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## Indians, Lady Indians win road games ahead of Christmas tourney

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In the runup to the annual Battle of the States Christmas Tournament that takes place next week, Towns County Basketball hit the courts on Friday, Dec. 16, for a pair of away games against Aquinas High School in Augusta.

And the Lady Indians won a resounding victory 47-26.

"We were up 3 going into the half," Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor said. "I saw signs of jet lag after an almost four-hour bus ride. In the second half we played much better."

"We kept pressing and forced them to turn the ball over, and it was great to leave with a win. I am very proud of these girls, and we are ready to get back to work and prepare for Coosa in the first round of the Christmas Tournament."

Top performers were senior Sarah Shook with 17 points and 3 steals; junior Breelan Sieveking with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals; sophomore Kaleigh Beaver with 9 points and 9 rebounds; junior Laura Mauldin with 4 points, 9 rebounds and 2 steals; and junior Emma Lallement with 4 rebounds.

Next up were the Indians, who suffered a 10-point loss to Aquinas, 56-46.

On Saturday, Dec. 17th, the Indians traveled about a half-hour south of Augusta for a boys-only game in Hephzibah against the Georgia School For Innovation And The Classics, coming away with a solid 77-66 win.

Top performers were junior Zane Floyd with 23 points



Senior Sarah Shook led the way with 17 points during Towns County's win at Aquinas. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

in both games; juniors Gage Rogers, Tanner Cunningham and Connor Chastain all netting 6 points each against Aquinas; and Chastain earning 18 points, Cunningham 12 points, and sophomore Julian Mosley 11 points versus GSIC.

"We knew this was going to be the toughest road trip of the year driving four hours plus and playing games back-to-back days and staying

overnight," Boys Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt said. "We knew it would be tough."

"We had told the boys that coming away 1-1 out of that trip was the minimum of what we needed to do, and we were able to do that. It was two very good teams, and we could have easily come away with two victories there, but Aquinas was able to come back on us, and they are a very good



The Towns County men gather on the floor ahead of last Friday night's tip-off at Augusta's Aquinas High School. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

basketball team.

"But then the next day, playing barely over 12 hours later against GSIC – they really like to run the ball and go up and down the court, so I was really proud of our guys for getting the victory in that one."

"Overall, I'm just really proud of their effort this weekend. We're growing each week because we've got a lot

of players that have not had this responsibility at a varsity level before, so we continue to evolve, and we're at the same record we were at last year when we entered into Battle of the States.

"Given that, we're fine where we're at, so we just have to keep building momentum as we will keep practicing and working to get better in preparation for those tough

three days of basketball. We'd love for all the Towns County fans to come out and pack the gym."

The week following Christmas will be the highly anticipated Battle of the States Tournament held at Towns County between Wednesday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Dec. 30. Visit www.townscountyathletics.com for extra updates. Go Indians!

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