes for 38 yards while Spartanburg completed 3 out of 6 for 64 yards with 1 interception.

In rushing yards Towns had 30 carries for 305 yards and 3 touchdowns; Spartanburg had 40 carries for 208 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Barrett also had 3 touchdowns, 2 catches for 13 yards and 10 tackles. Walker also had 1 interception and 1 tackle for a loss. Jacob Nicholson made 11 tackles, 1 sack and



The Towns County defense turned in another heroic performance in Friday's 21-14 win. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

had 2 tackles for a loss. Wyatt Woody made 11 tackles and Alex Henderson made 10 tackles. To add to the excitement, Reed Adams added a 50-yard kickoff return. And of course, being Homecoming it was a wonderful night for the community.

"We were able to celebrate and recognize so many folks. At the end of the day, that is what matters," coach Jason Roquemore said. "It's

the relationships we have build without our community and our football family that are influential to our program. We were able to achieve our standard all the time. OSAT."

The Indians' final game of the season will be against Southeast Whitfield County on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. here at home.

Tickets can be purchased at GoFans or at the gate. Come and see the boys in action.



TCHS hosted its annual Pink Out game for cancer awareness. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Friday night was Rec Night at Towns County High School. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Softball: Lady Indians open State tournament at Lanier County

Lady Indians finish regular season with three losses in four games

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The Towns County Lady Indians lost 11-0 last Friday, Oct. 4th against Athens Christian in their first shutout loss this season.

Like so many other people, places and events, Hurricane Helene had a negative impact on the team, as the girls' opportunity to take on Lincoln and LOA had to be rescheduled.

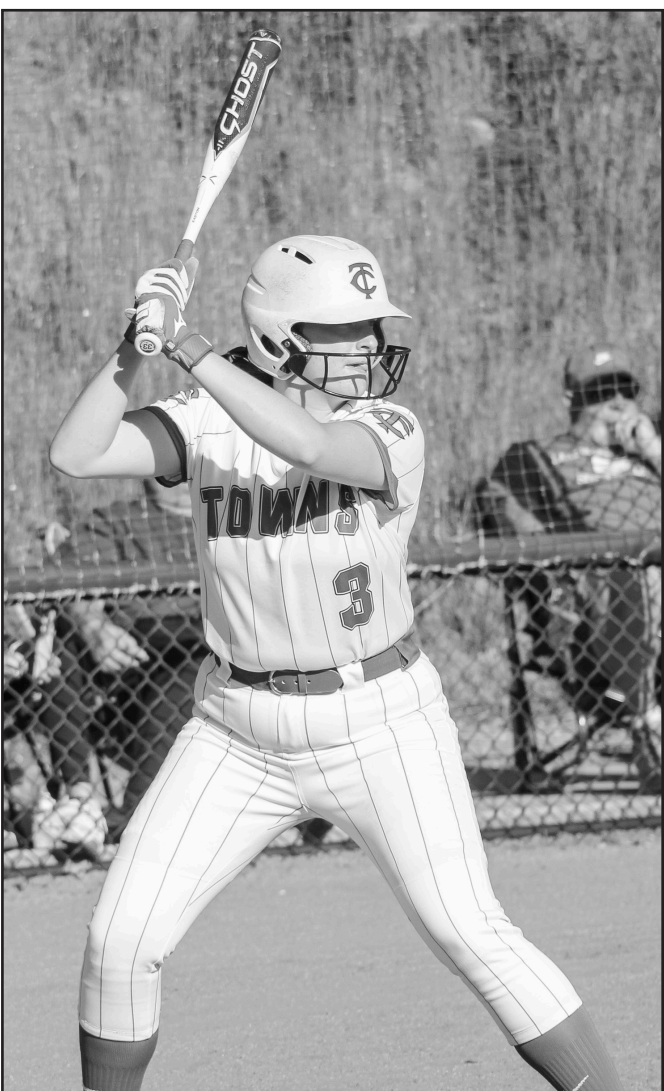
"The big inning at Athens was our demise once again," head coach Clay Livingston said. "We played really well the first three innings. We even allowed the lead-off hitter to reach a couple of those innings and pitched around it and made the plays to get out of it."

"They had a couple of good hits in the fourth, but we had chances to limit the damage to a couple instead of giving up six. Again, it's about consistency for us.

"The good news is we had some really good at bats against a top-notch pitcher. That is the main reason we scheduled this team; to see some good pitching right before the playoffs. Scotlyn Fain and Alexa Keys each had a hit and there were others who had quality at bats. We did hit more than a couple right at them.

"I hate it for our seniors. Scheduling is tough for us, especially this time of year. There are some teams that we can't schedule because they cannot get here in time to play at 5 p.m. As the field has no lights, [so] 5:30 starts are out of the question.

"But we have a lot of opportunities coming up in the next two weeks to go out and do some great things. I believe our kids are up for the challenge,"



Towns County senior Drew Livingston. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

said Livingston. The girls' next outing was last Monday, Oct. 7th against Cedar Shoals who they defeated 13-4.

Scotlyn Fain batted 2 for 3, had 3 RBIs and scored 3 runs. Jaycie Cross whacked 1 for 4, had 2 RBIs and scored a run. Alaina Murphy hit 2 out of 4, had 2 RBIs and 1 run scored. Drew Livingston swatted 1 for 4 with a run scored. Alexa Keys scored a run, Hailey Spear

batted 2 out of 3 and scored 2 runs and Gracie Jean Jones scored a run.

Then, on Tuesday, the girls took on Lincoln County and lost 11-2. Jaycie Cross batted 2 for 3 and scored a run and Alaina Murphy batted 2 for 3 with 1 RBI and scored a run. Other notable statistics include Drew Livingston batting 1 for 3, Taylor Mulkey swatting 1 for 3, and Alexa Keys hitting 2 for 3.



Jaycie Cross deals during Towns County's regular-season finale vs. LOA. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Finally, on Wednesday the ladies lost to LOA with a score of 8-0. Still, Cross batted 2 for 3, Murphy whacked 2 for 3, Keys swatted 1 for 2 and Lily Martin knocked in 1 for 2.

"It was a tough three days with travelling back-to-back days and playing three games in three days," said Coach Livingston. "We did a lot of good things last week. The one big inning got us against Lincoln. But we made LOA earn it for

the most part.

"We were very unlucky with some balls that we hit hard, but right at them. That killed a couple of chances to make the game more interesting. It is what it is. We will get after it at practice and then load up the bus Tuesday and head down south for the [State] first round at Lanier County. It will be a great opportunity for our girls to compete against one of the top teams in the state."

The Lady Indians enter the postseason as the No. 4 seed; Lanier County (Lakeland) is the Region 2 Champion and boast a 19-3 overall record and a 14-0 region mark.

The Towns-Lanier winner will face the winner of Baconton at Johnson County in another best-of-three series beginning Oct. 22.

Remember girls, every day is a good one when you're playing softball. Go Indians.