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## Lady Indians' JV see unexpected action in Battle of the States

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When attending first day action at the Battle of the States last Tuesday, members of the Lady Indians JV Basketball Team expected nothing further than being spectators at the games. That all changed when it became obvious that the Fannin County Lady Rebels would not be appearing in the tournament as a result of an administrative decision to prohibit them from appearing due to seemingly misguided concerns about road conditions.

With insufficient time to find a replacement team, Lady Indians Head Coach Jim Melton requested and received permission from the Georgia High School Association to place an "Emergency" Lady Indians team, as they described it, in the tournament for the last two days. This not only provided two visiting teams in the tournament the opportunity for a third game as expected but two games for six of seven Lady Indian JV players as well. Eighth Grader Stephanie Patton is eligible to participate in regular JV games but not in games where varsity play is involved.

Sophomore Emily Anderson and Freshmen Destiney Blythe, Kellsie Cowart, McKenzi Moss, Bailey Sutton, and Elizabeth Turner joined five members of the Lady Indian Varsity in facing Polk County (Tennessee) and Hokes Bluff (Alabama) on Wednesday and Thursday of the Tournament. It is understandable if the players felt overwhelmed by appearing in this setting with virtually no time for on the court or mental preparation for the games but the opportunity provided many bright spots for the individual players and for the future of the team.

**POLK COUNTY** – It was perhaps especially intimidating for the Lady Indians to face Polk County, winners of five previous Battles of the States and with a 10-2 record entering the game. The Wildkittens used their front

line players to the extent of their two top scorers combining for eighteen of their points in a 47-19 victory.

The Lady Indians failed to dent the scoreboard in the first quarter, trailing 11-0, but appeared to be much more comfortable with their unexpected participation as the game progressed, trailing 26-7 at intermission and 45-10 after three quarters as Polk closed out the 47-19 win. The Lady Indians actually sank three 3-point baskets as compared to two by the Wildkittens for the game.

The Lady Indians were led in scoring by Emily Anderson with 6 points and Dadrian Blythe with 4 while Kindle Moss led in assists with 3 and Blythe contributed 2.

**HOKES BLUFF** – There appeared to be a much greater confidence level among the Lady Indians on Thursday against Hokes Bluff who entered the game with a 7-8 record after falling by a 57-45 score to Union County and by a 41-33 margin to Hayesville. The Lady Eagles used their starting freshman point guard the entire game but with four substitutes in the first quarter with the two teams playing to an 11-11 standoff.

Four different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard in the quarter but, after an early 7-3 lead highlighted by four points by Dadrian Blythe, it required a late putback basket by Kellsie Cowart for the aforementioned tie. The Lady Eagles went with their starters in the second quarter and pulled out to a 21-14 lead at intermission.

After Hokes Bluff opened the third quarter with a 7-0 run for a 28-14 advantage, the Lady Indians rallied behind a trey and 2 for 2 free throw shooting for 5 points by Cowart and 4 points by Crystal Bishop to move within the 36-25 score at quarter's end. An early fourth quarter trey by Cowart then got the Lady Indians within single digits at 36-28 but the Lady Eagles responded with a 9-0 run for a 45-28 lead and an eventual 49-



Lady JV Head Coach Duncan Weekley maps out emergency strategy as his JV Ladies are forced into Tournament action Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Ben Pong makes a move for the Lady Indians JV against Hokes Bluff, Ala Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Emily Anderson fights her way to the basket against the Lady Eagles in Tournament action Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

33 victory. Cowart led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 10 points with other leaders being Dadrian Blythe with 9 points,

## NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter



Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Richard Childress in 1996

### SLIPPING REVENUE HURTING NASCAR

Many sports writers and racing philosophers have attempted to point out what is wrong with NASCAR. I'm not going to try and follow their words, because I don't have any concrete answers, especially when it comes to the drop in television viewers.

But I have attended the races, talked with fans, track and stadium personnel, as well as NASCAR officials. And without a doubt, the economy is hurting the sport.

One main theme that NASCAR has focused on for the past year or two is the loss of fans from ages 18-35. This is the largest single group of fans that are leaving the sport.

If NASCAR officials could come to a point when they can call an orange an orange, and not try to make it into an apple, they might be able to find the correct answers.

Stock car racing was born in the south, raised in the south, and continues to be a southern sport. NASCAR has tried to make their brand of racing into a worldwide sport, but let's face it, not everyone cares for it.

Racing in itself hasn't lost its appeal to younger fans, but stock car racing as it currently exists has. Kids today are turned on by things like extreme motocross and X-Games.

The younger generation craves more excitement. I believe that is why the National Football League is doing so well. They have more hard-hitting, down-to-earth, shove-it-down-your-throat action than other traditional sports, especially NASCAR.

The younger group cares more for this type action than baseball or NASCAR.

There used to be lots more younger people that followed veteran racers, but all those old drivers are dead. The new ones will never have the appeal or charisma of the older ones.

Jimmie Johnson has been called the world's greatest stock car driver. But where is his greatness. It's certainly not in his thrilling on-track performance he put on for the past five years.

Jimmie Johnson is the perfect example of a "Corporate Driver."

Compare him with Dale Earnhardt Sr., who was not one of those darling, politically correct drivers. He was just the opposite. Drivers and fans knew he was going to put on a show and give it his all during every race.

Johnson has all the best of everything. Earnhardt didn't. Richard Childress told me in 1996 that the team had fallen behind the "learning curve." "We relied too much on Dale," he said. "We knew Dale could take a car that was not up to par and win more races than someone with better and faster equipment."

A hero is one that performs heroic deeds through his own abilities.

If you will look back through history at popular drivers, you will find the ones that are best remembered are the ones that persevered over difficult situations.

While many NASCAR races have become boring during the middle stages of a race, the slipping revenue that fans

have available is also part of the slump in track attendance.

It isn't just NASCAR tracks that are hurting. With the exception of the NFL, which is having a banner year, most other forms of sports and entertainment venues are hurting. They've felt the pocket book pinch for several years.

The last two years was tough for the entertainment and concert business, as high ticket prices kept many fans at home. Promoters now say they plan to make shows more affordable in 2011. But they'll also try to sell more T-shirts and other merchandise to make up for lost revenue.

Heading into last summer, usually the busiest time of the year, prices were set too high despite the sluggish economy. Managers and promoters believed fans would keep paying for the one or two concerts they see on average each year.

Instead, many stayed home and dozens of shows were canceled. Lots of venues filled seats with fire-sale prices.

Records show that most NASCAR tracks' revenue began to slip in 2005. The next year was even worse. This is when most track owners knew they had to change their pricing strategy.

But general attendance is only one of several revenue streams.

"It would be hard for us to make it, if we didn't have sponsors," said Atlanta Motor Speedway's general manager, Ed Clark. "We rely on that money. It helps us turn a profit, but more importantly, it helps keep the fans ticket prices lower."

With lower revenue, it doesn't take many companies discontinuing their sponsorships or luxury suites to eat into the bottom line, Clark said.

In 2009, ticket prices began to come down at least \$10 at practically all NASCAR tracks. Some of the more expensive seats were more heavily discounted. Although the average ticket price is expected to fall a little more in 2011, attendance is still expected to drop.

Bill Haley is a district sales manager for a retail office supply company in Marietta, Georgia. He lives just west of Douglasville, GA. His home is about midway between the Atlanta and Talladega tracks.

"It has just gotten too expensive for me," said Bill. "My income is down from two years ago. We used to attend 4-6 races per year. Paying over \$400 for decent seats for four people at each race is just too much."

"Talladega has reduced their prices about 15 per cent, but we're still going to have to limit the number of races to 1 or 2 next year."

"Just can't afford to go like we used to."

Combine the economy, long-boring races, and you have a partial answer to the unfilled seats at most NASCAR races.

**Racing Trivia Question:** Who was the driver that won three Cup championships while driving for Junior Johnson?

**Last Week's Question:** Which Cup team will Ryan Newman drive for in 2011? Answer: He will continue to drive the No. 39 for Stewart-Haas Racing.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com

## Basketball Individual Scoring

- HAYESVILLE**  
Lady Indians (Grade)  
Jordan Moss (12)19  
Gabby Arencibia (11)12  
Ali Bleckley (11) 6  
Kindle Moss (11) 5  
Eryn Cochran (9) 5  
Makayla Underwood (9) 5  
Ben Pong (11) 4  
Lindsay Patton (11) 2  
Indians (Grade)  
Bradley Swanson (12)15  
Brandon Henderson (11)10  
Brett Bradshaw (12) 7  
Corbin Gilfilian (12) 3  
Devin Henderson (12) 1
- POLK COUNTY**  
Lady Indians "Emergency" (Grade)  
Emily Anderson (10) 6  
Dadrian Blythe (10) 4  
Kindle Moss (11) 3  
Davilyn Blythe (10) 3  
Kellsie Cowart (9) 3  
Indians (Grade)  
Bradley Swanson (12)15  
Brandon Henderson (11) 9  
Ryan Tallent (10) 6  
DJ Rogers (12) 4  
Brett Bradshaw (12) 2

- Devin Henderson (12) 1
- UNION COUNTY**  
Lady Indians (Grade)  
Jordan Moss (12)21  
Gabby Arencibia (11)13  
Ben Pong (11)13  
Ali Bleckley (11) 7  
Eryn Cochran (9) 4  
Makayla Underwood (9) 4  
Lindsay Patton (11) 2
- HOKES BLUFF**  
Lady Indians "Emergency" (Grade)  
Kellsie Cowart (9)10  
Dadrian Blythe (10) 9  
Crystal Bishop (12) 6  
Davilyn Blythe (10) 5  
Bailey Sutton (9) 3
- FANNIN COUNTY**  
Indians (Grade)  
Bradley Swanson (12)11  
Brandon Henderson (11) 9  
Brett Bradshaw (12) 6  
Ryan Tallent (10) 5  
Corbin Gilfilian (12) 3  
DJ Rogers (12) 2
- GORDON LEE**  
Lady Indians (Grade)  
Jordan Moss (12)22  
Ben Pong (11) 8

- Eryn Cochran (9) 7  
Lindsay Patton (11) 6  
Gabby Arencibia (11) 3  
Makayla Underwood (9) 2
- 2010 BATTLE OF THE STATES MVP'S AND ALL TOURNAMENT PLAYERS**
- GIRLS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**  
Kassidy Blevins (5), Gordon Lee (Georgia)
- GIRLS ALL TOURNAMENT PLAYERS**  
Hollie Brooks (10), Gordon Lee Alli O'Neal (33), Gordon Lee Jordan Moss (24), Towns County (Georgia)  
Eryn Cochran (10), Towns County  
Angie Hughes (44), Union County (Georgia)  
Katrina Evans (14), Murphy (North Carolina)  
Maclain Yowarsky (44), Polk County (Tennessee)  
Brittany Timpson (14), Hayesville (North Carolina)  
Charlie Shields (13), Hokes Bluff (Alabama)
- BOYS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**  
Seth Merritt (31), Union County
- BOYS ALL TOURNAMENT PLAYERS**  
Skylar Smith (21), Union County  
Jake Gooch (33), Union County  
Devantae Sudderth (4), Murphy  
Grey Reid (11), Murphy  
Jamaal Johnson (24), Piedmont (Alabama)  
Zach Cox (20), Hayesville  
Jordan Brown (24), Polk County
- NOTE: The uniform numbers of the players are listed after their names for better recognition for those who viewed the tournament and may recognize players by number rather than by name.



**Every Green Herb**  
By Janice Boling

**Recipes for health and beauty**

Salt scrubs are easy to make at home. They are inexpensive, remove dead skin cells, and stimulate circulation. Just pour sea salt into a wide mouth jar leaving some head space. Pour almond oil over the salt. Add several drops of favorite essential oil and stir with a wooden spoon. (Lavender and rosemary essential oils make a good addition for winter use.) Epsom salts may be added for extra strength. In the shower, rub body with salt once a week. Use on the feet and elbows more often. Salt scrubs leave the skin soft and glowing.

A good muscle-rub recipe includes grapeseed oil, rosemary essential oil, eucalyptus essential oil, and lavender essential oil. Use on tired, aching muscles and as massage oil. This blend may also be used as a scalp treatment for dandruff and flaky skin.

Ointments are easy to make. Just melt beeswax with any cold pressed vegetable oil. Cool. Add essential oil while it can still be stirred into the mixture. Dried plant material may also be added. Add powdered comfrey for rapid healing. Add powdered calendula petals to soothe itchy skin. Add powdered plantain for less scarring. (As mixture cools, it will become solid.)

A basic white cream can be

made from just a few ingredients. Melt a tablespoon of paraffin wax with a quarter cup of almond or safflower oil. While hot, stir in a teaspoon of borax and a quarter cup of boiling water. These four ingredients made a rich, luxurious cream that can be used as a moisturizer. Add favorite essential oils for extra benefits.

Many ingredients can be added to homemade creams, ointments, and lotions. Add cocoa butter or coconut oil for added protection. Use tea tree oil for a longer shelf life. Add frankincense essential oil to heal irritated skin. Add ylang-ylang essential oil for exotic fragrance. Add the oil from a vitamin E capsule for extra healing power. Add powdered ginger for warmth.

A basic bath or body oil can be made from any good cold pressed vegetable or nut oil. Pour into a jar or bottle, add a teaspoon of wheatgerm oil, and add ten drops of lavender essential oil. Use after (or in) a warm

bath every day during the winter months.

Facials and cleansing masks are also easy to make at home. Many things can be added to facials including vegetable oils, green clay, honey, essential oils, aloe vera, oatmeal, eggs, raw vegetables, and fruit pulp. Add geranium essential oil for normal skin, rose oil for dry skin, jojoba oil for oily skin, avocado oil for sensitive skin, and frankincense essential oil for mature skin. Good carrier oils include apricot kernel, almond, hazelnut, walnut, jojoba, olive, flaxseed, grapeseed, and safflower.

\*Homemade products do not contain preservatives and should be kept in a cool, dark place. Use within a few weeks. Discard if mold appears or scent becomes rancid. Always consult with a healthcare professional before using any herbal remedy especially if pregnant, nursing, or taking other medicines.

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powerment Act or TEA to prevent future commissioners from having the power to put taxpayers in long term debt without their consent.

"Simply put, the county can't go into long term debt without a referendum and positive vote from the voting population," Commissioner Kendall said. "The law that allows county governments to bypass a referendum was passed a few years ago without a lot of taxpayer knowledge.

"I think that bypassing

the taxpayer is dangerous and needs to be amended," he said.

Commissioner Kendall doesn't expect 2011 to be all peaches and cream. He expects some serious challenges. However, he does expect the local economy to make some strides toward recovery.

"I look for some marked improvement," he said. "This tailspin economy can't last forever. But we'll still be mindful of our spending and prepare to put

Towns County in the best position for growth when the economy does rebound."

Through mindfully watching the 2010 budget, the county came in more than \$600,000 under budget. During the 2010 budget year, Commissioner Kendall used \$700,000 to purchase 51 acres for park land and paid off \$466,000-plus price tag for the county's jail.

However, due to the county coming in under budget, only slightly more than \$500,000 was used from the

county's reserve funds, Commissioner Kendall said.

"Overall, it was a good budget in 2010," Commissioner Kendall said.

Money budgeted in 2011 for jail payments will be used to pay off the \$370,000 debt owed on Industrial Park Land, Commissioner Kendall said.

"I really believe we've got an opportunity to gain a lot of positives in 2011," he said. "I can assure you we'll not raise taxes and we'll live within our means."

## Notice to Public from the Towns County Commission Office

Chatuge Woods Campgrounds will be taking monthly reservations on Jan. 8, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; first come, first served, at the Towns County Courthouse. The rates are \$250 per month on the lake, \$200 per month off the lake. They can be paid by cash, check, and money order, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. All fees due upon reservations. At the time of reservation, a tag receipt for the recreational vehicle to be placed on the property must be presented. Only the RV assigned to the property will be allowed on the property during the reserve period.