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A host of Indians stop the Warriors in their tracks Photos by Lowell Nicholson and James Reese

TCMS Indians on a roll; down Horizon Christian 26-2

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The Towns County Indians' middle school football team is a force to be reckoned with this season.

The Indians are 2-0 and have outscored their opponents 54-2.

The latest victim: Horizon Christian Academy.

The Warriors looked hapless against the aggressive Indians as Towns County downed Horizon Christian 26-2 at Frank McClure Stadium last week.

Running back Tyler McDonald carried the bulk of the offensive load for the Indians, but in the opening series, it was his defensive effort that first put Towns County on the scoreboard.

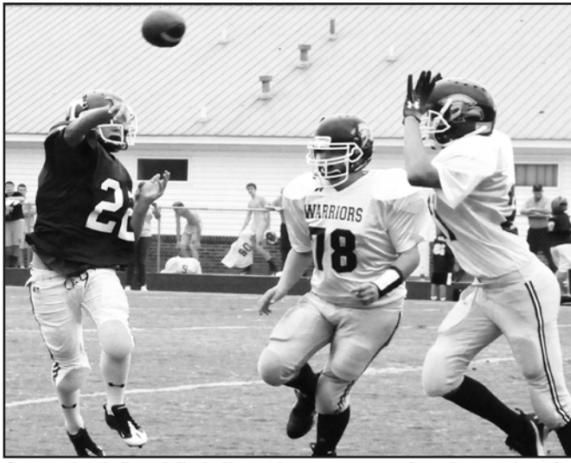
McDonald returned an errant Warrior pass all the way into the end zone to put the Indians up 6-0 with 6:10 left in the first quarter.

Following a costly Warrior fumble recovered by the Indians, quarterback Joey Mitchell picked Horizon Christian's defense apart. It was Mitchell who converted a crucial fourth and 1 situation to keep the next Indian drive alive.

Running back Ryan Green then carried the ball into the end zone to give the Indians a 12-0 lead with 2:10 left in the first quarter.

On the next Warrior possession, the Indians defense forced the hand of Horizon Christian on a fourth and 1 situation. Kyle Davis put the big hit on the Warriors in the backfield as the first quarter came to a close.

In the second quarter, the Indians played keep away as they began a drive on their own 33-yard line. Mitchell capped the 67-yard drive with a 2-yard run for another Towns County touchdown. The drive culminated with just 21 seconds left before halftime. The Indians converted a two-point



Quarterback Joey Mitchell cuts loose on a pass for a long gainer for the Indians



The Indians Tyler McDonald is off to the races against Horizon Christian

attempt and hit the locker room with a commanding 20-0 lead.

The Indians defense wouldn't budge in the second half as Davis and Company demoralized the Warriors' offense. The Indians recovered a fumble with 7:07 left in the third quarter. It was Mitchell who added yet another rushing touchdown for the Indians late in the third to give Towns County a 26-0 lead.

Indians Head Football Coach Brett Keller then cleared the Indians' bench, bringing in reserves to finish off the Warriors.

"Anytime we can get our young guys in there, they're the future for the program," Coach Keller said. "Those kids

did a great job. They played hard, they tackled well. They looked good."

Horizon Christian did manage a safety to avoid the shutout.

On the ensuing free kick, Davis recovered a decisive onside kick to keep the Warriors on defense.

The effort preserved the victory and kept the Indians perfect in 2010 with a 2-0 record.

"The assistant coaches are doing a great job, the guys are in the right places and they're playing hard," Coach Keller said. "This was a good team win."

Fifth-ranked Cougars too much for Indians; Towns falls 47-0



Quarterback Jackson Noblet hands off to Zach Stroud on an end around play

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The Copper Basin Cougars are as good as they've been billed.

The Cougars, the fifth-ranked team in Class A Tennessee high school football, racked up 442 yards of total offense on Friday night en route to a 47-0 win over the Towns County Indians.

The Cougar offense spent much of the night on the field, collecting 15 first downs and punting only once. Their ground game was as solid as the Indians have seen in the young 2010 season, grinding out 315 yards in the trenches.

Cougar senior quarterback Eric Sisson connected on 6 of 11 passes for 127 yards, but did throw two interceptions.

The Cougar defense was stingy, giving up only one first down to Towns County all night and holding the Indians to minus-6 yards total offense.

"They're very aggressive and active up front," Indians' Head Football Coach Kyle Langford said. "Their middle linebacker (Cody Monteith) is the best defensive player we've seen in a long time. You had to be really impressed with him."

Truth be told, the Indians had their chances.

After falling behind 12-0, Indians' senior Billy Meier bolted down the sideline for a certain Towns County score on the ensuing kickoff. He was pushed out of bounds at the Cougars' 13-yard line. Afterward, Meier was flagged for a mysterious dead ball foul which pushed the Indians back to the Cougars' 25-yard line.

Indians' freshman quarterback Jackson Noblet led the Towns County offense to the Copper Basin 4-yard line. The Indians tried to push the ball in the end zone on four consecutive plays, but failed on a fourth down and 1 attempt with 6:27 left in the opening quarter.

"We went with the veer



Cougars' defensive end Brandon Henderson sacks Cougars' Devin Henderson at the Copper Basin 4-yard line



Indians' defensive end Brandon Henderson sacks Cougars' Austin Dickey for a loss



The Indians' Billy Meier escapes Cougars' Collin Thomas en route to a long kickoff return

out of the gun, we had a busted assignment and they came in and knocked us down right there at that spot," Coach Langford said. "That was difficult to live with. The ball game

was still close at that point and if we score right there, we're still fighting and we've still got a shot.

Photos by Lowell Nicholson



The Indians Middle School Cheerleaders get the team fired up on Thursday

Last week's Youth Football games to be rescheduled

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Mother Nature put a damper on Saturday's Youth Football games at Frank McClure Stadium.

The games were canceled due to inclement weather, mostly a steady downpour that soaked the football field.

Towns County Youth Football Coordinator Jimmy Smith said the games will be rescheduled at a later date.

"Right now we're still waiting on word of when that will be," Smith said on Monday.

day. "We were all excited about a big day of football, but the weather didn't cooperate."

The Termites were looking forward to a Saturday of football as they sought to improve their season record to 3-0.

The Indians' 5-6 year-old team made it two in a row on Sept. 4th against the Dawson County Tigers with a 26-7 win.

Kyle Oakes led the Termites' fierce running attack. The youngster raced for 302 yards on six carries and scored four touchdowns.



Jimmy Smith

See next week's edition of the Towns County Herald for an update on when the games will be made up this season.

Georgia hunters need new deer harvest record

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division reminds all deer hunters, including big game license holders, honorary and lifetime license holders, hunters under 16 years of age and landowners, to obtain a new deer harvest record for the upcoming season.

Deer harvest records are required for any person hunting deer, regardless of age, are free of charge and available at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or at any retail license agent.

"A deer harvest record is good only for a single hunting

season because the bag limit is a season limit," said John W. Bowers, assistant chief of Game Management for the Wildlife Resources Division.

Hunters must complete a deer harvest record before moving a deer from the site of a kill, except when participating in a wildlife management area or national wildlife refuge hunt that requires hunters to check out harvested deer. Hunters may not possess or use multiple big game licenses or deer harvest records and should keep harvest records with hunting licenses.

"We appreciate the honesty, cooperation and support from each hunter in respecting wildlife and the conservation tradition by following game and fish laws. We encourage hunters to police themselves by using the anonymous Turn In Poachers (TIP) line (1-800-241-4113) to turn in individuals who violate these laws," said Bowers.

For more information, visit www.gohuntgeorgia.com, contact a Wildlife Resources Division Game Management office or call (770) 761-3044.

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Weekend Warriors take first place in American Pride Classic



The Weekend Warriors from Western North Carolina and North Georgia took home first place in the American Pride Softball Tournament over the weekend Photo by Sandy Morgan

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Rossville, Tenn. - They're little but they're loud.

The 12 and under Weekend Warriors travel team took on a 16 and under travel team and they beat them.

It was a tight ball game, the conclusion of a Fast Pitch

tournament in Rossville, Tenn. set aside to honor the memories of those who died in the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

The participants in the TSFA American Pride Classic Softball Tournament include the Clear Creek Lady Cats, Gilmer Cobra Cats, and North Georgia Explosion, the Weekend Warriors made up of players from Union and Towns counties and the Hayesville, NC Vipers.

In the end, it was Coach Shannon Helton's youthful Weekend Warriors against the more experienced Hayesville Vipers. It all came down to a single run scored by Towns County Lady Indian Tori Morgan as she raced home following an RBI hit by Angel Beise.

The Warriors' team is made up of players from Ranger, NC, Hayley Shope, Morgan Helton, and Kameron Forrester; Union County, Crystal and Courtney Busbee, Angel Beise, Madison Garrett and Morgan from Towns County. Two of the girls are from East Cobb, Sade Sloan and Hayla Seitz.

The Warriors path to the title game began with Clear

Creek. With some amazing pitching and great defense the Warriors was able to defeat the Lady Cats by a score of 2-1.

Sade Sloan threw 15 pitches, striking out three, Beise tossed nine pitches, striking out three, Hayley Shope tossed 10 pitches, and Morgan tossed 15, striking out one.

Kameron Forrester, Madison Garrett, Sloan, Courtney Busbee and Hayla Seitz paced the Warriors' hit parade with one hit each.

Next up for the Warriors, the North Georgia Explosion. The Warriors wasted little time putting this one in the win column, skunking the Explosion 13-0.

Beise was formidable on the mound, tossing 28 pitches and striking out three.

The Warriors pounded out a dozen hits in the win.

The Warriors' bats stayed hot as they faced Clear Creek again in the next round.

The game wasn't even close as the Warriors scored early and often, winning the matchup 10-3. Sloan and Shope combined to shut down the Lady Cats. The Warriors collected 15 hits in the win.

In the end, the Warriors squared off against the Vipers.

The Warriors got sound pitching from Shope and timely hitting to earn the win.

The tournament featuring older ball players was the second that the Warriors have participated in. The first was a Class A tournament in Dalton where the Warriors earned a Second Place trophy, as they lost by a single run. This team of young girls is not afraid to step up against older girls and take control of a game. Each girl brings a lot to the game from pitching, catching, infield, and outfield - they can hold their own.



Mountain High Hikers schedules two hikes each Tuesday, occasional specialty hikes, and regular trail maintaining trips - all in the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Check the website www.mountainhighhikers.org for schedule and meeting locations.

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