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It's Homecoming time at Towns County High School!



2011 Basketball Senior Homecoming Court

Photo by Lowell Nicholson

The 2011 Basketball Homecoming is scheduled for Feb. 5 following the Indians' Region 8-A matchup with Riverside Military Academy. The 2011 Homecoming Court was announced on Monday.

Freshmen vying to become Queen are Cadi Olin, Makayla Underwood; the choices for King Garrett Bradshaw and Cesar Bustamante; Sophomores hoping to be Queen are Dadrion Blythe, Meagan Ellis and Claire Wilson; those anxious to be King are Wesley Bloodworth, Tyler Hoffman and Ryan Tallent; Juniors with a desire to be Queen include Gabby Arencibia, Ali Bleckley, Courtney Farmer and Kindle Moss; hopefuls for the crown of King are Dakota Barrett, Cody Smedley, Zach Stroud and Bruce Webster; Seniors anxious to be Queen are Alexa Arencibia, Kristin Fuhs, Jordan Moats, Jordan Moss, and Ginny Rhoades; those who would be King include Logan Fambrough; Caleb Hart, Billy Meier, D.J. Rogers and Bradley Swanson.



Brandon Henderson fights for the rebound against Social Circle Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

Indians lose defensive battles to Prince Avenue and Social Circle

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The Towns County Indians varsity basketball team continued a tough season of close losses last week as they fell in a game not decided until the final buzzer at home to Prince Avenue Christian on Tuesday night and then on the road to Social Circle on Friday night. The Indians continue to play very competitively against most every opponent but unable to get over the hump for a close victory. They have averaged surrendering just 48 points per game while scoring an average of 42 themselves for just a 6 point differential but an overall record of 3-21 with four games remaining on their schedule prior to region tournament play.

PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN - In the game against Prince Avenue on Tuesday, the Indians took a 3-0 lead less than a minute into the game on a trey by DJ Rogers and led 9-2 by the 4:41 mark of the first quarter on a drive for two points by Rogers. They went ice cold for the remainder of the quarter, however, with the Wolverines edging to within 10-9 at quarter's end.

It required more than three minutes of playing time in the second quarter for either team to score with Bradley Swanson sinking a trey with 4:49 on the clock for a 13-9 Indian lead. The Indians then continued to struggle offensively as the Wolverines scored eleven straight points for a 20-13 lead which became 20-15 at intermission as Devin Henderson took the ball coast to coast and was fouled, sinking two free throws with just one second on the clock.

The Wolverines then scored the first eight points of the third quarter for a 28-15 lead before the Indians made a move. They outscored the Wolverines 7-4 behind four points by Rogers for the final 3:47 of the quarter for just a 32-22 lead entering the fourth quarter and closed the gap with a 15-7 run to 39-37 at 3:38 with Swanson contributing nine points and Brandon Henderson four.

The Indians missed getting the rebound after two free throw misses by Prince at 3:10 and the Wolverines took advantage by sinking two free throws at 2:59 for a 41-37 score. A drive by Rogers for 2 at 2:42 closed the gap to 41-39 and Dakota Barrett followed a Wolverine field goal with a pair of free throws at 2:02 and another

at 1:21 for just a 43-42 Indian deficit.

The Wolverines again missed two free throws at 37.8 seconds with the Indians getting off three 3-point attempts in the final half minute, the first for a potential two point lead and the last two for a tie following two Prince free throws at 20.7 seconds. All three shots missed the mark, however, with the Wolverines holding on for a 45-42 victory.

Swanson led the Indians in scoring with 15 points with other leaders being Rogers with 12 and Brandon Henderson with 6 while Rogers led in assists with 2. The Indians took advantage of 11 for 16 free throw shooting compared to just 7 for 16 by Prince Avenue in the fourth quarter in reducing the Wolverine lead but they couldn't quite overcome the large deficit.

SOCIAL CIRCLE - The Indians took 3-1, 6-4, and 9-8 leads on three treys by Bradley Swanson by the 2:52 mark of the first quarter at Social Circle on Friday but the points became hard to come by after that as the Redskins led 12-10 after one quarter and 23-16 at intermission. A free throw and a field goal early in the second quarter by Ryan Tallent kept the Indians within striking distance of 17-13 and a trey by Corbin Gilfilian with twenty eight seconds on the clock had them within the seven point margin at the half.

After the Redskins scored the first seven points of the third quarter for a 30-16 advantage, the Indians put together their best rally of the night. A field goal by Swanson following a Devin Henderson steal, two free throws by Gilfilian, and baskets by Henderson and Dakota Barrett had the Indians within 30-24 with two and a half minutes on the clock.

They couldn't add to the run, however, and Social Circle closed the quarter out with two free throws for a 32-24 lead entering the fourth quarter. After the Redskins opened the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run for a 40-24 lead, the Indians couldn't get closer than 40-31 after that on five straight points by DJ Rogers and a field goal by Brandon Henderson as the Redskins took a 46-33 victory.

Scoring leaders for the Indians for the game were Swanson with 11 points, Gilfilian with 7 and Rogers with 5. Leading in assists were Devin Henderson with 5 and Rogers with 2.

Barrett heroics lift Indians JV past Prince Avenue

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After getting excellent contributions from each Towns County Indian Varsity player in building a sizeable lead, it appeared the Indians might be on the way to a close defeat at the hands of Prince Avenue Christian last Tuesday in the Towns County Gym. Enter Brett Barrett, however, as the freshman took the ball coast to coast for a field goal and a 38-38 tie with 1:59 left in the game and he then came up with a steal near mid court and sank two free throws just eighteen seconds later for a 40-38 Indian lead.

But now let's look at how the Indians came to pretty much a do or die situation. The Indians stung the visiting Wolverines with three treys, two by Grant Arencibia and another by Barrett, less than a minute and a half into the game for a 9-0 lead. The Indians would hold the lead until the Wolverines edged ahead 14-13 on a field goal with just thirty seven seconds left in the first quarter. Arencibia wound up with eight points and Dallas Manus handed out four assists in first quarter action.

A trey by Manus got the Indians a 16-14 lead early in the second quarter they would maintain until late in the fourth quarter. Manus wound up with five points in that second quarter and Ryan Tallent four as the Indians led 24-18 at intermission on a long two point basket by Manus at the buzzer.

Seven points by Slade Davenport then led the Indians out to a 36-24 lead by the 2:38 mark of the third quarter but they went ice cold after that with the Wolverines scoring fourteen straight points for a 38-36 lead with 2:21 left in the game. We are now back to Barrett's previously described heroics and the aforementioned 40-38 Indian lead but with drama to follow. The Indians missed one and one free throw attempts at the 1:18 and 12.5 seconds marks, leaving the door open for the Wolverines who missed a late 3-point attempt for a potential win with Manus recovering the ball for the exciting 40-38 Indian victory.

Scoring leaders for the Indians for the game were Arencibia with 11 points, Davenport with 9, Barrett with 7, and Manus with 5 while Manus led in assists with 6.



Garrett Bradshaw puts up a deuce against Prince Avenue Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Austin Wood takes a fadeaway jumper against Prince Avenue Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Dallas Manus makes the steal against Prince Avenue Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

Mountain United Soccer registration update



The Spring 2011 season will begin in early March

The Mountain United Soccer Association is getting ready for Spring Soccer. Registrations are still being accepted. You can also get forms at www.mountainsoccer.org or the following locations: Bran-an Lodge, Blimpie, and Jocks Sporting Goods in Blairsville or the Marathon Station and the Recreation Department in Towns County.

Cott Beverage in Blairsville is our community host for the soccer fields. The league is grateful for their commitment and support for the youth in our community. The fields have been located at Cott Beverage since 1998.

The Spring 2011 season will begin in early March. Anyone who is interested in playing needs to get a registration form in as soon as possible, in some cases space is limited.

The league is a volunteer run organization and is also a 501C3 non profit. And all donations are directed to the youth player to make it possible. Field Sponsors, Sign Sponsors, and Team Sponsors are always needed. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact the Association.

For more information contact the league at 706-745-7865 or www.mountainsoccer.org. NT(Feb.2,9)5CA

North Georgia Rapids Swim Team update

The year's first swim meet for the North Georgia Rapids was quite a success. Twelve members of the team traveled to Clarksville to compete in the Habersham Winter Invitational Swim Meet. All team members earned ribbons and several achieved personal best times.

This meet was relatively small but provided an ideal opportunity for some of the newer swimmers to showcase their skills. Glenda, Calvin and William Holton, facing their first sanctioned competition walked away with eight ribbons between them. Megan Foster, age 11, earned two personal best times and three ribbons. Gracie Weldon, a team veteran at the age of 8, won four firsts and one third. All

Brusini, Lindsay Robertson and Wyatt Schmidt, making the trip to swim practice from the Hayesville area, all did great, with each earning points. Those points contribute to the teams' overall score.

The older swimmers did equally well with Courtney Marshall, Anna Knight and Tanner Gay leading the competition in their age groups.

The North Georgia Rapids practice year round at Union General Wellness Center's state of the art heated pool. The team has limited available openings for new members, so if you have ever considered competitive swimming, now would be a great time to take the plunge. For more information about the team contact Barry Gay (706) 835-1662. NT(Feb.2,9)5SH



Slade Davenport goes for a layup against Social Circle Photo by Lowell Nicholson.